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# Telford Theatre Remodelling

Levelling Up Telford



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# Levelling Up Funding - Telford

**Making Telford an even greater place to live, work, study and visit, where all residents can participate in, and all communities can benefit from, a strong, inclusive economy.**

In early 2023, Telford successfully secured £20 million Levelling Up Funding to deliver the Broadening Aspirations Through Education and Culture programme.

This programme will deliver two major projects that will transform the borough's cultural and educational offer and support regeneration in Telford. These are:

- Remodelling of Telford Theatre @ Oakengates
- Creation of a new educational facility in Telford Station Quarter

**This consultation is focused on the Remodelling of Telford Theatre @ Oakengates.**

# Consultation to date

**The vision for Telford Theatre @ Oakengates has been informed by feedback from local businesses, theatre customers and the local community.**

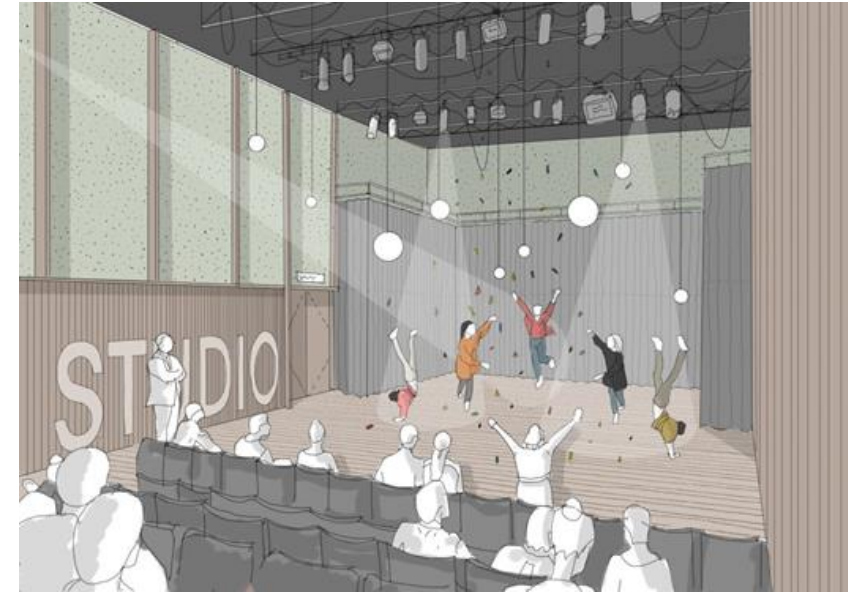
## **Headline results from past surveys demonstrated that:**

- 99% agreed that it was important for Telford and Wrekin to have a theatre/performance venue
- 97% agreed that taking part in arts and cultural activities benefits the local community
- 70% said that if there was a wider choice of things to do in or near the theatre before or after shows they would be more likely to visit
- 64% said that they want to have a drink before and after the show
- 50% said that they want to go for a meal before a show
- 37% said that Telford Theatre @ Oakengates is their most visited venue in the borough

# The future of Telford Theatre @ Oakengates

Telford Theatre @ Oakengates will be delivered by 2026 and will include:

- **Upgraded state-of-the-art facilities including a larger main auditorium** for bigger and better performances.
- **A separate community studio theatre** providing a new space for community groups to perform in a broader cultural programme.
- **An enhanced visitor experience** with a newly transformed foyer, a theatre dining offer and new bar with upgraded amenities for visitor comfort, including additional toilets.
- **A community art room** to provide a dedicated space for community rehearsals and creative activities and collaboration.
- **Sustainability improvements** through investment into green technology to significantly reduce the theatre's carbon footprint.



# The future of Telford Theatre @ Oakengates

- **More space for community events and socialising** turning Telford Theatre @ Oakengates into a true cultural and social hub.
- **A new entrance to the theatre at car park level** improving access for visitors.
- **Oakengates Town Centre improvements:** This project complements the Telford Towns Fund Oakengates Theatre Quarter project, turning a 1960s precinct into a modern and welcoming visitor experience.
- **A boost to the local economy:** By drawing more people to Oakengates, our aim is to boost both daytime and evening economic activity, participation in culture and stimulate further investment to support the visitor economy in Oakengates and across the Borough.



# Project milestones



# **Thank you for taking the time to review these proposals for the remodelling of Telford Theatre @ Oakengates .**

Please click the link below to complete the short online survey and share your thoughts on these proposals.

[Telford Theatre Remodelling Survey Dec 2023](#)

We appreciate your time. Your views are important to us.

If you have any further questions with regards to this project, please contact us at [levellingupfund@telford.gov.uk](mailto:levellingupfund@telford.gov.uk)