TRANSFORMING YOUR COMMUNITY

...SEND US ANYWHERE, ANYPLACE!
RIDING LIGHTS ROUGHSHOD is a dynamic young theatre company with one mission - to bring the gospel into the heart of local communities.

Creating a unique brand of spiritual story-telling, Roughshod annually reaches a live audience of some 70,000 adults and young people. The intention is to get this dynamic, challenging, spiritually centred theatre to the places that need it most.

BUT, WE NEED YOUR HELP...

You know your local community better than we ever could, and to get these powerful performances into the right places we need the help of local churches.

...SO, COULD YOU HELP TRANSFORM YOUR COMMUNITY WITH A PIECE OF REVOLUTIONARY THEATRE?

"THIS IS THE BEST THING I'VE SEEN IN TWENTY YEARS"
VICE CHAIRMAN, MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY

"SMASHING - YOU MAKE THE GOSPEL REACHABLE AND OPEN DOORS IN ONE AFTERNOON THAT WOULD TAKE ME WEEKS TO GET THROUGH" CHAPLAIN, HMP LEEDS

FREE at the point of need
There is no fixed charge for the work of ROUGHSHOD, enabling the company to perform for FREE at the point of need. We do, however, rely on the company’s costs being met through the sale of tickets for their PUBLIC PERFORMANCES (2-3 per week), and through donations and fund-raising.

HOW IT WORKS

Equipped with a toolkit of dramatic resources, ROUGHSHOD work out of local bases in every type of area in the UK.

LOCAL ORGANISERS (that’s you!) invite and host the company in their local community.

In return ROUGHSHOD bring a repertoire of sketches, shows and workshops ready to perform. This allows the company to get theatre everywhere, including: schools, churches, prisons, arts centres, the streets, bases of the armed forces, town halls, cathedrals, and even an occasional theatre!

ROUGHSHOD IN SCHOOLS
Providing fast-paced, sharply relevant performances Roughshod are available to work in secondary schools and colleges.

SCHOOLS WORKSHOPS are designed to provoke thoughtful debate and give students an invaluable opportunity to meet young professional actors and talk with them about their work.

PLUS, Roughshod regularly lead assemblies, take RS, PSHE or drama lessons for single classes and contribute to students’ own lunchtime and after-school groups.

ROUGHSHOD IN CHURCHES
Roughshod’s work is designed to speak to everyone. By carrying on the RIDING LIGHTS reputation for providing a fresh look at familiar bible stories, Roughshod are always welcome in the local church.

Whether it’s a SKETCH as part of a worship service, workshop with your YOUTH GROUP, or a full EVENING PERFORMANCE, Roughshod are guaranteed to get your congregation thinking.

ROUGHSHOD IN PRISONS
Riding Lights has a long history of touring to prisons, and Roughshod offers performances and workshops for both prisons and young offenders’ institutions. These explore issues such as FORGIVENESS, HOPE, RESTORATIVE JUSTICE and SELF-ESTEEM.

AND ANYWHERE YOU THINK OF...
Past Roughshod companies have performed in surprising places. From COFFEE SHOPS to AIRCRAFT CARRIERS, FESTIVALS to SHOPPING CENTRES.

IF YOU’VE GOT AN EVENT or an audience you think would love a visit from Roughshod, then we’ll do our best to perform at it...
WHO ARE ROUGHSHOD?

The first ROUGHSHOD company was launched in 1992, specifically to serve local churches and communities.

Each company is a group of four or five multi-talented young actors who travel around the country with their own transport and equipment.

The actors are all Christians committed to communicating their faith and its values through performances, workshops and secondary schools work, as well as through their own personal witness.

ABOUT RIDING LIGHTS

Initially a community theatre project, RIDING LIGHTS was founded in York in 1977. Today RIDING LIGHTS tours up to three diverse companies simultaneously throughout the UK and abroad.

The company is recognised both as a pioneer in reinstating the value of theatre in Christian communication and for significant original and artistic achievement. Most recently RIDING LIGHTS co-produced the highly acclaimed 2012 production of the York Mystery Plays.

"POWERFUL, EFFECTIVE, BRILLIANT... RIDING LIGHTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME."
APPLETON THORN, WARRINGTON

BOOK ROUGHSHOD FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

To find out more about booking ROUGHSHOD for your community, please contact:

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"NEVER FAILS TO DELIVER THE GOODS... THE AUDIENCE REACTIONS SAYS IT ALL."
CHIEF EXECUTIVE, SCRIPTURE UNION

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