

# COMEDY TRAINING COURSES

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## **ABSOLUTE AND ALMOST BEGINNERS COMEDY COURSE**

**led by LUKE TOULSON on MONDAY EVENINGS in central London**

“Amazing. Surpassed all my expectations. 100% recommend to others”  
“Atmosphere was supportive, generous and enjoyable. Genuine personalised attention”  
“I’d recommend it to anyone. Brilliant. Invaluable”

Have you ever wanted to try your hand at stand-up comedy? Do you dream of becoming the next Josh Widdicombe, Greg Davies or Rhod Gilbert? Maybe you want to improve your ability to make presentations or a Best Man speech? Perhaps you are looking for a new experience or an exciting challenge?

If so, then the answer is the frequently recommended *Absolute and Almost Beginners Comedy Course* led by award-winning “gifted comic” (*Sunday Times*) Luke Toulson. “Luke is fabulous ... so much energy and enthusiasm” (*today’s comment from his current course*).

This practical, in-depth course explores the fundamentals of creating and performing stand-up in a fun, friendly and supportive atmosphere. You will discover how to generate original material and how to hone your ideas into well-written jokes. You will learn stage craft, including delivery, performance skills and microphone technique. You will find out how to deal with nerves and hecklers. But most of all, you will become the best and funniest performer you possibly can, having discovered how to communicate effectively with your audience in your own unique way.

During the eight evening sessions there will be ongoing opportunities to practice stand-up routines throughout the course. By the end you will have evolved into fledgling comedians, ready to take part in the hugely enjoyable, though optional, graduation showcase, compered by the course leader, to demonstrate your newly acquired skills. Then afterwards, *Absolute and Almost Beginners Comedy Course* graduates will be able to move on to our advanced courses. Incidentally most participants will have no stage experience since school, although a few may, including those who tried doing an ‘open spot’ at a comedy club and then realised they need help.

Luke Toulson is an experienced stand-up comedian; his extensive comedy CV is [here](#). He has appeared on *Russell Howard’s Good News*, and performs at the biggest and best comedy clubs here and abroad, including the world-famous Comedy Store where he is a regular member of The Cutting Edge topical comedy team. Luke has written for comedians appearing on *Mock The Week* and *Live at the Apollo*, and has created and directed two *Best Newcomer Nominated* comedy shows at the Edinburgh Fringe.

Soon after the *Absolute and Almost Beginners Comedy Courses* began, graduates started winning comedy competitions. Many have gone on to perform solo comedy shows at the Edinburgh Fringe, and sign with major comedy managements. Graduates have won awards at every international comedy festival, and performed at top comedy clubs, theatres and arenas worldwide. Some have become presenters, TV show panellists, have their own radio/television series, and do stand-up on primetime television. Notable *Absolute and Almost Beginners Comedy Course* graduates are

[Josh Widdicombe](#) (*Last Leg, Mock The Week, QI, Josh, Taskmaster*)  
[Rhod Gilbert](#) (*Live at the Apollo, HIGNFY, Buzzcocks, StandUp To Shyness*)  
[Greg Davies](#) (*Man Down, Inbetweeners, Cuckoo, Taskmaster*)  
[Holly Walsh](#) (*QI, Mock The Week, Live at the Apollo, News Quiz*)  
[Andi Osho](#) (*Live at the Apollo, Mock The Week, Buzzcocks*)

Minimum age: 18 No preparation is required Maximum group size is 18

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**Course sessions:** 7pm to 10pm on Mondays 22 October to Monday 10 December  
**Location:** Nursery Rehearsal Studio, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Capital Hse, 42 Weston St, SE1 3QD Tube: London Bridge (Shard exit)  
**Graduation showcase:** Evening of Wednesday 12 December (Performing in the showcase is not compulsory, but to be included 75% course attendance is required)  
**Graduation venue:** The Variety Screening Room, Sanctum Soho Hotel, 20 Warwick Street, W1B 5NF

NB: No refunds are given for sessions not attended, and dates/times/location/course leader etc may very occasionally differ from those shown, without liability

### **EARLY ENROLMENT IS RECOMMENDED BECAUSE OUR COURSES ARE USUALLY OVERSUBSCRIBED**

**HOW TO ENROL:** The course **FEE** is £360 Earlybird; the regular fee is £396 when Earlybird places are full.

Enrol online by going to <http://www.wegotickets.com/event/442154> (there is no additional booking fee)

But if you want to pay by cheque or in cash, please email [courses@comedytrainingcourses.com](mailto:courses@comedytrainingcourses.com) for the postal address

**INSTALLMENTS:** You can hold a place with a £196 deposit but your place is not confirmed until the £200 balance is paid at least 10 days before the course starts. Email us for links for paying the fee in instalments.

**To complete your enrolment:** email [Courses@ComedyTrainingCourses.com](mailto:Courses@ComedyTrainingCourses.com) with your mobile number, and the name the payment is made in (and the name you want to be known by if different) when you have just enrolled online

**FINAL DETAILS WILL BE E-MAILED A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE COURSE STARTS**