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Hello Helen,

You were quick off the mark with the survey, I like it! 😊

    One other point that might or might not be relevant to you.  I think I'm right in saying of all the writers who came to the sessions  - the ones I recognised, anyway - that we've all produced our own plays in Hull in the last two or three years, as well as just writing them.

So the sessions were well aimed.  Some of us have little formal background to fall back on - sometimes it's too late to back out by the time you've worked out what's going on, ho ho.

    Seriously, there was a chance for someone like me to pick up big practical ideas from the professionals giving the sessions.  I've had ideas about publicity and marketing for instance, but now I'm confident that they're worth following up, and now I also know where a lot of resources are.

    It means a lot to say all this just now.  I should have been putting on a play with my co-writer and good friend Mike Foston during the last year, but he died quite suddenly about this time last year.  I've had a lot of eye problems in the last year as well, so have got very little done for a while.  But suddenly I feel ready to go again.  You couldn't have known that, but a big thank you anyway.

Equally it would be great if some sort of skills network could be built onto what's been done already, to keep the momentum going in the future.  Please count me in if you got anything in mind.

Have a good summer,

ATB Mark