**ABTT TRAINING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE, Brief Report, August 2023**

Chair: Sebastian Barnes

Vice Chair: Gareth Evans

Our last meeting was on August 3rd.

**Courses;**

Recent successful courses include;

June; Mental Health First Aid (online)

July; 2 Bronze in London, 1 in Liverpool. These were attended by a mix of apprentices and employed technicians.

July & August; Bronze single CPD days; 5 separate days in a variety of locations across the UK.

August; Summer School of Silver Sound, Electrics & Stage, Gold, Pyrotechnics, Working at Height with PFPE.

July & August; Vectorworks (online)

We have run most of these courses at capacity, including extra spaces for single days.

Future planned and booked courses include:

September;

 Bronze in London

 Pyrotechnics in Portsmouth

 3 separate single days including, Theatre Risk Assessment, PAT, Fall Arrest,

October;

 Mental Health First Aid (online)

January 2024;

Bronze in Manchester

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

We continue to seek additional tutors for our courses, particularly for the Silver level courses. We’re getting requests to arrange these in addition to our regular Summer School in August at alternative venues.

We are exploring updating our current Bronze and developing new content to include Stagecraft skills. We’re discussing developing a short course on video media skills, such as projector mapping, processing and transmitting, increasingly used in theatre and live events.

**Outreach;**

We are working on ways to increase awareness of theatre technical roles, to primary and secondary education. We’re researching current models and resources to identify gaps we might fill.

We have been talking with Elaine Faulkner of Exeter University, about setting up a South West Training Network and Hub.

**Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Accreditation;**

We are preparing for a meeting with the RCS panel by confirming our actions set at the last meeting in 2018. This is a regular exercise, required every 3 to 4 years to retain the accreditation of our courses.

**Meetings planned for 2023;**

Thursday 14th September

Thursday 2nd November

**Chair, Sebastian Barnes, 1/9/23**