

Derek Brown

Derek Brown is the Managing Director of Actorshop Ltd, which he founded when working as the Drama Advisor for the London Borough of Newham in 1985. He is also Co-Director for Actorshop Productions which produces 'l8r', a health education series, broadcast by the BBC. The series, which has been running for eight years, has been voted one of the three most creative children's programmes by Broadcast Magazine and has won the Royal Television Society Education Award, the Basel-Karlsruhe Multimedia Award and two BAFTA's plus two further BAFTA nominations.

Actorshop Ltd provides training and consultancy for both business and education in Britain, the United States and Hong Kong and is one of the UK's leading exponents of Forum Theatre. The company have won great acclaim for innovative work within education and two National Training Journal Awards in Partnership with HSBC for the Best Customer Service Training and Best Training Programme Delivered to Over 1,000 Attendees.

Actorshop is committed to developing creative approaches for learning that enable people to realise their full potential. The company create and deliver professional development programmes that are relevant, fun and memorable and believe people to be the most valuable resource of any company and know that qualities such as inspiration, creativity, imagination, commitment, enterprise and ambition raise people above machines to make both schools and businesses exciting, dynamic and successful.

Derek has also created and managed several large events and programmes including seven international festivals of theatre-in-education, three London young playwrights' festivals, a conference for six London boroughs at the 'O2' Stadium focusing on Creativity & Preferred Learning Styles and a national training programme for Creative Partnerships & Arts Council England developing creativity in schools with Learning Mentors . He is an education consultant for schools in Stafford County in Virginia and delivers guest lectures at the Institute of Education, London Metropolitan University, the Central School of Speech & Drama, the National College for Leadership of Schools & Children's Services and recently at Oxford University.

As a theatre director he has toured productions to many London venues including the Theatre Royal Stratford East, the Riverside Studios, the Donmar Warehouse and the Hackney Empire as well as the Assembly Rooms at the Edinburgh Festival and has received an Arts Council bursary as a writer. He is also a member of the Visionary Committee for the Theatre Royal, Stratford East and a board member of Talawa Theatre Company.