



INTRODUCTION TO VIDEO

Course Structure

Course length: 6 days over 3 weeks (Mondays & Tuesdays)

Time: 10.00am to 4.00pm

This course is for people with no or very little knowledge of video production. It's aimed at people who may want to go further in digital video production.

Session 1

- Camera controls, loading the tape, white balance, record, standby.
- Look at shot composition, Zoom and Focus. All trainees practice in class, viewing on the monitor.
- Trainees will be given homework - to look at programmes and critically look at shot composition.

Session 2

- Recap on yesterday's activities.
- Camera controls, all trainees assemble equipment and practice camera controls and shot composition in class.
- Use microphones.
- Practise roles within a production team.
- Work on an idea for a shoot.
- Understand and draw a storyboard, with the group.
- Non-contact study - all trainees to write a treatment for the idea in their own words.

Session 3

- 1st day's shoot, group to work in rotation of roles - Director, Sound, Camera, performers/interviewers etc. and shoot idea from story board.

Session 4

- 2nd day's shoot, all the crew playing different roles as above.
- Shoot credits and title.
- View rushes.

Session 5

- Log rushes.
- Make a rough edit decision list.
- Learn to operate the edit suite and practice assemble editing and insert editing.

Session 6

- Edit the whole programme.
- From an audio-disc, transfer music to video.
- Perform an Audio dub.
- Finalise the edit.
- Finish the programme to the best possible quality.
- Viewing and evaluation.
- Trainees bring their own VHS tapes to make copies.
- Fill in the monitoring forms.

The course will enable trainees to:

- Demonstrate the basic technical skills for using video equipment,
- Learn to express their ideas visually.
- Understand how a production is put together from the concept to the final product.
- Look at television programmes and identify the use of camera angles and sound.
- Recognise the potential uses of video.
- Acquire social skills and interpersonal skills and the confidence to go on to other courses.
- Contribute in working collectively as a part of a team.

For those who successfully complete the course our Placements Co-ordinator will provide career advice and support.