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Welcome

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2026 Register Overview

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Assessment Criteria

Points awarded according to three key criteria

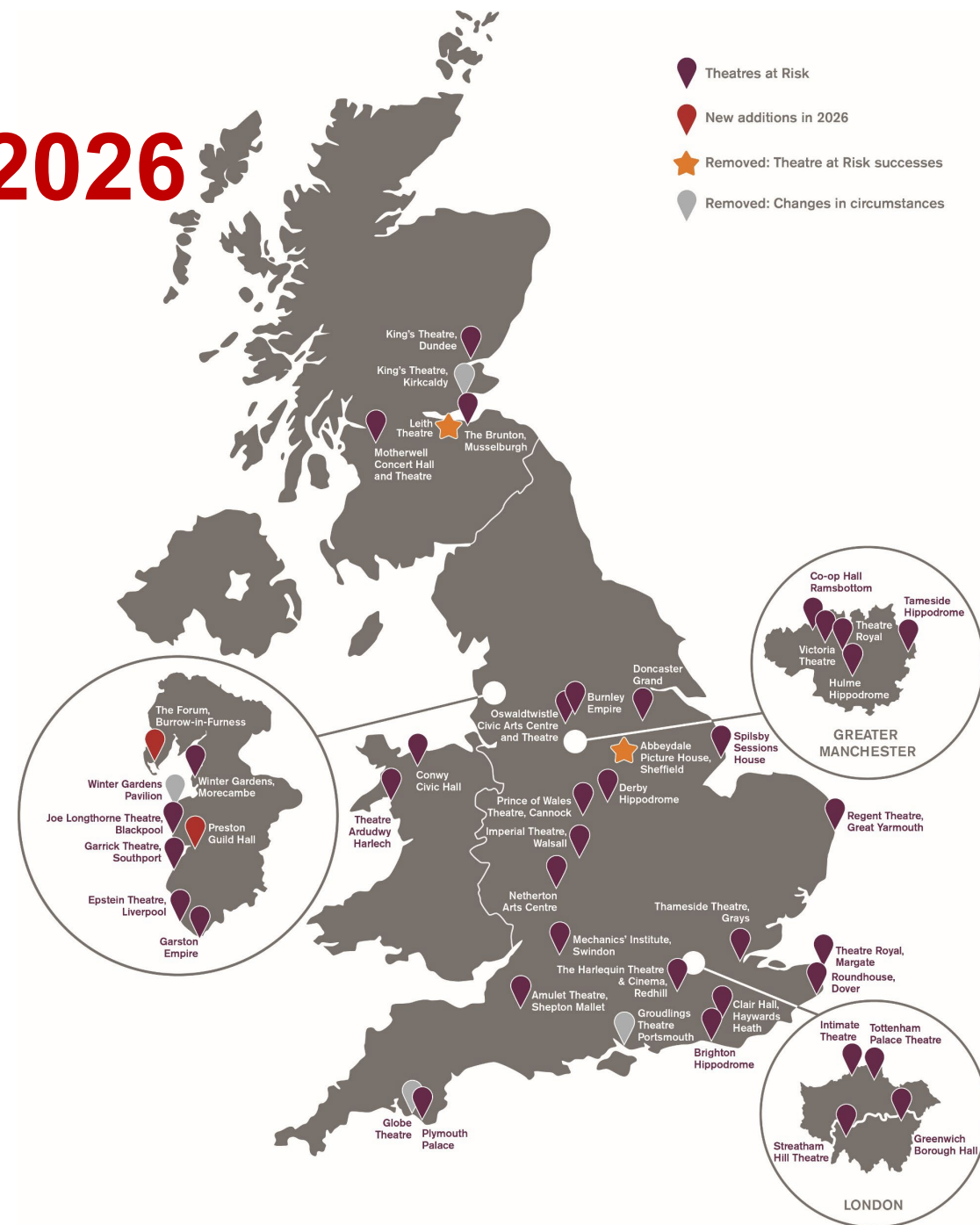
Criteria	Points
Community Value	1 - 3
Star Rating	1 - 3
Risk Factor	1 - 3
Total Risk Score	4* - 9

* minimum total risk score of 4 to be on the register

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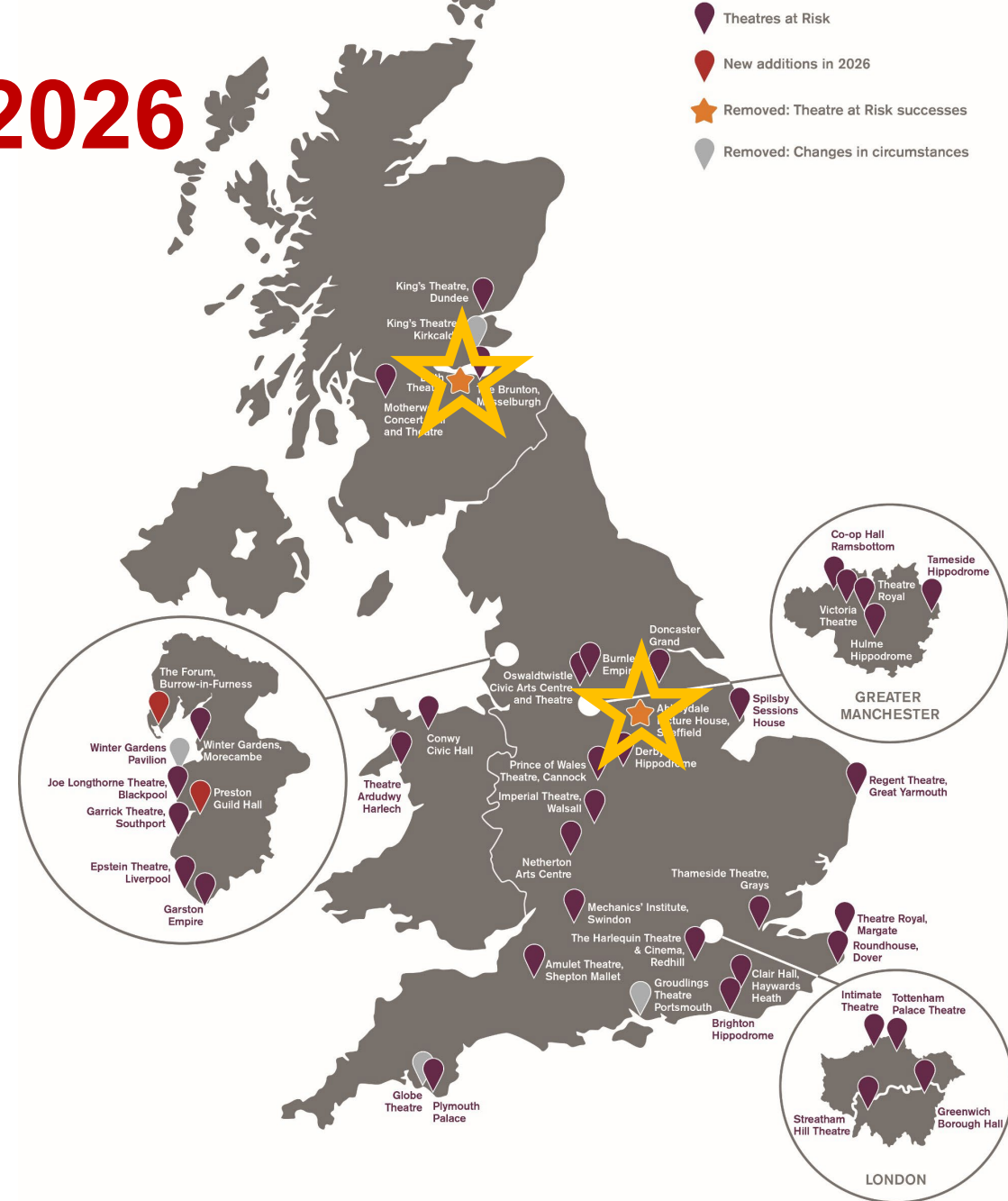
39 Theatres on the Register

- 2 additions
- 6 removals
- 34 in England
- 3 in Scotland
- 2 in Wales



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Theatres Successes



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Theatre Successes



Leith Theatre



Photo: Gaelle Beri



Photo: Collin Hattersley



Photo: Jared Bruce

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Theatres Successes



Abbeydale Picture House

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Theatres Removed



Photo: Mark Price

Winter Gardens Pavilion
Blackpool



Photo: Roy Perring

Globe Theatre
Plymouth



Photo: Ian Grundy

Groundlings Theatre
Portsmouth



Photo: John Murray

Kings Theatre
Kirkcaldy

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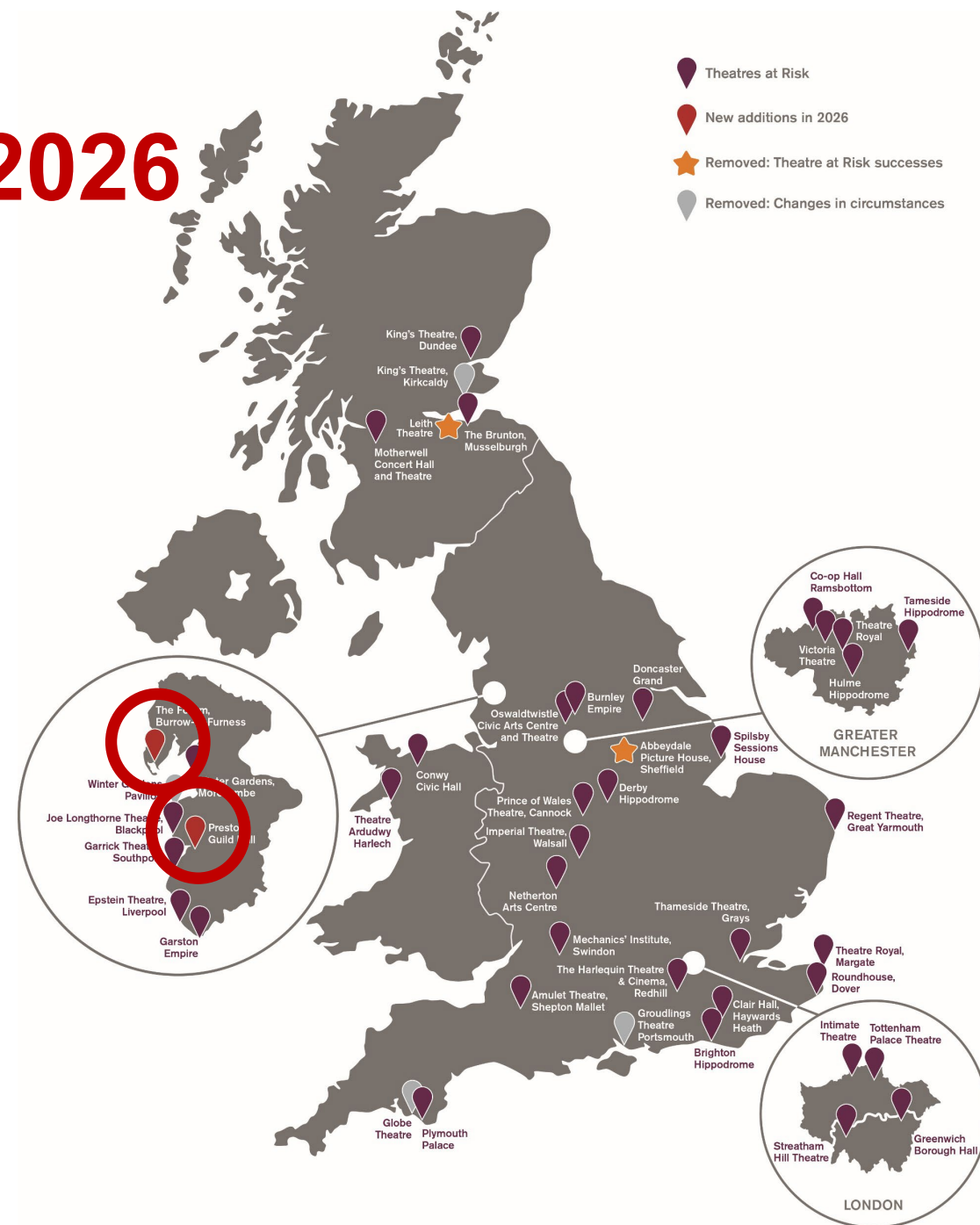
Theatres Removed

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Kings Theatre, Kirkcaldy

Groundlings Theatre

Theatres Added



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Theatres Added



Photo: Preston City Council



Photo: Ian Grundy

Preston Guild Hall

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Theatres Added



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The Forum, Barrow

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Sector Trends & Conditions for Success

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Sector Trends



Harlequin Theatre & Cinema, Redhill

The Brunton Theatre, Musselburgh

Motherwell Concert Hall & Theatre

Prince of Wales Theatre, Cannock

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Learning from Success Stories



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Conditions for Success



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Securing Collaboration and Engagement



Photo: Deb Walker

Hulme Hippodrome



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Spilsby Sessions House



Thameside Theatre, Grays

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Securing Your Skills Portfolio



Winter Gardens, Morecambe



Victoria Theatre, Salford

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Securing the Building



Swindon Mechanics' Institute



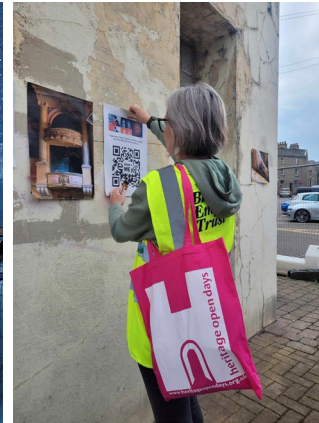
Derby Hippodrome



Hulme Hippodrome

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Securing Funding



Burnley Empire

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Securing Buy In



Storyhouse, Chester



Soho Theatre, Walthamstow



Bradford Live

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Your Next Steps

Securing Collaboration and Engagement

Securing Your Skills Portfolio

Securing the Building

Securing Funding

Securing Buy In

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Q&A

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Evaluation Survey



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