

ABTT TRAINING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE, Brief Report, April 2024

Chair: Sebastian Barnes

Vice Chair: Gareth Evans

Our last meeting was on March 3rd conducted online.

Courses;

Recent courses in January include four Bronze courses and two separate single Bronze days. We have run most of these courses at capacity, including several single day, CPD spaces on some dates.

We continue to respond to an increasing demand for our courses. We currently offer seven separate Bronze 5 day courses between April and July across the country, with most fully booked. These courses also offer individual CPD day places.

Our regular Summer School at Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry includes Silver Stage, Sound and Electrics courses, Gold and Pyrotechnics courses.

We have a Bronze course planned at the RCSSD, London in September.

We continue to successfully run our online Mental Health First Aid, Autocad and Vectorworks courses.

ABTT Show; Practical Workshops

Following our success at last year's show, we are offering an increased range of free practical skills workshops at this years show, with 30 half hour sessions across 9 separate topics.

Developments;

We continue to see an exponential increase in demand for our courses, coming from a mix of employers and apprentice training providers. We are addressing this by increasing our tutor numbers and introduce a one day course for all tutors in delivery methods.

Geoff Joyce our long serving Training Co-ordinator, has retired from this role in January 2024. We are extremely grateful to Geoff for his exemplary work over 20 years, developing and arranging our courses since 2004. Since the start we have seen increasing numbers completing our Bronze course each year, successfully to 135 people in 2022.

The Training Coordination role is now adopted by Louise Birchall who is successfully responding to the increasing demand.

Gill Allen's work improving our systems, consistent standards for our courses, has helped prepare for our reaccreditation process with the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. This regular process is now expected in September 2024.

We're discussing developing new courses to include Stagecraft, Automation, Scenic Construction, Video Operations, and reviving a Theatre Essentials course.

Dates for meetings planned for 2024;

9th May

4th July

5th September

7th November

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