

# Shop Front Theatre

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## An informal friendly space

Theatre Absolute has always shown an interest in our work at Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre (CRMC) and supported our client group, offering invitations for them to join textile, writing and theatre workshops with them. The warm atmosphere at Shop Front Theatre made it easy for our client group to access and get involved in groups of this kind.

It also influenced our choice to stage a production of *The Bundle* during Refugee Week in 2019. *The Bundle*, performed by a cast of two, told a truly moving story about the hostile environment of immigration law created by the UK government which make life difficult for refugees and asylum seekers to integrate into society. The informal, friendly space at the theatre was used after for a Q & A session, which informed the public about the issues facing asylum seekers and refugees.

We have enjoyed the hospitality of Shop Front Theatre and hope for further collaborations with Julia and Chris.

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