

Punch FAQs

Have the victims' family been involved in the creation of this play?

Nottingham Playhouse would not have commissioned this play without the prior approval of James Hodgkinson's family. We continue to respect the family's wishes at all stages of the play's production. We are committed to honour the stated wish of James' parents – Joan and David – that two lives should not be wasted as a consequence of the manslaughter of their son. We seek to support them in raising awareness about the dangers of one punch and the benefits of Restorative Justice.

Will Nottingham Playhouse and Young Vic be making a profit from this play?

Nottingham Playhouse and Young Vic are charities and so any surplus made from our activities, including this production, will be directed back into our charitable purposes. This includes our engagement programmes – we have a long track record of success in delivering transformation projects and have seen the positive impact of engaging creatively with young people at risk of falling through the cracks in society.

Where can I find support if the themes of this play affected me?

We know that the subject matter of the play is challenging. To support audiences, we are providing:

- Links to online resources about the themes in the play, available [on our website](#).
- A Show information and Self-care guide available on the Young Vic website and in emails sent to bookers in advance of seeing the show.
- You can contact the following support services for free if you would like to discuss any of the topics further:

Restorative Justice: If you'd like to find out more about the restorative justice process, you can find out more on the Remedi [Remedi \(remediuk.org\)](https://remediuk.org) or [Calm Mediation](https://calmmediation.org) websites. The following organisations might also be useful to look at:

- [Restorative Justice Council](https://restorativejustice.org.uk/). The national, independent membership body for the field of restorative practice. <https://restorativejustice.org.uk/>

- [Victim Support](https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/help-and-support/your-rights/restorative-justice/). Has information on victims' rights to Restorative Justice. <https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/help-and-support/your-rights/restorative-justice/>
- [Why Me](https://why-me.org/). A national charity delivering and promoting access to Restorative Justice. <https://why-me.org/>

The dangers of one punch: One Punch UK is a charity raising awareness and educating people about the devastating impact one punch can have.

<https://onepunch.org.uk/>. Additionally, you might also want to look at this BBC Article containing studies of one punch deaths :

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-38992393>

Mental Health Support Organisations: Samaritans provides over the phone support for those considering suicide 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Mind is a mental health charity, making sure no one has to face a mental health problem alone.

- <https://www.samaritans.org/>
- <https://www.mind.org.uk/>

You might also want to look at these organisations:

- [The Compassionate Friends](http://www.tcf.org.uk). Provides support to bereaved family parents and their families. www.tcf.org.uk
- [Under the Bridge](https://www.bluetonic.org.uk/under-the-bridge-choir). Creates space and time for guys to come together. The focus is on getting out in blue spaces and doing things that help improve health and wellbeing. <https://www.bluetonic.org.uk/under-the-bridge-choir>

Criminal Justice Organisations:

- [Appeal](https://appeal.org.uk/). A charity and law practice that fights miscarriages of justice and demands reform. <https://appeal.org.uk/>
- [Catch 22](https://www.catch-22.org.uk/what-we-do/criminal-justice/). Works with young people and adults providing intervention, rehabilitation and victim services in prison and in the community. <https://www.catch-22.org.uk/what-we-do/criminal-justice/>
- [Prison Advice & Care Trust \(PACT\)](https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/). A pioneering national charity that supports prisoners, people with convictions and their families. <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/>
- [Prison Reform Trust](https://prisonreformtrust.org.uk/). A charity working to create a just, humane and effective penal system. <https://prisonreformtrust.org.uk/>
- [The Criminal Justice Alliance](https://www.criminaljusticealliance.org/). A network of 200+ organisational and academic members working towards a fair and effective criminal justice system. <https://www.criminaljusticealliance.org/>
- [The Longford Trust](https://www.longfordtrust.org/about-us). A charity that supports people with convictions to reintegrate into society. <https://www.longfordtrust.org/about-us>

Young People Organisations:

- [Barnardo's](https://www.barnardos.org.uk/). Offering support to make sure children and young people feel safer, happier, healthier and more hopeful, by running over 800 specialist services across the UK. <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/>
- [Just for Kids Law](https://www.justforkidslaw.org/). Helps children and young people in the UK to have their legal rights and entitlements respected and promoted, and their voices heard and valued. <https://www.justforkidslaw.org/>
- [PACT's Schools Toolkit](https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/get-). Information about supporting students affected by imprisonment. <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/get->

[help/professionals/schools/](#)

- [Positively Empowered Kids CIC](#) A non-profit organisation, specialising in early intervention and prevention of mental ill health in children and young people, through wellbeing events, workshops and programme such as resilience leaders & youth voice in action.
<https://positivelyempoweredkids.co.uk/>
- [Runaway Helpline \(Gang Support\)](#). Provides support for anyone feeling like running away or are away from home due to gang involvement.
<https://www.runawayhelpline.org.uk/advice/gangs/>
- [Support Through Sport](#) A CIC using a range of positive initiatives as diversion and intervention programmes to support young people whilst tackling negative influences such as knife crime, gang violence, youth offending and serious youth violence. <https://supportthroughsport.co.uk/>
- [The Children's Society](#). A national charity working to transform the hopes and happiness of young people facing abuse, exploitation and neglect.
<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/>
- [The Mix](#). Offers a range of support services for under 25s.
<https://www.themix.org.uk/>
- [YoungMinds](#) A charity providing a range of support relating to young people's mental health. <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>