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iceandfire theatre company brings new play *Separated* to Ealing Schools

“Year 11. GCSEs. Then what? Daniel's from London (but his dad's from Ghana), Amanullah's from Afghanistan (but he lives in London). They're both 15 and that's where the similarity ends. Or is it? Once they start putting things together they realise that just because they're not the same doesn't mean they're different.”

Based on the real life stories of young people who have come to the UK seeking asylum *Separated* by Sara Masters follows the lives of two fifteen year old boys: Amanullah from Afghanistan and Daniel from London.

The play, aimed at Year 10 & 11 students, will be touring to London schools from March to May 2008 with an accompanying workshop looking at issues surrounding asylum and how to use drama to explore controversial themes. Ealing schools that are hosting the play include **Northolt High School, Dormers Wells** and **Greenford High School**.

Sara Masters, playwright: *“So often drama is used to ‘teach’ young people. What I, and iceandfire, wanted to do with this play was create an excellent piece of theatre that worked in a school space. I didn't want to represent what life is like for young people in London – wherever they're from – but just tell the stories of two teenagers. Both Amanullah and Daniel are really fascinating characters and on the surface so different from each other but as the play develops they, and hopefully the audience, begin to see the important connections there are.”*

Notes to Editors:

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