



TESTIMONIALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

2-DAY INTENSIVE INTRODUCTION TO ACTING WORKSHOP

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The weekend workshop was brilliant! Helen was extremely helpful and she knew what she was talking about. Such a friendly atmosphere, will definitely be looking out for more workshops in the future!

Robyn Ferguson, Glasgow

Very informative couple of days, had a good time. Helen's lovely personality makes the whole experience even more enjoyable.

Megan O'Brien, Glasgow

Helen created a friendly atmosphere and gave good constructive feedback. Brilliant.

Martin Norve, Falkirk

This is a superb workshop for anyone who is interested about getting into the business. The course is a very friendly 2 days where you can understand more about all the different aspects of acting and whether it is right for you. Helen herself is very knowledgeable with great experience and manages to get across all the information you need in a professional yet enjoyable fashion. I would recommend this course to anyone wondering if they want to take acting into a more professional setting. It was great fun.

Adam Butler, Edinburgh

I can't believe I have learnt more about the acting industry and certain acting techniques in two days than I did studying at Telford for three years.

Telford/Edinburgh college ex-student (name withheld)

I really enjoyed every minute of the workshop. I learned so much in just 2 days. I would definitely recommend it to anyone.

Jade Milne, Dundee

Helen is great!! She makes you feel comfortable and you can express yourself where you might feel you're not doing it right, and Helen makes you put it right in a way for you to understand it!!! Brilliant. Thank you.

Amir Tabrizi, Edinburgh

The 2-day workshop was fantastic! The reason it worked so well for me was because you are learning and taking in information, but it's in a fun, informal, reassuring environment. At the end of the 2 days, I felt like I have had both a fun and enjoyable experience, but also have worked hard and learned so much. In a word... "awesome"!

Ashley Whitehouse, Kirkcaldy

Raw Talent's workshops are to the point and tell you the nitty gritty. No flowery words, no dramatics or over the top drama speak, just plain hard facts backed up with techniques that you can understand and relate to in the real world. Does make you want to come back for more!

Lisa Moffat, Edinburgh

I very much enjoyed this workshop. I look forward to attending to more in the near future.

Johanna Shosha, Edinburgh

Brilliant workshop for anybody wanting to act.

Suren Rebba, Edinburgh

I attended a condensed 'intro to acting' course led by Helen when I was still in university and the experience was instrumental in me uprooting the path I was taking in life and focus on acting instead. Helen's classes are not for the faint of heart, your misconceptions will break and they'll break hard. I came out of my second class with her feeling slightly battered but with a much better sense of my strengths and what I needed to work on. I'm looking forward to my next class with Helen and know that her fair, honest feedback and her innate madness will take me to my next level as an actor.

Since the classes, I have appeared in several stage shows and films. Among others, I've portrayed Robbie Rotten in Lazytown Live, the lead character Adam in The World Over, a futuristic dealer in gritty sci-fi Neon Ghosts and a guardian angel in Threshold. From cartoony panto villains to understated filmic characters, Helen's teachings and support have stayed with me every step of the way.

Magnus Sinding, Edinburgh

Helen Raw is outstanding. Does she know her stuff? Hell yes! After the 2 days of my Introduction to Acting for TV, Film & Theatre by Helen, it left me brimming with confidence. Helen Raw is a no nonsense, give it to you straight, person. Her reasoning truthful, her honesty brutal. But, this honesty however, is superb sage advice. Life is tough for an actor and Helen pulls no punches when explaining the nature of being one. But, from what I have learned in this workshop, I feel prepared to take it on.

Alastair McKay, Edinburgh

Everything is made so clear and I could actually see the technique that is taught working instantly in me and others. I came out of the class feeling very confident because I know that if I apply what I have learned, I will always give a truthful performance.

Emily Streete, Edinburgh

I had no idea whether I should even attempt to go into the acting profession but Helen, in her workshop, has given me the confidence, and basic know how, to 'go for it' if I want to.

Margaret Montoya, Edinburgh

I left the 2-day workshop feeling I wanted more which is a good thing as it being an introduction to this subject I got exactly what I was wanting out of it with a burning desire to get more. I found that Helen was excellent in putting the information across as there was a lot of info to take in. The class size was a great number as we got to get a lot of turns and see the process take shape. I put in the survey that I would have liked more of certain subjects, that's more or less because I really enjoyed it but as an introduction course it was a fine amount. As I said I left wanting more and now that I know what to expect I can pick a course that best suits me to enhance my ability. Thanks a bundle Helen, see you soon.

Marc Gibson, Dundee

Fantastic two days! I learned a lot more than expected. Great teaching skills - highly recommended!
Lorraine Carrigan, Edinburgh

Helen is great I really enjoyed every minute of the class, I learned so much just in 2 days. Made me realize this is what I want to do, now I just have to practice more. I will definitely recommend to other people. I love Raw Talent Training that much I am going back to take more classes.
Isha Margry, Edinburgh

Having began a 2yr HND In performance and acting last year, I felt that I learned more in those two days than I had the whole year! Helen Raw did NOT just tell me what to do or refer me to literature giving no direction...she told me exactly what was necessary to get the job done, she showed me HOW to go about tasks and she had a natural talent for explaining processes and formulas, in such a manner and fashion that I could do nothing other than absorb the information and take it all in. What I had been trying to do for a year unsuccessfully, Helen managed to provide me with the true understanding that I was lacking, and all in a two day workshop. I will have no hesitation in recommending this class to actors of ALL levels. Many thanks for what you have given me!
Clair Myychael, Motherwell

Excellent all-round course. Suits those with some experience as well as beginners. The filming audition was particularly helpful to me, but all of it was very informative and well-constructed. Totally exhausted afterwards, but very happy :))
Wendy Barrett, Edinburgh

Helen and Raw Talent are excellent. She has superb knowledge and a lovely style/manner, which puts you at your ease AND gets the info she is passing on to you, over in a professional and precise, but fun way. I would highly recommend Helen and Raw Talent to any aspiring actors wanting to develop and grow their skillset.
Duncan James, Glasgow

I found the 2-day workshop for film and TV acting very useful. It has given me the understanding of the techniques required to build my acting skills. Helen was warm and friendly and there was a good learning atmosphere.
Alan Morrison, Glasgow

This was a fantastic inspiring yet realistic introduction to acting from a very enthusiastic teacher Helen! I left it feeling motivated and full of confidence in my abilities, and raring to go into the acting world and take it all on! I would highly recommend this to anyone wanting a beginners insight into the industry and a good starting block.
Eleanor Gibson, Glasgow

The workshop was a great insight into the REAL world of acting. It helped me a lot with my confidence and I really enjoyed it. It's both exciting and challenging - it's amazing what you can learn in 2 days! I'd definitely recommend it to anyone regardless of their level of experience.
Jenni Ogilvie, Perth

Workshop was excellent. I have been going to stage school for 10 years and I learned things in the 2 day workshop that I've never learned before. The improvisation was so much fun!

Rachel Hall, Perth

An excellent introduction to the art of acting. As a complete novice, I had no idea of what I was letting myself in for and was more than a little nervous. I needn't have been. It was a brilliant two days - I left feeling challenged, encouraged, enthused and informed. I will probably never be a professional actor but finished the course having more insight into what it takes to be one and the hard work involved. The course really whetted my appetite - now I want to do more!

Megan Appleton, Dundee

I loved the improvisation day and the overall quality of the introduction course. I'd definitely recommend it for anyone wanting to find out where to start and what to expect in life as an actor!

Jasmin Egner, Edinburgh

I felt invigorated each evening walking back after the course. What a wonderful introduction to acting and I would most certainly recommend this course to all of my friends, actor or non actor. Incredible for ones self confidence and inner happiness and satisfaction.

Anna Freemantle, Edinburgh

I can't believe I learnt so much in just a few hours. The session with Helen was extremely informative with plenty of time for practice and individual feedback. Helen was really supportive and we all made leaps of progress in the session! A real confidence boost - Thank you!

Liz Strange, Edinburgh

The energy and commitment of the tutors is astounding.

Simon Messer, Edinburgh

An intense and illuminating day. I came home and immediately got out the camcorder and have continued to practice & film my monologues. Very inspirational with a wealth of solid practical stuff.

Deborah Whyte, Edinburgh

I found Helen extremely knowledgeable and uplifting. The course wasn't over crowded which meant Helen could give individual feedback. After the course had finished I felt that I could still contact Helen to ask any questions as she was very helpful and supportive.

Sheryl Gribben, Edinburgh

The workshop was a wonderful experience. Helen shared with us an incredible amount of information in so little time, provided constructive criticism and much enthusiasm. I definitely feel much more informed about the industry and ways to approach acting in general. I got way more out of the course than I could have hoped for at the time I was registering!

Eleni Tsami, Edinburgh

Very inspiring, great fun, helpful performance critiques and provided an opportunity to meet other actors.

Moira MacKenzie, Falkirk

Well worth the time. Relaxed and friendly teaching style, but also very focused when we get on the floor.

John McColl, Edinburgh

Helen's work helped identify my weakness but helped me overcome them and build my confidence. Now I'm looking to audition for student films to explore this talent. I'd like to work with Helen again.

Tony Bilton, London

One word to describe Helen...brilliant! I had no acting experience prior to meeting Helen so I had intensive 1-1 coaching to help me with my monologue for an audition I had coming up. She helped to really understand the piece, how to perform it and how to break it down. She guided me through what an audition would be like and what to expect. I learned so much from her so that when I went for my audition to the New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts I was really well prepared and I got offered a place on their 4 week Intensive Acting Summer School in June 2009. I can't thank Helen enough as I would never have been offered a place if it wasn't for her.

Aileen Keith, Edinburgh

An informative, fun and honest way to develop your acting technique. I would thoroughly recommend this class to all actors interested in professional performance.

Shona Miller, Glasgow

I attended the Introduction to TV, Film and Theatre workshop. I found I was hooked from day one. I couldn't wait to leave work every evening and attend the class. Helen is a great role model with a true passion for what she does. Helen has a wealth of knowledge in the acting, theatre and film industry and was very good at imparting her knowledge with the group. I'd definitely recommend her classes and will be attending more myself.

Pamela Gladstone, Edinburgh

Just wanted to say thank you once again for the excellent class! Upon signing up for it, I had no idea what to expect but I'm so glad I did. I had tremendous fun, learned more than I thought my brain was capable of and did things I never thought I'd be caught dead doing. You're a superb teacher and I admire your enthusiasm towards the people you teach and I'm very glad to see you're in this business for the right reasons. I am definitely interested in taking more classes and learning more about the industry. Your class has encouraged me to learn more about acting so I will be checking your web site and whatever else I can get my hands on. Thank you for everything Helen!

Damon Lee, Edinburgh

Highly Recommended. The 2-day workshops give an honest view on what being in the acting industry is really like and how much work it would take to act professionally and full time.

Steph Morris, Edinburgh

I loved the 2-day workshop, Helen is very informative and makes you feel so comfortable. It is hard work, good fun and very useful for finding out more about the industry. I just wished it was longer!

Pamela Mason, Edinburgh

Very good, best drama teacher I have ever had.

Jordan Rennie, Edinburgh

Helen is an amazing actor and teacher, her courses are well worth the money.

Laurayne Kyle, Bathgate

Very insightful to see how much work is involved in being a working actor, but helpful for understanding how to get through an audition. I learned how to read a script and act more realistically with clever techniques.

Caitlin Henderson, Dalgety Bay, Fife

A very intense 2 days. I felt like my head would burst after the first day because it was so full of new information! I have realised there is a lot more to acting than I first thought. Nevertheless Helen has made me want to become an actress even more!

Vanashree Thapliyal, Edinburgh

After attending the 2-day workshop I felt a marked rise in my level of confidence and much better placed to attend auditions. I look forward to more of your courses. It's very hard work, very worthwhile and most enjoyable!

Joe Knox, Edinburgh

The workshop is a perfect balance of information, encouragement and actual practice of performance skills. It's a brilliant opportunity to learn and try out new skills in a positive, supportive environment with a teacher who is hugely talented, passionate and knowledgeable about what she does. I finished the two days with my head buzzing with enthusiasm and new ideas and just wishing I could come back for more the next day! I would recommend it to anybody - whatever stage they are at.

Debbie Cannon, Edinburgh

Helen is a fabulous teacher, she has boundless energy and has the right balance of honesty and encouragement. I highly recommend her course to anyone who is looking to improve their acting and presentation skills.

Kirsten Lord, Edinburgh Physiotherapy Centre

Lots of useful practical lessons, plus confidence-boosting advice, for real-life audition situation.

Nick Cheales, Edinburgh

I thought it was excellent and I have already recommended your workshops to others.

Caroline MacKellar, Edinburgh

I would highly recommend these workshops to anyone who wants to develop their acting and performance skills. I learnt more in 18 hours than I've done in the previous 18 months.

Sara Jane McGeachy, Edinburgh

Helen was really friendly and knew her stuff. The only downside was the exhaustion at the end of each day which was well worth it! Also, many actors are very secretive about the industry and their own training but Helen was happy to help us all and share everything she had learned to help us move forward.

Grieg Taylor, Nr Biggar

The 2-Day workshop did wonders for my confidence and general speed in approaching and developing a performance from text. I did actually achieve real development with my monologue!

Katy Dimmock, Edinburgh

I was nervous about improvisation, which had always scared me in the past and was also nervous about being in front of a camera for the first time. However, Helen's teaching style put us all at ease immediately and it was obvious to all the depth of Helen's experience. I had an absolutely fantastic time over the course of the workshop and just felt completely gutted when it was all over! All I can say is go for it, you will love it!

Jenifer Langley, Edinburgh

Before I met Helen, I didn't actually know what acting was. I thought it was just "overacting". It never once crossed my mind that it was being completely genuine in imaginary circumstances as no one had ever told me! Helen broke down this complicated and overwhelming idea and made it as simple as possible and I really feel that I have progressed so much due to her help. I had no professional acting experience prior to meeting Helen but thanks to her advice and 1-1 coaching I have had a handful of professional jobs and am now confident that I want to pursue acting as a career.

Greig Taylor, Edinburgh

Helen's constructive comments helped me to understand where I lost focus and I made the decision to come back for day 2. I'm glad I did. Helen was very practical in demonstrating how someone could display the emotions required for a scene and was also good at indicating when someone had captured 'the moment' and she always told us when we had done a really good job. I would recommend her workshops to anyone.

Tony Bilton, Edinburgh

Helen was brill and the workshops were a lot of fun! fun! fun! I loved my time on the workshop and felt that I learned a lot. Towards the end my confidence was really growing because any suggestions were not thought of as criticisms, which gives great credit to Helen's ability to balance constructive advice with sensitivity.

Malawi Logan, Edinburgh

I look forward to working with you

