

## A font of knowledge, a tower of strength and cheerleaders from the start

I came to Theatre Absolute at the Shop Front Theatre having just gone freelance and was really unsure about whether I could go it alone. Julia and Chris were so welcoming. They really helped me to get started and I haven't stopped working since.

I've been part of the City Voices group and had amazing commissions resulting from that as well as really top notch training and workshops. I've had the privilege of doing a Lab residency and this has been so useful getting my play ready to tour.

Theatre Absolute have been a font of knowledge, a tower of strength and cheerleaders from the start. Through COVID they offered support and resources for writers, and I found that invaluable.

The productions I've seen at the Shopfront have been great and diverse. It's a shame that the Shopfront has to close, but I'm sure Chris and Julia will carry on being a beacon of light for the theatre community in Coventry for years to come. A huge thank you to the Shopfront and Chris, Julia and Lisa.

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