



Content Advisory Information for Teachers and Group Leaders

6. LEARNING RESOURCES

Here is a story synopsis to share with your group:

Based on **Hanif Kureishi's** iconic and Oscar-nominated screenplay and last brought to the stage in 2019 directed by **Nikolai Foster**, *My Beautiful Laundrette* is set in South London during the Thatcher years and tells the story of Omar; after a confrontation with a racist gang, including his former school-friend Johnny, Omar uses their history to defuse the situation. Against a backdrop of nationalism, racial tensions, financial crisis and political turmoil, the pair come together to transform a run-down laundrette and realise their feelings for one another.

Content warnings:

When working with your group, take time to explain the play is set in a particular time and place and there is language we know now wouldn't be appropriate or used today.

Please be aware this production contains strong language including swearing, and racial slurs from the start and throughout.

The play includes scenes of explicit violence and racial aggression throughout. There are visual depictions of fights and a knife.

There are scenes of sexual intimacy between Johnny and Omar.

There is depiction of drug use, drug dealing and smoking.

The production references alcoholism and the suicide of a mother.

There are no strobe like lighting effects.

The show comes with an advisory age guidance of 14+

Running time is 2 hours and 15 minutes including a 20-minute interval.

If you would like to watch an archive recording of the original company in conversation with Hanif Kureishi and Nikolai Foster, please click here:

<https://www.curveonline.co.uk/news/curve-in-conversation-my-beautiful-laundrette/>

You can also request a copy of the script and Archive Recording of the Dress Rehearsal from the original Curve production by emailing learning@curvetheatre.co.uk