

The S Factor F.A.Q's

How many staff do I need?

To make the day run well we would suggest you allocate one staff member per group of students, for example if the year is being split into 6 then 6 members of staff should be the right amount to support the day. At the minimum, if you are running classroom activities alongside ours, you will need one staff member to run each classroom activity (for which some are run simultaneously) and one staff member to be in the workshop space with the Tip of the Iceberg team.

How many spaces do I need?

A large space will need to be allocated as the performance space which will need to be big enough to seat the whole year group on chairs in a rectangle with a performance area in the centre (see the Logistics page). The school hall is often best for this. Gyms and sports halls have notoriously bad acoustics and will affect the experience for the pupils.

We perform in the round to bring the audience closer to the action so we don't perform on a stage and prefer not to have auditorium seating at one end.

A large clear space will need to be allocated for each of the TOTI workshops big enough for the group size to move around in comfortably. This space can be the same as the performance space.

Classroom spaces will need to be allocated for the classroom activities large enough for the group size and with a projector and screen.

Do staff need to be present during the performances?

At least one staff member is required to be in the performance space with the students and the Tip of the Iceberg team at any point during the day. We strongly suggest that staff taking part in the day watch the performances.

For teachers running the classroom activities that it would be helpful for them to also see the first performance as this is the stimulus for the rest of the day's discussion. We kindly request that any staff that do choose to watch the show set a good example by watching the show with same interest and respect as would be asked of the students.

Do staff need to be present during the workshops?

At least one staff member is required to be in the workshop space with the students and the Tip of the Iceberg team at any point during the day.

Although it is not required for all support staff to be present during the workshops from previous experience it can be the place where students give their most honest and adult responses and it can help in the classroom activities, and future lessons, to see the ground that has already been covered in the workshop, allowing for a continuation of the issues discussed.

What are your technical requirements?

We bring our own sound equipment for the show and require a plug socket to run this from. We do not bring lights.

If you are including the Q and A session in your day then we require a screen and projector for this session.