

# **ABTT TRAINING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE, Brief Report, July 2024**

***Chair: Sebastian Barnes***  
***Vice Chair: Gareth Evans***

Our last meeting was on May 9<sup>th</sup> was conducted online.

## **Courses;**

We are currently averaging two Bronze courses per month. We have successfully delivered four Bronze courses since May 2024.

Our regular Summer School, end of July at Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry includes Silver Stage, Sound and Electrics courses, Gold and Pyrotechnics courses. We have a Bronze course planned in Birmingham and one in Portsmouth in July.

We have 4 Bronze courses planned in August and September in London and Runcorn, including several CPD days in Birmingham. We have provisional Bronze course bookings in January and February.

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

## **ABTT Show; Practical Workshops**

We were very pleased to deliver an increased range of free practical skills workshops at this years show, with 30 half hour sessions across 9 separate topics, to over 200 people. The feedback has been very positive.

## **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.

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 to begin in September 2024.

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

I am very pleased to be a part of our new Training Steering Group, created to ensure an overview of our training and manage some developments of our course delivery.

## **Dates for meetings planned for 2024;**

4<sup>th</sup> July  
5<sup>th</sup> September  
7<sup>th</sup> November

**Chair, Sebastian Barnes, 1/7/24**