

Community Life

"Dead Earnest use a variety of techniques to help people recognise, challenge and change unhelpful behaviour, and to rehearse new ways of thinking and doing."

Change can leave people feeling lost and anxious. And one of the places that the rate and impact of this change can be felt most strongly is in places we live and work.

There are serious challenges created by the rate of change that is affecting our communities. Many are justifiably nervous about changes that might happen to the places we live. Change creates uncertainty, and can lead to fear and anxiety. There is also a danger that as different cultures come together, sometimes for the first time, there can be fear, resentment and conflict.

We believe that there are few things more important than feeling happy, safe and at home in the place where you live. We also believe that diverse individuals can find comfort and pride in finding similarities and exploring differences together. We use our skills and creativity to create mediated spaces where communities can better understand the present, and get ready for the future. Our work with communities has the aim of giving community members the confidence to fear each other less. We use drama to explore the way the world is, and imagine how the world could be, we allow neighbours to understand each other a little better, and we try to make sense of the changing world.

"Without doubt one of the best workshops I have ever attend. I cannot believe that our 90-strong audience were so engaged for over 2 hours without a break. This can only be due to the professionalism of the Dead Earnest team and their brilliant acting. I've had nothing but excellent feedback from people who attended."

Wakefield District Council

Equality and Diversity:

After a recent training session a participant came up to us and said:

"When we heard it was equalities and diversity training we were dreading it... but that was quite good."

We are aware that some elements of statutory training can be met with reactions ranging from boredom to reticence. Equality and Diversity training can sometimes be seen as something worse than a necessary evil. However, by crafting bespoke pieces we are consistently able to create pieces of training soaked in local concerns and brittle with personal relevance for the audience with whom we are working.

We are proud of our track record for delivering highly effective Equality and Diversity training that not only delivers to the requirements of the law and organisational policies, but also allows participants to air their views, take an active approach and enjoy their training.

Examples of our work in this area