

Do you like being creative but now that you have a baby under one you feel like it's impossible to get involved?

Do you feel like your role in society has changed now that you're a parent?



"Definitely one of the highlights of my maternity leave, it was great to do something different!"



"I really enjoyed role playing & reading a script - I always thought I'd be terrible at it!"

PARENT & BABY GROUP WITH A DIFFERENCE



"Incredibly interesting & lovely to meet new people"

We are offering group workshops which are designed for you to come with your lovely baby (don't worry if they cry!), but for a change, the things we'll be exploring will be all about **you & your identity**. We will be discussing, analysing & creating theatre that probably won't involve nursery rhymes, but will involve fun, community, & a chance to get your teeth into the behind-the-scenes of the making of a performance.

This unique series of workshops will be run by award-winning White Slate Theatre, a young, dynamic, female-led theatre company who are being supported by Arts Council England.

2 different workshops will run in parallel for 10 week terms giving you 2 time slots & locations to choose from.

Mums, Dads, & Grandparents all welcome.

Mondays

(starting 18 September)

11.30am - 1pm

St Dunstons Church Hall

Fridays

(starting 22 September)

10.30am - 12noon

The Beaney



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EXPLORING YOUR IDENTITY IN A NEW SEASON OF LIFE

This exciting new workshop series was piloted in Spring 2017 with new parents in both Greenwich & Canterbury. At the time White Slate Theatre were working on a show all about female legacy. The play *Re: Production* received critical acclaim being described as “★★★★ **“Thoughtful, intimate & enlightening - a show that should be part of the educational development of all adults”** (BroadwayBaby, Brighton Fringe 2017).

Now back on home turf in Canterbury, Suzy & Jenna who run White Slate, want to get to know more new parents & explore this changing stage of life with them. We'll be playing with writing, directing & acting ideas in order to collaboratively create a short 20 minute play reading by the end of the term. We will be running two different groups each week with the same programme & we will host a sharing of this work on the Gulbenkian stage so each group can see how the other has got on.

We're not expecting everyone to have been involved in theatre before, so if you're not very confident, please don't worry – it will be a very relaxed environment! Each week will mostly be discussion based so you can easily hold or feed your babies whilst we carry on. There will also be mats for you to put your babies down on. If you have any other requirements, please let us know (we don't have babies ourselves & we want to be as accommodating as possible!).

The workshops will cost £5 per session or £40 for the whole term (giving you 2 sessions free) to cover the costs of the space. If you can only make one or two weeks, we'd still love to have you. We'll be updating our blog [White Slate Undone](#) each week so if life gets in the way, you can still catch up with what we've been up to!

Free tea, coffee & biscuits will be provided each week. Feel free to arrive 10 minutes early to get settled. St Dunstons Church Hall has some parking at the venue or in the streets nearby. For The Beaney, there is parking in town, & there is an easy access entrance on the side of the building next door to Oxfam.

If you have any questions or would like to go ahead & book your place, either email info@whiteslatetheatre.co.uk or call Suzy on **07769223460**. Please note there is a limited capacity.

