

ABTT TRAINING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE, Brief Report, September 2024

Chair: Sebastian Barnes
Vice Chair: Gareth Evans

Our last meeting on September 5th and 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.

Developments;

We continue to see an exponential increase in demand for our courses, coming from a mix of employers and apprentice training providers. We plan to address 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 of our courses, with the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. We are on track for our part to conclude in November 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.

We are encouraged by new interest in the ABTT network and training from a group in Stockton-on-Tees, and reactivation of Northnet committee.

Dates for meetings planned for 2024;

5th September

7th November

Chair, Sebastian Barnes, 27/8/24