



CHRIS HEAD

COMEDY WRITING & SPEAKING COACH

"The sessions with Chris were really inspiring. Chris managed to create a safe setting so people could really engage and participate in the assignments without hesitation. We learned how to break with the usual way of making and doing presentations and received some very good tools to improve the way of presenting. On top of this the sessions were really good for team building."

Django Weisz (Superheroes agency, Amsterdam)



SPEAKING & PRESENTING: A DIRECTOR'S WORKSHOP **With Chris Head**

If you have to speak or present, I can direct you. I direct business people, authors, coaches, stand-up comedians and more. I work with you to craft what you want to say, to structure your piece, shape stories and sharpen humour. And I direct your delivery so it lands with maximum impact. I will work with you on:

Connection
Meaning
Structure
Pacing
Presence
Surprises

And in the session, you will find:

- * Your confidence grows
- * You are allowed to be yourself and speak in your own playful way
- * You have the experience of speaking as something enjoyable to do and to watch.
- * You understand how to structure and deliver a story.

ONE DAY SESSION (Typical time 10am-4pm)

Up to 10-12 participants £995

For the workshop, I need a space where we can all sit round a table and a space where people can stand up and present in front of the rest of the group.

Pre-session questionnaire & Prep

Before the session all the workshop participants complete a form so that I can see where everyone is at with their speaking. I find out what kinds of speaking and presenting everyone does, I receive an honest appraisal of everyone's strengths and weaknesses and I find out the burning issues. Here is what I ask: [Pre-session form](#).

Everyone is also asked to prepare a 10 minute presentation including slides. There are two ways this can go.

1. It's a mini version of the kind of real life presentation you actually do at work.
2. Or you can present on a topic you are passionate about and want to share.

The session

Round table discussion

We begin around the table, where we review the responses. This creates discussion, everyone learns about their colleagues and I am able to give lots of tips and insights, addressing issues raised. This is an illuminating part of the day and sets us up for the practical exercises.

Speaking games and exercises

With fast paced activities that get people relaxing and playing from the outset - including the most resistant - even people who are not natural presenters are soon comfortable getting up and speaking in front of each other in a range of entertaining storytelling games and exercises. As well as drawing out speaking and presenting techniques, at this point I give feedback on pace, delivery, physicality and clarity.

Presentations

Then everyone presents. After each presentation, I analyse what was working and why – in this way key aspects of speaking are reiterated and we have seen examples of the techniques in action. I then give direction to enhance the telling of the presentation. Everyone goes again and we discuss why this second version was more effective (it always is) and what techniques were brought into play. At the end of the session we review everyone's speaking personas, round up the techniques we have learned and reflect on how you will use what you have learned in your work context

[More info about my speaking directing](#)

“Working with Chris was an absolute pleasure. He built a bespoke two day course for our team that was practical and entertaining allowing them to put the tools and advice into practice straight away.” Stephen Corlett, MD, 180 Kingsday agency

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