

# Shop Front Theatre

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When coming to a place from somewhere else, at times it can feel like you have left a piece of yourself behind. Shop Front Theatre provided a place for me to come home to myself.

First as an audience member and then leading the discussion after *Utopia*. Finally in 2019, after watching the wonderful work of others in that magical space for a decade, I decided to attend the City Voices workshops. Saturdays at Shop Front Theatre were an oasis for me.

This led me to write *Weaving Coventry*, a poem commissioned by Coventry City Council and written specifically for Coventry's Upper Precinct water rills. The support given to the project and me by Julia and Chris was immeasurable.

So here are just four of many, many of my Shop Front Theatre memories:

1. Watching every commission for *Are We Where We Are*, like an addict!
2. Julia's quilt hanging up in the window comforting the city during the pandemic
3. Producing *All Our Tomorrows: A Festival of Young Companies* across both the Belgrade Theatre and Shop Front Theatre
4. Chris performing *Coventry*, a monologue he wrote about... Coventry!

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