

# Introducing a Lanyard System



There are many different schemes you could put in place to aid disabled audience members using lanyards. Below are three examples of what you could start implementing. These include sending lanyards ahead to audience members or just keeping them to staff.

## For Staff

Highlight your staff's strengths to the public

by providing them with a colour scheme

For Audience pick up from the box office, if pre requested.

Pre-request will help to ensure lanyards are only issued to people who really need them and will make sure the theatre has enough.

#### For example:

lanyard.

# Yellow

Strong mental health first aider.

Member of staff who feels confident to help someone having a panic attack.

#### Blue

Can communicate using BSL finger spelling Member of staff who feels confident to help someone is deaf or hard of hearing. Has strong language communication tactics.

#### Red

Understands the Autistic spectrum and is confident to help someone on the spectrum.

### Yellow

Someone who has anxiety disorder and is prone to having panic attacks.

#### Blue

Someone who is deaf, deafened or hard of hearing and requires a knowledge of language communication tactics from the person they are talking to.

Someone on the Autistic Spectrum who might require more help and patience than others.



All hidden disabilities can be subtly represented by the sunflower lanyard. Take a look at 'existing services' on ACT RIGHT's education page for more details.

## For Both

These could be sent ahead, on request, or available to This will ensure that both parties, audience and staff, are able to look out for each other. Staff can be aware of audience members who might need some extra help and audience members with hidden disabilities, if they want to, can stand near someone they know could help them if they need assistance.

### Yellow

Staff members trained in mental health first aid wear yellow lanyards to match the yellow lanyards worn by audience members with anxiety disorder.

#### Blue

Staff members trained in language communication tactics wear blue lanyards to match the blue lanyards worn by audience members who are deaf, deafened or hard of hearing.

Staff members who feel confident helping someone with Autism wear red lanyards to match the red lanyards worn by audience members on the autistic spectrum.



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Evidence this wouldn't be an expensive investment as lanyards can be shared and reworn.

https://www.digitalid.co.uk/lanyards/plain-lanyards

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Pack of 100 lanyard for £23.99 available in most colours.

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Lanyards Tomorrow

Pack of 100 lanyard for £18 available in most colours.







