

Candidate For The Executive Committee : Entrada # 388**Name of Centre/Network:**

TYA: UK

Name of Candidate:

Mark Powell

Presentation of candidate:

Hello. My name's Mark and I live and work in the South West of England. I'd be proud to represent you on the ASSITEJ Executive.

I have been writing, directing and producing work for children and young people for over 20 years and am committed to developing the artists and audiences of today and tomorrow.

In my role as Vice-Chair of TYA:UK I helped to plan and deliver On the Edge in Birmingham, 2016 and want to build on the international connections made there. I contributed to the ASSITEJ Executive in November and witnessed the difference FATEJ makes to young people in Cameroon. I am saddened by the selfish politics on the rise in Europe and America and want to use our theatre-making to increase our shared humanity.

I lead Prime Theatre www.primetheatre.co.uk a touring company making work for and with young people, and have also worked with some of the UK's largest and most recognised theatre companies (e.g. the National Theatre and the Royal Shakespeare Company). I am part of Arts Council England's Advisory Board promoting young people's theatre and international collaboration. I am committed to diverse theatre: creating productions that reflect and reach young people who wouldn't always have chance to enjoy art and the chance to dream. I am learning Sign Language and use it in my productions.

I offer:

- A belief in equality of theatre across the world, no matter what difference in resources
- A commitment to sharing resource and support beyond borders and censorship
- An opportunity for international partnerships and projects in the UK

If elected I will champion the children and adults of ASSITEJ as well as the achievements and aspirations we all create together: the work produced globally in our ASSITEJ networks makes the world a better place every day.