

ABTT TRAINING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE, Brief Report, February 2025

Chair: Sebastian Barnes
Vice Chair: Gareth Evans

Our last meeting was on November 7th, 2024 and was conducted online.

Courses;

We are very pleased that our courses are still in demand, helping to bolster practical skills and knowledge in technical theatre.

So far this year we have successfully delivered up to 11 single days of Bronze CPD, five separate Bronze 5 day courses, and one BS7909 3 day course.

Up to August 2025 we have several courses planned, including 7 Bronze courses, 4 Silver courses (part of our regular Summer School), 2 Pyrotechnic Awareness, and several single day CDP courses.

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

Developments;

We have some new courses in development and pilot phases, including Silver Video Technician, Silver Automation, Silver Stage Carpenter, Copper Award, and Theatre Essentials. Our Training Steering Group is guiding these developments, including rolling out a bespoke Train the Trainer course for our tutors to aid consistent and compliant deliver methods and styles.

I am pleased that our Training Steering Group is planning a 'root and branch' review of our courses, marketing, and delivery standards which will help ensure a consistent and proactive approach our current and future training initiatives.

At our 2025 Show similar to last year, we are planning to offer a range of free skills workshops.

Dates for meetings planned for 2025;

March 6th
May 22nd
September 4th
November 6th

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