

*20 years of the Drama Studio. Who'd have thought it? Certainly between the ages of eight and sixteen, Friday afternoons were something I really looked forward to, spending time up in Fairmilehead or in the church at Viewforth. The ability of Julie McDonald to control chaos is without a doubt unrivalled. At the Drama Studio we were allowed to form our own pieces, often with interesting results. From Sweeny Todd to tales of gangs of rogue cowboys. These shows still take pride of place in my parents VHS collection! Through it all Julie was (and I imagine still is) ever encouraging and enthusiastic, helping young people gain confidence and passing on a love of theatre. Here's to 20 more years!*

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