

We have a situation, Coventry! Log

HELLO
hello
Welcome! Show starts soon!
hello
who is in the audience?
me
me too :)
hi me!
i'm in the Shop Front theatre in coventry
it's very warm here
And me Andy
Greeting from cold munich
and Augsburg!
guten abend!
hi :))))
Hello everyone :) Lauren here
guten abend zurueck
dobro vece svima
yuhuhuuu
Gruss Gott Munich!
München
bitt'chen
grias eich
dankscheen
München, my bad
nana nana nanaaaa
Someone is clothing the shaddows
lalala nana naaaa
will all get green suits?
Fingers crossed
Lime green
purple vs. lime green
Hello!
hi! hello!
<audio> Mic check
hi mic check
make funny hat for lady in red
people arriving at shop front theatre
Is that a puffer jacket?
i think so
the red one?
And high heels
i like the pointy hat
yes, pointy hat ia awesome
But is it a wizard or party hat?
is that a plane or a bird???
wait to check what is "pointy hat"
aha: "The conical hat allows the witches to concentrate their
sacred power. The conical traps the energy of the body and
earth so that the witch can be centered with a power that is
infinite."
<audio> Hogwarts
is this true?
yes

ok
You're a wizard Harry
Coventry is the home of Hogwarts
Sure
true story
absolutely
i believe it
Read it on wikipedia
must be true then
yes, here: "Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry,
shortened Hogwarts, is a fictional British school of magic for
students aged eleven to eighteen, and is the primary setting
for the first six books in J.K. Rowling's ..."
... and set in Coventry
hogwarts is in coventry
i saw it the other day
so it is real somehow
2 minutes to go
oooooh i'm excited!!!!
Woohoo
do they wear pointed hats whole day?
Yes
i think they can take them off at bedtime
anyone can come and type 9if you are in the shop front
theatre there is this handy little keyboard...0
They can only take it off if they have an itch
Everyone in Coventry wears pointy hats
that's true too
everyone here in the shop front is wearing a pointed hat
ah good, probably they will be smashed if weared during sleep
Yes
Much smashing of hats
"You're a wizard, Craig"
hmm, maybe this will fit: "A smile grew on Craig's face that
lasted for ten hours. The wizard will see you now. OK, listen,
you guys, I am going in first. Just stay out here. Trust me."
more people coming in to theatre
kite-hat, cool
it's 7pm now but we need to seat them
bear with us!
Craig is my favourite character in Harry Potter
i don't know harry potter well
apparently we still have 2 minutes
my clock must be fast
If you are reading this sat in Shop Front Theatre - come to
the front and type on the keyboard!
can i follow the piece if don't know HP?
Yes, no Harry Potter knowledge required
*know
felt like i should follow the instruction to come and type
not sure what to type now though
you should write in introduction that knowing HP is needed
for this cyberformance
er um
...
<hencam> HP sauce?
ummm...
any suggestions/

harry potter = HP
nope
hi from a bit of audience in Berlin
hi1
[hencam] {hi berlin!}
I love HP sauce
nice to hear berlin is with us
i love ketchup
me too
and Belgrade is here, too
Hello :)
ooh thats exctiting1
what about funny hats and colorful dresses?
hello
bring back airplane!!!
for sure
(it off topic, but please can you make him one pointy hat)
All eyes on the naked Lady
<>
berlin is putting on a sky blue hat
coventry's colour is blue
berlin knows everything :))
true blue pointy hat than
hahaha
hi
hi
Describe Coventry?
DESCRIBE COVENTRY
can you describe coventry?
cow-went-three?!
Audience members are taking pieces of chalk and writing their
thoughts on Coventry
i don't have chalk, pitty
cyberchalk
home
Type with your cyberchalk
a cathedralCoventry has
"Greatest City in the World"
and a football team
"GHOST TOWN"
sky blue's the colour
pointy hats town
"ALWAYS IMPROVING ALL THE TIME"
"full of stories"
"undervalued and under appreciated modernism"
[Godiva] {This tales about ideas and threads being spun.}
call-went-three
the medieval cathedral was destroyed by the Luftwaffe exactly
25 years before I was born, destroyed on 14 Nov 1940. On
behalf of Berlin I apologise for the destrtuction
"hidden city of Sherbourne River"
"Coventry is a city and metropolitan borough in the West
Midlands, England. Historically part of Warwickshire, Coventry
is the 9th largest city in England and the 12th largest in the
United Kingdom. Plan a trip."
"to small to be big [sic]"
"Lots of villages making up a city"
come-weird-tree

[Godiva] {This tales about ideas and threads being spun.}
"A city of migrants living together with quite a lot of tolerance"

[Godiva] {Getting woven into stories of this situation.}

[Godiva] {A tale that entwines and to this city, binds one.}
so this is the naked lady?

Naked Lady

who is Godiva

[Godiva] {Our journies, like many, in three parts unfold. }

[Godiva] {Brings us to here and now, through war, from days of old.}

[Godiva] {Not quite his-story, but listen yet, to what I have told.}

[Godiva] {So from the first, a medieval centre of faith our guilded community we know.}

[Godiva] {To the sacred, pageants and mystery plays its pilgrims bow. }

[Godiva] {With wool, cotton, blue silk, our centres import does grow.}

"Godiva, Countess of Mercia (/dav/; fl. 1010-1067), in Old English Godgifu, was an English noblewoman who, according to a legend dating at least to the 13th century, rode naked covered only in her long hair through the streets of Coventry to gain a remission of the oppressive taxation that her husband imposed on his tenants. The name "Peeping Tom" for a voyeur originates from later versions of this legend in which a man named Tom watched her ride and was struck blind or dead." Wiki

Godiva (by top 1 google): Veteran chain specializing in gourmet Belgian chocolates, truffles, cocoa & other sweet gift items.

[Godiva] {War work directs, targets Englands industrial middle.}

[Godiva] {One night, Nineteen Forty, explosives concentrated, lives coventrated.}

[Godiva] {One thousand two hundred and fifty are gone.}

[Godiva] {Yet, bombed, burned, our city lives on, working for a future, still to be won.}

[Godiva] {With Baby Boomers, Gibsons plan, and prefabs, a phoenix is born.}

[Godiva] {Industry, fabrication and purpose are respun.}

[Godiva] {Foundations of learning, new shrines and homes set in concrete.}

[Godiva] {A city that wouldnt die looks to the present and you in the eye.}

[Godiva] {So on screen, in theatre, street, home and dorm we call,}

[Godiva] {learner, resident, friend, artist, act-ivator, all;}

[Godiva] {To think, ask, untangle, perform, watch and voice,}

[Godiva] {this situation, with its knots, and new ties to explore.}

plan a trip

"No direction? No problem!"

a town for you

plan a trip with no directions

city of creatives

knowing nothing about Coventry, I have landed here tonight with no directions, so you are my map

oops, i choosed "zoom in" and it wasn't good
Hit concrete?
where are you
yes, hit if you prefer
What makes you a resident?
a direction?
left
Audience members are writing with chalk their reflections on
what makes a resident
"Fear of the Ringroad"
"Residing"
well, resident makes a For example, if you spend more than a
certain number of days in some states, you're considered a
resident
"Being PROUD to say 'I COME FROM COVENTRY'"
mostly bills which comes to my address
reside: influenced by French rÃ©sider or Latin residere
remain, from re- back + sedere sit. So, this evening I am
sitting back and for a brief time residing in Coventry
me too
had to reload
"CONCEIVED ON THE COMMON CROWNED IN COUNDON"
yes, re-load re-side
+nt
can't hear what they say
Having lived in many places, the most important thing for me
is to say I live there from the beginning
(nt is extra value)
all i can say from my point of view is that they are moving
in the right direction
Bins
<wheeliebin2> hey up 23
which beginning? this morning or yesterday
<wheeliebin3> 'Sup Number 2
<wheeliebin2> you look like you've lost wiehgt
I disagree with one of the previous audience members.
Students want to feel at home.
audience 13, players 6
<wheeliebin3> I have, been trying out that new fad
4 more to go
Yes they do!
<wheeliebin3> That new app
that new pointy hat
<wheeliebin3> That tells students when to take me out
<wheeliebin2> the wheelie app diet?
anyone has the right to feel at home in Coventry
<wheeliebin3> That's the one, it's great
<wheeliebin1> helps lose waste, I heard
Can a traffic cone be used as a pointy hat?
haha, here it is! red&white pointy hat
<wheeliebin1> what's that across the street?
sure, it can
<wheeliebin1> a garage sale?
anyone can reside here, work here, live here, cry here, love
here
<wheeliebin1> more like a garbage sale
<wheeliebin3> More like garbage sale
<wheeliebin2> tragic

lol
<wheeliebin2> one at a time please
trashic
<wheeliebin1> I feel a bit down in the dumps
you look full of crap
<wheeliebin3> Yeah your insides are rumbling
<wheeliebin2> it's just the cat
<wheeliebin1> well, we are what we eat
so strenge to have garbage box in front of your doorstep
<wheeliebin1> I feel sorry for Jerry
who is J?
<wheeliebin1> He keeps getting trashed just for kicks
here in coventry evry house has bins at the door!
Jerr who?
we woukdnt be laughing if all the entries were ooen like they
used to be.
<wheeliebin4> hey
<wheeliebin3> Do you want to hear a pick up line?
<wheeliebin4> i'm jerry
<wheeliebin4> thought i'd drop by
<wheeliebin1> Did you hear how the last trash collector died?
<wheeliebin3> 'Are you trash? Cause I'd pick you up'
tom&jerry?
<wheeliebin4> i got trashed last night
no?
<wheeliebin1> He wasted away
oh my
That's a bit aestetically sad to see so many wheelie bins on
the streets. Nothing personal wheelie bins, it's a rough job
he die?
try mcdonalds in the burges to see how students and locakls
interact when they are trashed
he waste away, hah
problem came with orange-white pointy hat, poor Jerry
wheelie bins get such a bad rap
is this Jerry?! on his chest?
its the phoenix
jerry-the-phoenix
hi jerry, you are alive somehow
the colour of ashes...
can you still see or feel remnants of what was
what was Jerry?
Audience members are using chalk to write their reflections
on "What makes a community?"
yes, coventry will never forget its past
Type to use your cyberchalk
People interacting with one another
"children"
ommunity definition, a social group of any size whose members
reside in a specific locality, share government, and often
have a common cultural and historical settings
"smiling, conversation, maybe cake?"
always cake
and feasting together
communities create common histories
constantly changing
"When people try to understand people different from
themselves - it's in the effort!"

yes, togetherness is a cue for community
"Being on the same side of the barricade"
"Getting together to share"
People tend to define those social ties as important to their
identity, practice, and roles in social institutions like
family, home, work, government, society, or humanity, at
large.
community = home for many
When people find a common enemy e.g. rubbish, this can create
community by engaging people to find solutions
commontree
commentfree
"I exist in three spaces: the student, the resident, the
teacher"
The comment tag is used to insert comments in the source
code. Comments are not displayed in the browsers.
thats the problem, fractured presences cause a fractured
community
community is not solid state
sometimes, at least
"Is it okay to forget your roots?"
all people have multifaceted identities and occupy multiple
spaces
Applause!
Well done :)
clap clap
Go Helen!
Applause
multifaceted community than
My congratulations from graz, best regards alex
<hencam> we have a short break, please don't go away
ok
[hencam] {we'd love to have the online audience participate in
our discussion}
clap clap clap
[hencam] {thanks!}
[hencam] {we'll put the stream on again soon}
[hencam] {just rearranging the chairs!}
our cyberchalks are ready :)
[hencam] {where around the world are you all?}
i'm from belgrade, serbia
Berlin still here
(although Berlin presence is originally from New Zealand)
you mean root-presence?
the roots are well spread
i have same root/original presence and now-presence
i am from graz schaubad
Hello everyone, I'm Lauren, I'll be typing away comments here
at Shop Front Theatre
thank you Lauren!
[hencam] {yay lauren!}
great, cos my brit-english is not so good
and sound is with cut s
I think it's to do with the digital space the video needs
[Godiva] {sorry, it's the stream}
thanks Godiva
"I first felt like a resident of Coventry when the British
Nationalist Party came to the city" the need to fight against

far-right demonstrators brought the speaker closer to the city
[Godiva] {there's actually quite a bit of lag}
yes, so it is good if someone types excerpts, hehe
joking
travelling between cities, cycling rather than travelling by
other means makes you see and appreciate where you live
walking around you get to see history and understand the
city, rather than just the areas you commute between
ok, i appreciate, i really do
Walking is even more interactive
I agree!
walking tours make you build roots
and routes
speaker talking about going on an audio guide walking tour
from the local council funded art gallery - the experience was
very powerful, speaker thinks students would benefit from such
an experience
(tours, roots and routes are connected indeed)
Chat - How do you build a relationship with where you live?
we make the road by walking?
What is your experience of feeling like you belong to a city?
cleaning in front my house
Berlin here... I talk with my neighbours and people in shops
and on the street, and I walk everywhere
here in belgrade, we make autumn cleaning around our building
first time after many years
I love walking around the city - a while ago I decide to try
and walk without headphones so I could take in the sounds of
the city more
Walking has been my key to understanding every place I have
lived, from villages to huge cities around the world. I have
always ended up talking with people when I walk
and it was so community-way-connecting
speaker talking about how people say they are proud of their
city, but do they mean it?
taking different city bus tours is possible way (if you have
monthly bus ticket)
How do you show that you are proud and care about your city?
not dropping chewing gums around...
and other garbage
Learn from history, but learn to make your own history in the
city
Not just about looking back, look to the future
I have created a garden in our building's courtyard, I run
arts events to bring people together
and I take part in other people's projects
speaker; we are a creative city, we create, we are a wave of
creativity
[Godiva] {coventry rocks!}
[Godiva] {CREATIVE COVENTRY!}
consensus in the room::: we are really great!
[Godiva] {& we can laugh at ourselves!}
"the real issue, how do allow people to create their own
selves?"
*how do we allow
We is they key word
We = the key word
"how do we allow people who are gifted in making, and those

that do not think that they are, get creating?"

everyone creates

WE

WE creates

WE can do it

"I met a woman who has a PhD who is homeless and now lives in a B&B"

"these people (homeless) would be really useful to the city, but how do we help them get a job / give them stability / allow them to feel this is their home

Can we give people something other than nightlife as a reason to stay in the city?

nice day-life?

What about treating them also in a more fair and equal manner?

For example, look at the financial exploitation by the letting agencies?

"there's a lot of rhetoric around the university owning the city - but what does that mean? Is it another peak and trough in a long line of rise and decline in industries

How do we stop exploitation from letting agencies?

People in Berlin and Munich - Germany has much better tenant / renters rights - do you have any suggestions? What works for you?

there is still some social housing in germany

in münchen tenants tend to stay in same house/apartment a long time, it's not as transient as student accommodation

Berlin has introduced laws to try to prevent Air B&B ghettos, but other rental control laws have not worked - building owners keep finding loopholes to get around it so rent is increasing and rental properties are reduced

In th UK we have people that are not students but still have short-term rental contracts, and they have to renew them regularly, which can mean rents rise rapidly

I have been in my berli apartment for 14 years because I have an old lease with a fixed rent, so I am really lucky to still be here as the neighbourhood has gentrified around me

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Is the rent fixed by local government, or due to renters rights?

My berlin rent is simply the result of an unrenovated apartment taken over from a friend

There are attempts to fix rents but the loopholes keep looping

Demand is too high

speaker - why couldn't the univeristy give rooms to homeless people while students go home for Christmas?

great idea!!

speaker - the university should continue to back projects like this and take risks, bring people together

"Good evening Internet!!" - speaker

speaker - campus = ghetto

Good evening reality!

speaker - on the demolition of cultural buildings and popular music venues "does the university care about anything other than shipping in students"

speaker - how is information shared between the university and people of the city?

Hello online audience!! Are you there?

Yes, having a think

Good good :)

I think there is often a disconnect between cities and universities

Yes, I think it's quite common

speaker - use local media to communicate to the wider city - radio, newspapers - don't just rely on social media!

Personally, I wouldn't want to live in a student ghetto any more because socialising students are often more likely to forget they are living in a wider community, and forget to respect it. A common narcissism of younger people

Do the newspapers, radio, tv interested in the University? Are you sure that the University has not already attempted to communicate via the local media?

speaker - university is so big and has so many staff / students, too hard to build personal relationships and communicate with people in the wider city. The university will have many communication officers, but how do you effectively engage with the community? I don't have the answer.

A communication is a dual process.

speaker - universities are becoming neoliberal profit-driven organisations

speaker - how can we fight this as insiders and outsiders? Has an affect on everyone (student AND residents)

On citizen rights - homeless do not have citizen rights. The question "what makes you a resident?" might not be adequate - how do help / fight for people's rights and access to resources?

speaker - the term "customer" used more and more to describe students - if we treat the university as a neoliberal machine why should they care about the university? Did car manufactures care about the homeless? Do supermarket chains care about the city?

Berlin is leaving now - the discussion is really interesting with lots of crossovers to here - but... I've had my maximum of wearing glasses for today. Waving bye and thanking everyone for their engagement

On tensions between communities - small things like whether all residents know the bin collection schedule can be the line between harmony and discontent

bye bye Berlin

guten nacht ;)

speaker - students are a victim of the machine that the university has become

gute nacht berlin!!!

thanks a lot berlin!

Guten nacht Alle

Freut mich

Thank you Berlin! Guten nacht :)

community is a "situation" everywhere ...

Love from Coventry!

<3

speaker - the univeristy is like a big digger going through the rainforest *gnawing noises*

speaker - issues of citizenship and community are solved by collaboration, teach students collaboration

speaker - widen opportunities for participation, think of

education as a continuum, understand the link between FE and HE

speaker on their experience of students supporting/participating in local events - students supported a local theatre event via seeing a local leafleting campaign - "they were interested!"

speaker - local residents don't know local developments and opportunities from the city council either - it's how you get people involved, how do you move from just relying on word of mouth

speaker - get multilingual translators to provide walking tours to non-english speakers

speaker - I wouldn't be in Coventry if the university hadn't organised this event

long live university!

<Godiva> goodnight everyone!!!

<Godiva> thanks so much for being a part of this :)