



the
unique voice
of women
ex-offenders and
ex-prisoners

CLEANBREAK
Theatre Company

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- Are you on bail?
- On probation?
- In prison or recently released?
- In or recently discharged from a secure hospital?
- Do you have personal experience of the Criminal Justice System?

Clean Break offers a FREE theatre education and training programme and creative writing service for women who are 16 or over and say YES to any of the above questions.

What is Clean Break?

Clean Break Theatre Company was founded in 1979 by two women during their sentences at Askham Grange Prison, as a powerful and unique voice for women prisoners and ex-offenders - it is the first and only theatre company of its kind.

Why come to Clean Break?

There are lots of reasons ...

- to build confidence
- to improve self-esteem
- to try something new and different
- to use theatre as a stepping stone to change
- to expand educational and employment opportunities
- to learn to communicate effectively
- to meet new people
- to use your time constructively

What else can you gain from coming to Clean Break?

There are opportunities to:

- gain London Open College Federation qualifications
- gain work experience
- become a student representative

What does Clean Break do?

Clean Break runs courses in theatre and the performing arts, including:

- acting at all levels
- singing
- creative writing and storytelling
- video skills
- dance
- and a one-year Access to Theatre in the Community Course which prepares students for further or higher education or employment

Student support at Clean Break

As well as the courses, all students receive travel expenses, help with childcare costs, a free lunch, and welfare rights and career guidance advice. Clean Break is a safe women-only space with experienced staff and tutors.

Clean Break's professional production

Clean Break's professional production is written by a professional woman playwright on a theme related to women and crime. A new production tours each year to theatres, arts centres and prisons. There are opportunities for students to participate in the professional production through:

- shadowing opportunities with the stage management and creative team
- educational activities linked to the professional production
- watching performances and readings of the play

Equal opportunities at Clean Break

Clean Break operates an equal opportunities policy. This means that it is committed to opposing all forms of discrimination, and promoting equal opportunities in its employment practice, education and training programme and throughout all its other activities. Clean Break actively welcomes all women, with personal experience of the criminal justice system, to join the education and training programme whatever their age, background, sexuality, race or culture. There is currently limited disabled access in Clean Break's building but there will be full access in the new building in Kentish Town.

Clean Break in prisons

Women in prison can send their writing to Clean Break for advice and feedback from a professional playwright. This service is FREE and confidential. Clean Break also runs workshops and gives performances in prisons.

How do I get in touch?

Write to or ring **Lillie Stoute**

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