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Dear Jo,

On behalf of the tutors and students of the Ulster Literacy Association, I'd like to state what an honor and a pleasure it was to have your company perform our stories in celebration of International Literacy Month. Your dedication and talent for making art on the spot has amazed me every time I've been in your audience.

I use the expression "on the spot", and yet I'm aware as I watch you do your work that you bring to it lifetimes worth of caring, discipline, and intuition.

I think for me, the most memorable moment of the evening was during the story about the locked office door. It was when Penny mimed the turning of a key and said, "You never know what kind of door you'll open". Even though I was involved in the story when it occurred, I'd never seen it as a metaphor for the work done by students and tutors every week.

It took the unique Playback creativity to bring that out.

Thanks to you, Jo, and Mary, Matt, Sarah, and Penny.
It was a pleasure for me all around, and I'd welcome another opportunity.

Sincerely,

Grian MacGregor
Program Coordinator