



Laurie Taylor

Laurie Taylor is a Visiting Professor in the Department of Politics & Sociology at Birbeck College & was Professor of Sociology at York University (1984-1993). He holds Honorary Degrees from the University of Central England & the University of Nottingham.

His career before university included five years industrial & sales experience with a major rayon producing firm, four years as a librarian for Liverpool City Council, a period as an actor with Joan Littlewood's famous 'Theatre Workshop' & five years teaching experience in a London comprehensive school.

His public lectures are primarily concerned with leadership, motivation, risk-taking, social skills, teamwork, human relations, new technology & all aspects of communications. In the last three years he has addressed over 150 major national & international companies on such topics.

Laurie Taylor is the author & co-author of 14 books on social psychology, motivation, attitudes to change & the nature of identity in the modern world.

For thirteen years Laurie was a leading contributor to Radio 4's weekly conversation programme, **Stop the Week**. From 1986-1993 he wrote & presented the weekly programme devoted to news & reviews of radio, **The Radio Programme** (nominated in 1990 for a Sony award).

He also presented numerous other programmes for Radio 4 including; **Speaking as an Expert** in which he appeared as a management consultant, public relations executive, sports scientist, computer systems analyst & restaurant critic; **Now You're Talking** in which he examined the following types of communications - public speaking, interview techniques, relationship talk & talking on radio & television. In addition he has written & presented over 50 feature programmes for BBC Radio on everything from public speaking to modern romance. He is also a regular contributor to Radio Wales & Radio Scotland.

Laurie Taylor's appearances on television include; **Did You See**, **The South Bank Show**, **The Late Show**, **Everyman**, **The Media Show**, **Don't Quote Me**, **Newsnight**, **Right to Reply** & **Without Walls**. He has made full length television features for BBC1, BBC2 & Channel 4 on the American student revolution, the fear of crime, drinking behaviour & London University.

In the last three years, Laurie Taylor has written for *The Sunday Telegraph*, *Daily Mail*, *Evening Standard*, *Times Literary Supplement*, *Yorkshire Post*, *Sunday Times*, *Sunday Mirror*, *The Guardian* & *The Independent*.

He writes a weekly column on radio for *The Times*, a weekly humorous column for *The Times Higher Education Supplement* (which has been appearing now for 14 years) & he contributes a fortnightly column to the *New Statesman* & *Society*.

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