

Sarah Blumenau

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Employment History

Voice and Communication.....

Senior Associate

Craft of Communication

2013–Present

I deliver executive coaching, workshops and group training to clients, including: Environment Agency, J.P.Morgan, Natural England, Telephonica, L'Oréal, Centrica, Serco Group, Old Mutual Wealth, Kantar Media, Grainger, Impax Asset Management, IG, Westway Development Trust.

More information at <http://craftofcommunication.com/team-biographies/sarah-blumenau/>

Voice and Communications Coach

Freelance

2011–Present

As a communications coach, I work with individuals and groups, introducing the neurological and physiological bases of communication in order to improve personal and vocal impact. As a voice coach I train professional actors and acting students focusing on the development of strong vocal technique. This has included working as the resident voice teacher for the Creative Entrepreneurship Programme at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. I also work with a wide range of international clients building confidence and clarity of spoken English. I have worked extensively with the academic community at the University of Oxford with professors, lecturers and post-graduate students.

Education.....

Head of Voice Department

Mulberry School for Girls

2013–2015

I founded the Voice Department in this inner-city state school in Central London. I worked with staff and students, developing skills, as well as awareness of the importance of voice and communication to personal, social, educational and career growth. The role was highly varied, training staff across all departments and levels, as well as short and long term projects with the students. I also worked on student public speaking engagements and external projects such as MUN, Schoolwrites, the WOW festival, and Poetry by Heart. I regularly coached students and teachers from other schools affiliated with Mulberry.

Voice and Communication in Education Consultant

Selected projects as a freelance consultant

2011–Present

- **Leading Women into Headship Summit** – The summit brought together aspiring headteachers and policymakers to consider ways to address the gender imbalance in headship in schools. The Summit was organised by an alliance of leadership and academic organisations (ASCL, The Future Leaders Trust, UCL IOE and WomenEd). I facilitated sessions focusing on developing authenticity and confidence in communication in order to improve an executive leadership voice.
- **Fetch Me A Pen Project, London Schools Excellence Fund** – This project worked to provide students with a strong set of communication skills with the goal of contributing to the quality of their academic writing, and thereby their long-term academic outcomes. I trained a group of teachers in voice and communication skills in order to enable them to deliver a formal programme to students, as well as helping them to model good vocal practice and communication throughout all of their pedagogical activities.
- **Springboard Project, Oxford Learning Institute, University of Oxford** – This is an award-winning personal and professional development programme, created specifically to enable women to achieve their full potential both at work and in their personal lives. I facilitated workshops within the programme and then ran follow-up 'Finding Your Voice' courses.

Acting.....

Actor

Various

2005

After training in classical theatre, I have worked across the industry in theatre, film and television and extensively as a voice over artist. My full acting CV can be viewed at <http://www.spotlight.com/7893-1202-8659>

Education

Central School of Speech and Drama, University of London

MA, Voice Studies, Distinction

2012–2013

Webber Douglas Academy of Dramatic Art

Diploma in Acting, Distinction

2003–2006

Scholarships and Awards

Jeremy Brett Scholarship

Central School of Speech and Drama

2012 – 2013

Webber Douglas Shakespeare Prize

Webber Douglas Academy of Dramatic Art

2006

Professional Affiliations

- o **Voice Care Network**, *Member of Development Working Party*
- o **British Voice Association**, *Member*
- o **Voice and Speech Trainers Association**, *Member*
- o **Equity**, *Member*

References

References available on request.