

# 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 exciting!  
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, pittty  
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

ooops, 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 :)