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Context

The Multiplatform Foundation Course was created by the BBC Academy for BBC Vision. It was introduced to provide structured multiplatform training for production staff in Researcher, Assistant Producer and Script Editor roles.

The programme was created following a scientific research project called Cross Wise, a partnership between the BBC, Goldsmiths and the Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC). Cross Wise examined the skills, abilities and interventions that were required to deliver multiplatform output.

This guide and associated documents are those used internally in the BBC. They are now offered as resources and materials for training professionals to tailor and deliver the Multiplatform Foundation Course within their broadcasters, companies or networks. The BBC takes no responsibility for any materials or workshops delivered by anyone not directly employed by the Corporation.
The Course:

The BBC Multiplatform Foundation Course is broken into 4 days of training. The aim is to develop staff over 4 months, delivering 1 training day at the beginning of each month, then reinforcing the training with tasks, goals and output within the production.

The breakdown of the four days is:

1: Introduction Day
   Introduction
   Media Consumption Exercise
   Case Study: Working as a Multiplatform AP
   State of Play - What we do now: Programme Support, YouTube, Blogs, Social Media
   Exercise: what could you do with your programme drawing from these examples?
   Editorial Policy
   Planning a Multiplatform Production Exercise

2: Production Tools
   Programme Support
   Writing great billings and for search engines
   Programme Tools
   Exercise: Relate back to programme area
   LUNCH
   Great Clips for the Web
   Creating Web Video

3: Stories across multiple Platforms & Creative Lab pt.1
   What is a multiplatform story?
   Key Principles
   New Tools
   New Applications e.g. Social Media, Gaming, Smartmaps
   Developing your own idea, audience focus, user journey
   LUNCH
   Launch Brief for Creative Lab
   Idea Generation
   Themes to Ideas
   1st Stage Development
   Q Meet up

MEET UP
4: Creative Lab pt.2

Idea Analysis
Idea Development
Meet the Audience
Refine idea with audience insights
LUNCH
Development, Design, Production
Build the pitch using stories
Pitch

Goal-setting
Prior to attending any of the training, the delegates should meet with their Executive Producer or Head of Production and discuss goals that they want them to achieve through the programme. Each delegate should be set 3 goals based on the output they are working on. A goal setting form, which will help to flesh out the goals, is attached in the Appendix.

The goals should reflect the types of exercises and output that the delegates have learnt about on the course, e.g. creating a programme presence for their programme.

Mentoring
If possible all the delegates should be offered the opportunity to have a mentor to assist them in achieving their output goals. This should be an expert in Multiplatform output who can work with the trainee to develop and deliver their ideas and goals.
Nominate delegate to attend the Multiplatform foundation course

Executive Producer/Head of Production sets Multiplatform Goals

Multiplatform Foundation Course Day 1

Work on Goals

Multiplatform Foundation Course Day 2

Multiplatform Foundation Course Day 3

Multiplatform Foundation Course Day 4
DAY ONE:
Introduction to Multiplatform Working

Summary:
One day course introducing participants to multiplatform working with an in depth exercise in project development. This also serves as an introduction to the rest of the course over the next four months.

Audience: BBC Vision Assistant Producers, Researchers and Script Editors.
Number of Delegates (Max.): 17 people

Preparation before day:
- Source/Produce suitable stimulus films from broadcaster/wider industry about impact of Multiplatform on the future of production
- Booking and briefing a guest speaker to give a case study: “Working as a Multiplatform AP”
- Planning exercise – writing a suitable scenario for the delegates attending the programme

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<td>To welcome people to the course with an introductory film by a Controller or Director of a department or Media Organisation. To understand audience consumption across all media.</td>
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| Action    | **Introductions:**
|           | Who are you? What do you work on? What do you want to get out of the day?
|           | **CAPTURE AIMS ON FLIPCHART**
|           | FILM: Stimulus Film
|           | Introduction: 5 minutes
|           | “Why multiplatform? The crucial role of APs. We will face the challenges together.”
|           | **EXERCISE: What media do you consume?**
|           | (Use Time of Day word document)
|           | 1) Fill out the time of day worksheet with the media you consumed yesterday – from first thing in the morning – until bedtime. Include everything – radio alarm clock, catching the travel report on the TV, listening to your iPod on the tube etc…
|           | 2) Share your media diary with a partner. Talk about what surprises you.
|           | 3) Share your thoughts and insights with the whole room
|           | What are your conclusions? How does television figure?
|           | **Paradigm Shift: most people probably didn’t watch television last night**

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<td>– What other services do they use?</td>
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**EXERCISE: How could you use these ideas immediately you get back to base?**

What do you **HAVE** to provide?

What **could** you provide?

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**Session 4**

**13.05 Multiplatform: what are the challenges? – Editorial Policy**

**Purpose**
To explain the basic Editorial Policy challenges of working without a watershed, serving all audiences, and reflecting the tone/output of the content.

**Action**
Short presentation to illustrate the Editorial Policy of the organisation or wider industry.

This should include:
- Online Votes
- SMS Texting
- Finding Contributors
- Links to External Sites
- Content on 3rd Party Web Sites
- Social networking Sites use by staff
- Using material from 3rd Party sites
- UGC
- Competitions & Awards
- Compliance Procedures and Forms

It’s not that different from TV….. BUT – links change, services need to be regularly maintained.

**Questions**

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**Session 5**

**13.35 Creating a Multiplatform Idea**

**Purpose**
To understand the development processes for a Multiplatform Production.

**Action**

**EXERCISE**
Name a TOPIC for the brainstorm. This could be an upcoming event or anniversary like D-Day or a broader theme like “Sleep”

**Step 1 - Brainstorm:**
Divide the group into pairs.

In pairs discuss what the TOPIC means to you.
Write down everything – thoughts, insights, stories. It’ll all be useful. First one person talks, while the other takes notes, then swap over.
Instruct the delegates when to swap over.

**Step 2 - Gathering themes:**
Bring the whole group together
Capture Insights on a Flipchart
Discuss some of the thoughts and insights that came up when you were talking about the THEME

What trends can you see emerging?

GROUP THEMES are put on the wall.

Step 3 - Developing the concept:
Group Facilitated Brainstorm

Use the themes to come up with ideas for a live event.

The television element of this event will be broadcast at 8pm BBC ONE in nine months time.

What’s the central concept? Title of the programme?

And then what would you like to see on your television event?

Around the edge what are the elements of the programmes?

Step 4 – The TV Element:
Group Work.

Using the Platform Cards for TV ask the group to put the steps for a Television Production into the chronological order that they happen in. This should broadly represent every stage of the TV production for this programme.

Have the got it right?
Anything we want to change?

This provides the group with a stable production timeline for the production.

Step 5 – Developing the Platform Ideas:
“So we have a brand new TV show with a new creative treatment and TV production timetable.

What would happen if we expanded this concept into a multiplatform world?”

Divide the delegates up into 3 different groups:
WEB
MOBILE
INTERACTIVE TELEVISION (Red Button)

Using a large brainstorming sheet or flipchart list the strengths of your platform. - What does it do really well?

Then list how these strengths could be used to reach the BBC ONE midweek audience.

Each group feedback one insight about your platform to the group.
Each group then creates an idea for the THEME for your platform.

“You could steal part of the TV execution if you can guarantee that your platform will add value to the concept. For example if there is a quiz element to the TV show maybe this can be owned by the iTV team. Or if there is a survey part to the show, maybe this can be owned by the WEB team.”

Create a new idea which fits snugly within the central concept which will not be an add on – and will add value to the whole project.

Use the sheet of paper to grow the groups’ idea – Use pictures or a storyboard for the idea – anything you like as long as you can pitch it back to the group clearly.

Step 6 – Pitching the Idea

Each group takes their turn to present their part of the idea to the whole group.

Trainer comments and brings pitches together:
What are the clashes or the idea builds?
Do we have to shift some ideas between the groups?
Do all add value to the central event?

Take the feedback from the group and tighten up your idea.

Write a paragraph pitch. Place the pitch at the beginning of the Brown Paper Schedule.

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**Resources**

- Brown Paper Schedule
- One vertical sheet of paper for each platform
- Pens, paper, blue tack, post it notes
- Platform Production Cards

**Break**

1445: Coffee Break 15 minutes

**Session 6**

1500 Production Planning

**Purpose**

To understand the challenges of building a production scheduling and working across a range of different production techniques, technologies and processes.

**Action**

**EXERCISE – Planning the Multiplatform Production.**

The group have now created an idea. It’s time to look at how to deliver it.

Step 1 – The Timeline:

This exercise is best done standing up around the wall mounted timeline.

With the groups still together hand out the individual platform production cards.

Each group needs to put the production steps in the correct order (Web, Mobile & iTV).

Ensure that they understand each stage of the schedule – Talk through what they mean if the group are unclear.
These cards should form the individual schedules for the different platforms.

In groups place your schedules on the Brown Paper timeline and talk through your line with the whole group.

Step 2 – Interdependencies:
   Explain INTERDEPENDENCIES

Each group is given Laminated Production Clash Cards (red crosses)

The platform groups need to look at the whole production and place the cards where they think there might be a clash in the production schedules of the WHOLE concept.

As a big group discuss why they have put the clashes where they have.

As a group rearrange the schedule to create a red cross free board…

Step 3 – Discussion:
   Facilitated short discussion about the exercise.
   “What surprises you or what do you learn about interdependencies…???”

Step 4 – Debrief
   Reinforcement of the exercise
   Question to Group: What have we learnt from this?

Highlight there are two types of interdependencies:
   Creative interdependencies
   Production interdependencies

For Multiplatform Productions you need to have a project manager mindset… how would this change the way you think about a multiplatform project in the future???

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    Pens, paper, blue tack, post it notes
    Platform Production Cards
    Laminated Production Clash Cards |

**Session 7**

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| Action | Debrief the group
      Highlight short learning points from the day:
      What have you learnt today? What will you take away?
      Highlight what Day 2 will offer them |
Actions going forward:
3 days Training - make sure they are aware of timings
Mentors – Discuss the option of having a mentor/ What they offer
Goals – Each delegate should have been set multiplatform goals by their Executive Producer as part of the programme. They need to either email across their goals, or bring them to Day 2.

Thank yous and WRAP.

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DAY TWO:
Multiplatform Production Day

Summary:
This one day practical course introduces participants to the most basic tools and techniques for creating multiplatform content. Delegates will examine how to write effectively for web, mobile and red button services. The more practical software elements of the day will depend on which broadcaster/company that the course is being delivered to. Larger broadcasters may have proprietary systems they use to deliver web services. This part of the Multiplatform Foundation Course should be tailored to the delegates and the companies that they represent.

The aim of this day is to enable the delegates to effectively create and maintain Programme Support Pages / Basic Web content.

Audience: BBC Vision Assistant Producers, Researchers and Script Editors.
Number of Delegates (Max.): 17 people

Preparation before day:
• Check which systems and software will be used by the delegates attending the course
• Source a training venue with PCs and Breakout spaces
• Research successful and poor examples of good programme support pages
• Source a speaker/case study of a successful web video service

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| Purpose   | Welcome the delegates back to the Multiplatform Foundation Course.  
            | Highlight the timetable for the day  
            | Recap on Goals  
            | Talk about the Structure of Programme Support. |
| Action    | **Introduction to Day 2.**  
            | Welcome the group to the session  
            | Provide general Health and Safety briefing of the venue  
            | Ask group how their goals are progressing. Choose a couple of delegates to tell the group about the goals they have been set, and how they are progressing.  
            | Introduce the agenda for the day:  
            | What is Programme Support?  
            | Writing great web copy, billings and for search engines  
            | Programme Tools  
            | Great Clips for the Web  
            | Creating Web Video  
            | Introduction to Programme Support –  
            | Present the different types of programme support that exist across the industry.  
            | Highlight the similarity and core components. We will focus on these, and their production for the rest of the day.  
            | Show good examples of Programme Support – that is clearly specific to the |
episode of the programme, and offers the audience something to enhance their experience.

Good BBC Examples:
James May on the Moon
Countryfile
Desperate Romantics

Lead	Trainer 1
Duration	30.00
Resources	Flipchart for Notes

**Session 2**

1030 Writing great web copy, billings and for search engines

**Purpose**
To deliver high quality writing training for online copy.
To understand how search engines use keywords and text online
To think about how users read and search for information on a screen.

**Action**

**EXERCISE: What do you read online?**
Get the group to shout out all the different types of services that they read online, e.g.:
BBC News
Blogs
Facebook and Twitter Status Updates
Messageboards etc.

What is common about all of them – Writing.

Ask group to think about how long they might spend reading any of these sources – Does it differ between the different types of online content (answer should be yes).

Explain all the different places that your programme descriptions and copy can go:
Online to /programmes websites (BBC, Channel 4)
Radio Times
Sky/Freeview/Virgin EPG
Mobile Phone Listings
Aggregator websites
iPhone Apps (TV Guide etc) – Show pictures of these.

So why is it important to get it right then!

**EXERCISE: Divide the group into pairs.**

Give out 3 print-outs of programme support pages. Ask the delegates to look at them and score them out of ten. What is right or wrong with each one? – What needs to be done to improve it?

Feedback all responses.

Present – Active and Passive writing styles – What works best online and why?

What language skills to we need, and when do we use Verbs & Nouns online.
What sounds and tone should we be using?

**EXERCISE: Short Form Writing**
Each member of the group has to write a short, punchy job description of what they do on their production. It needs to fit in the Twitter character limit of 160 characters. Keep this exercise light-hearted.

Ask the group to read out their descriptions to each other – what works well about them.

Presentation – So why is good writing important for search?
This should include:
SEO – What it means and how it works
How do Search Engines see a webpage, and what improves the rankings?
How does the audience read online – (F-shape eyetracking etc...) Descriptions and Billings – What’s it for?
Presentation on how and why billings work

**EXERCISE: Clip Descriptions**
One of the important things about video online is making it findable. We do this in a number of ways. Good descriptions (billings) will make it easier to find your content in your searches.

Play a well known programme clip to the group (2 mins max.). Individually ask them to write a paragraph description of the clip. They can do this in notepad on the computers in the room.

Once this is complete, ask them to switch places with a partner. The partner will now sub-edit their work. They have to copy the writing into Word and spell check it (with an English-UK not American) spellchecker. They then have to try and improve the paragraph so it is punchy, but complies with Editorial Standards and the tone of the programme.

They then pass it back to their partner to see a before and after of the work. All web copy should have a second read from another colleague – depending on the project and organisation; this may need to be the Producer or Executive Producer.

Feedback some of the descriptions to the whole group.

**Round Up – What to remember about web writing:**
List all the important factors for web content.

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<td>To introduce delegates to the web production tools/template used by their company.</td>
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To understand how to upload text and images to their programme support sites. This session is tailored to the organisation(s) running the course and their requirements.

Action

Publishing Content online
- Demonstrate the publishing chain and ingredients that make up a modern website. Draw this out on a flipchart.
Ask the delegates for other ways that a website might be updated?
- Facebook updates
- Twitter updates
- Photos automatically pulled in from Flickr or other services
- Results/Scores or News feeds via RSS

There are lots of different ways to get content online.

This is the way that XXX (the company or organisation) get their content online.

Deliver a workshop on their software or tools.

If you need to do image editing and you don’t have Photoshop look at other options via Web Applications:
Picnic
Picasa
Photoshop.com etc

Editorial – It is very important that this session covers the Editorial Guidelines of the organisation running the course. If you need some guidance please see the BBC Online guidelines available here:
http://bbc.co.uk/guidelines

If time allows:
**EXERCISE: How will you use this on your output?**
Working in pairs, each delegate has 5 minutes to think about the kind of content they will produce for their programme. The delegates then take turns to explain to their partner what they will do.
 Trainer asks for feedback from all delegates about the types of additional content they are thinking about.

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Presentation and Live Internet Connection
PCs with Web Apps or Dreamweaver/HTML editor/Photoshop on. |
| Break      | Coffee Break – 15 minutes |
| Session 4  | 1450 – Great Clips for the Web |
| Purpose    | To explain the type or video and duration that is successful online
To discuss editorial guidelines, taste and decency and compliance of short form video. |
| Action     | Multiplatform Video Producer: |
|            | Briefed to talk about:
- The role of video online |
• What are the tools you use to create video online (within the organisation or industry)?
• What clips perform well online – own project and YouTube examples
• Global vs. Local – Rights, territories and audiences
• What are the ingredients of brilliant web video?

This should all be tied to a specific programme/service that they can show examples and talk through.

40 minute presentation – leave 10 minutes for questions

Questions and Answers

Lead Trainer 2
Duration 50.00
Resources Flipchart for Notes
Presentation and Live Internet Connection

Break Coffee Break – 15 minutes

Session 5 1555 – Encoding Video for the Web
Purpose To demonstrate and gain experience of the workflow and practical challenges of transcoding video for websites and other platforms.

Action Presentation : Traditional Production Workflows
Brief the delegates on the traditional tape and tapeless production workflows that they will be familiar with:
Plan
Shoot – Crews – Cameras – Tape or Storage Media
Log
Ingest
Edit
Output tape
Deliver to Playout

Then present internet workflow similarities and differences:
Encoding
Codecs
FTP
Servers
Distribution

Why do we need to ensure our video is encoded to the best standards?

EXERCISE: Analysing Web Video
Working in pairs or groups of three the delegates are given 6 web video links to view. – Some Good, some very poor.
They need to analyse:
• What aspect ratio is the footage? (there are no broadcast standards online)
• What codec does it use (right click on the clip to find out)
• What is the quality like?

Facilitate a discussion for feedback on the clips and the answers that the groups have got.
Analyse what goes wrong with the clips that the delegates have said are poor – Do you think that they were the elements that effected this:
Change
Data-rate
Codec
Lighting
De-interlacing
Resolution

Explain the impact of encoding an image – how does a computer treat individual pixels, what does this mean for the types of video and codec’s we can use?

How does this effect the types of shots we can gather (with modern codec’s – does it?)

**PRESENTATION:**
Encoding software – what it does and what’s available
--- Tailor this session to the different encoding systems used by the delegates/their organisations.
  - Commercial Products
  - Open Source products

Using the appropriate encoding software run a demo of how to encode a file and how to create preset settings – use the appropriate settings for the organisation you are working with:

BBC Settings:
**Format** Flash video (flv)
**Dimensions** 512 x 288 px (384 x 288 px for 4:3 content).
640x360 may also be used.
**Bitrate** 512 kbps
**Codec** On2 VP6
**Video bitrate** 384 kbps
**Audio bitrate** 128 kbps stereo (44.1k sample rate)
*Update with the most recent settings from bbc.co.uk/emp*

**EXERCISE:**
Take a number of different clips (with movement, interviews, crash zooms, pans etc) and process them through the settings – what do the results show us – what does the codec compensate for.

**PRESENTATION:** Trainer demonstrates how to FTP a clip to a web server.

**PRESENTATION:** The Golden Rules of Shooting for the Web
- Avoid Change
- Plan and rehearse talent and camera moves where possible
- Use Manual Focus and White Balance where possible
- Shoot on high quality equipment – mobile phones aren’t always suitable
- Don’t forget great sound!

Lead Trainer 2
## Session 7  1710 Conclusion and Debrief

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| Action  | Debrief the group  
Highlight short learning points from the day:  
What have you learnt today? What will you take away?  
Highlight what Day 3 will offer them  
Actions going forward:  
Mentors – Discuss what they are going to ask their mentors to assist with  
Goals – Ask delegates. They need to either email across their goals, or bring them to Day 2.  
Thank yous and WRAP. |

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DAY THREE:
Stories on Multiple Platforms Day

Summary:
This one day workshop introduces participants to the themes of telling stories on interactive platforms, and using Social Media. Delegates will examine the tools and palette of outputs that they can use to tell stories. The day serves as stimulus towards the lab day, and the second part of the day focuses on ideas development. This part of the Multiplatform Foundation Course should be tailored to the delegates and the output that they work on.

The aim of this day is to enable the delegates to develop ideas and narratives that work effectively across a range of outlets

Audience: BBC Vision Assistant Producers, Researchers and Script Editors.
Number of Delegates (Max.): 17 people

Preparation before day:
- Source a training venue with PCs and Breakout spaces
- Source a speaker/case study of a successful interactive service
- Source a speaker/case study of a successful social media service
- Produce a commissioning brief/research a broadcasters commissioning brief. Create a video to illustrate the brief.

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<td>Ask group how their goals are progressing. Choose a couple of delegates to tell the group about the goals they have been set, and how they are progressing – some should have examples that you can show the whole group.</td>
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<td>Introduce the agenda for the day: We are aiming to focus on the future of Storytelling - Explain what this means to – - Producers - Broadcasters - Audiences</td>
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<td>What are the critical elements of storytelling that we need to hold central to any future projects and experiences that we offer.</td>
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**EXERCISE: Three Little Pigs**
The delegates are each given a copy of the story. They have to work out What is
The story actually about?
What is the back story?
What else is going on?

The exercise should discuss the multiple interpretations of a story.

For a story to be meaningful the treatment has to use one. The multiplatform activity around it must be pertinent to that universal theme.

IE in 3LP is it about cruelty, abandonment, search for self etc? Any multiplatform output should be associated to that theme. So if location isn't important - don't use a map!

You are creating a story world, more ideas flow, energy comes from the creation of story worlds.

| Lead Trainer | 1 |
| Duration | 40.00 |
| Resources | Flipchart for Notes |

**Session 2 10.10 Where are we now?**

**Purpose**

To discuss and examine the methods of telling stories on new platforms
To examine the strengths of platforms
To frame how we tell stories

**Action**

**PRESENTATION:**

The grammar of multiplatform is still developing and experimental. We need to look at examples of what is currently produced, evaluate what ties in to audience needs and build on these services.

Content makers and storytellers are extending the story world by using new platforms. Christy Dena ([http://www.christydena.com/](http://www.christydena.com/)) describe the kinds of output as:

- Repurposing – showing the same content on different platforms (iplayer)
- Versioning - Editing content specifically for alternative distribution (YouTube)
- Augmenting - Extending a story through adding further layers of experience (24, Skins, Dr Who)
- Adapting - New/alternative versions of a story on different platforms (Long Way Down)
- Stretching - Distributing plot across different platforms (Lost)

**BRAINSTORM:**

Working in small groups, put flipcharts on the wall, each with one of the topics on – Repurposing, Versioning etc….

Start each group at a different flipchart.

Step 1: Ask the group to write down the advantages of these different output to the user/viewer (on the flipchart)

Step 2: Ask the groups to move clockwise around the room to the next flipchart.
Step 3: Ask the groups to move clockwise around the room again to the next flipchart. Ask them to write down the advantages of the output to the broadcaster/indie

Trainer then summarises all the output.

**EXERCISE:**
Break the group into two teams.

Each group needs to discuss and come up with answers to:

‘How can stories be improved by being told across different platforms?’

Each team elects someone to write down the responses on a flipchart. Run the discussion for 10 minutes.

Get each of the groups to feedback their discussion.

**PRESENTATION:** Great Stories on Multiplatform

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| Break       | Coffee Break – 15 minutes |

| Session 3   | 11.25 Case Study – Storytelling Example |
| Purpose     | To highlight the practical implications of delivering stories across a range of platforms |
| Action      | Interactive Service Producer: |
|             | Briefed to talk about: |
|             | • Devising an interactive story |
|             | • What are the narrative and marketing tools you use to tell stories on different platforms |
|             | • What works well |
|             | • What goes wrong |

This should all be tied to a specific programme/service that they can show examples and talk through.

30 minute presentation – leave 10 minutes for questions

Questions and Answers

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| Session 4   | 12.05 Challenge and Risks for output |
| Purpose     | - To identify potential challenges for production teams in delivering new story services. |
|             | - To identify potential challenges ad |

| Action      | **EXERCISE:** |
Understanding the risks for output and productions.

Divide the delegates into 2 groups. Give each group a question to examine:

**Group 1**
- What are the Production challenges in telling stories across multiple platforms

**Group 2**
- What are the challenges we present the audience when stories across multiple platforms.

Each group discusses the question for 10 minutes, recording all the challenges and risks for the question on a flipchart.

The Groups then swap and spend 20 minutes developing techniques to mitigate against those challenges and risks.

The Trainer brings all the groups together for feedback – explain their challenges and how they mitigated them.

Before the delegates leave for lunch, ask them to think about Social Networking and the types of social networks they use:

- LinkedIn
- Facebook
- Twitter etc

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### Session 5 13.50 Social Media

**Purpose**
To introduce the use of Social Media tools in programme output
To identify the right tools for the right audience

**Action**

**PRESENTATION:**
Social Media

What is Social Media? – Definitions from online services: Wikipedia, etc.,
Services that allow our audiences to connect with each other on their own terms – often facilitated by 3rd Parties – Facebook and MySpace being very big – but there are lots of others….
List Social Media services (YouTube, Flickr, Plaxo, LinkedIn etc)

How do you engage and work with your audience?

Examples of BBC and Commercial Social Media Services:
E.g. Strictly Social (Strictly Come Dancing)
The Apprentice Predictor
Battlefront Channel 4

**EXERCISE:**
Step 1
Divide the group into pairs
- Select a task – e.g. to develop a social media service for XXX in XXX programme output

Each group needs to:
Define the brand, identify the audience demographic

Set the objective - what exactly is it that you want the audience to do (to be continued after presentation)

**PRESENTATION: Guest Speaker**
Social Media Producer

Briefed to talk about a particular project they have worked on, and how they think about the audience participation.

This session should focus on:
- Choosing a partner network
- The Production Process
- Managing the Community

Questions

**EXERCISE:**
Step 2
Choose up to two social media tools with which to fulfill the plan.
- Research why they are appropriate (using PCs to discover demographics and number of users)
- Explore other examples

- Come back ready to sell your idea with an elevator pitch.

**PITCH:**
All groups pitch their ideas to the Trainers and Social Media Producer.

They are given critical, constructive feedback on their ideas. The panel gives answers to outstanding issues/challenges.

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| Action         | **PRESENTATION:**
Creative Brief – Divide the delegates into groups of 3-4 people.
Explain the role of the Lab:
The delegates will be working in teams for the rest of the day to develop a multiplatform idea which will be taken forward to the Lab Day. During the Lab they will work with a mentor and designer to develop the idea and visualise the service. This will be pitched to a judging panel.

The groups will be expected to work on the idea between the end of this session.
and the Lab Day – either by meeting up or using collaborative tools like Facebook, GoogleDocs etc.

**PRESENTATION:**
The Brief: Play the briefing video and hand out the written brief. This should ideally be sourced from the broadcaster/indie or create from information on the bbc.co.uk/commissioning web site.

**EXERCISE:**
Examining the brief. – Group work for 20 minutes

The groups split into different areas with PCs with the Video brief and internet access. They have to explore the brief in more detail and thing about what the commissioner(s) are really looking for,

**PRESENTATION:**
Ideas Development
The group need to develop as many ideas as possible around the brief.

They need to go for quantity, not quality at this stage!

**EXERCISE:**
The Groups split up again and have to develop the seeds of ideas over 30 minutes. Each idea should be recorded on a separate post-it note and put on the wall. Ideally each group should have 20-30 ideas by the end of the exercise.

The group then have to pair down the ideas to the ones they think are good, They should look for what’s new, what’s important, what do they like?

They should choose 1 idea. They need to describe this in one sentence.

**ACTION PLANNING:**
Each group needs to decide how they will be working together, and how they will communicate.

They must commit to sending through a simple one-pager to the Training Team before the Lab day.

**PRESENTATION:**
Each group takes their turn pitch back their 1 sentence, and how they will communicate.

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<td>Debrief the group Highlight short learning points from the day: What have you learnt today? What will you take away!</td>
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Highlight what Day4 will offer them
- They will need to arrive at 0845 and will not finish until 1900.

Actions going forward:
Mentors – Discuss what they are going to ask their mentors to assist with
Meeting Up/Communicating before the Lab – how will they make sure they do it?
Goals – Keep going at them!

Thank yous and WRAP.
**DAY Four:**  
**Multiplatform Lab Day**

**Summary:**  
This one day intensive workshop allows participants to develop their ideas and pitches for multiplatform output. Delegates will work with multiplatform mentors and professional graphic designers to create refined, audience-centred pitches and prototypes. They will test their ideas on real users, and redevelop their pitches based on audience insights. The day serves as an opportunity to put into practise the ideas and techniques they have discussed and developed over the course of the programme. This part of the Multiplatform Foundation Course should be tailored to the delegates and the output that they work on.

**Audience:** BBC Vision Assistant Producers, Researchers and Script Editors.  
**Number of Delegates (Max.):** 17 people

**Preparation before day:**  
- Source a training venue with 3 breakout spaces and a main presentation area  
- Source a group of audience members that match the demographic of the brief  
- Source 3 multiplatform mentors to work with the groups  
- Source 3 multiplatform designers to work with the groups  
- Provide at least 2 laptops per team with internet connections. 1 should be loaded with design tools.  
- Source a commissioning panel to pitch to.

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<td>Teams to break into groups with facilitators to choose idea and prepare a simple two minute pitch.</td>
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<td>Teams come back together.</td>
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SWOT Analysis

A member of each team pitches the initial idea to the whole group.

The team then receives comments from the rest of the group framed as one of four areas: strengths, weaknesses, opportunities or threats.

The team write down this feedback to take back to their groups. They are not allowed to answer the feedback.

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Session 3 09:45 Development Time

Purpose To develop idea into clear pitch to user-test with the audience

Action The group breaks into teams for the rest of the day.

Each team has a separate break-out area and equipment.

NB The designers start to work in parallel with the team producing initial logos, colours, designs and concepts to be fed into the process. – These are in response to the discussions and development the team are going through.

EXERCISE:

Step 1:
Synthesize the feedback from the SWOT analysis. – What does this mean for the idea?

Step 2:
Frame these thoughts into an NUBC pitch:

**Audience Need**: Who are they, and why do they want it? Why will they engage with your concept?

**User Experience**: What are they going to do? How and where? How do you pick the audience up? Why will they come back? How do you make it sticky? What will make someone recommend your idea? What story is there to tell?

**Benefits**: what one thing does your idea do – and how does it do it well?

**Competition**: Who else is doing things? What can you learn from them? How can you be distinctive?

Sept 3:
For the LAST 15 mins of this session the groups prepare to explain their concept clearly to the audience focus groups.

PRESENTATION:
The mentors coach how to get the best out of their audience members – for instance asking the “obvious” questions, and asking “open” questions.

Rules:
One Pitcher per group.
Other team members write down all of the material they gather.

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### Session 3 | 12.00 Meet the Audience

**Purpose**
To gather insights from the audience to help build your idea

**Action**

**EXERCISE:**
Members of the audience will be brought into the groups, and the teams need to present their ideas to them, and then understand what the audience thing, need and actually do.

The audience focus session should be divided into:
5 minutes pitching and 10 minutes question and answers.

Audience couples rotate after 15 minutes.

Pointers for meeting with audience:
- **Describe your idea in less than 5 mins**
- **Describe who it is aimed at and why?**

To find out how your idea could be relevant to their lives?
- **Which of your ideas are any good?**
- **What else they might bring to the ideas?**

**EXERCISE:**
After meeting the audience the teams spends 15 minutes capturing their initial thoughts and insights from the three meetings.

- **What was difficult to explain?**
- **What surprised you?**
- **What captured their imagination?**

**Group Work:**
From the information you gained -
So what's working and what isn't?
So what do you need to edit out of your idea or add to it?

These thoughts are written up as a simple action plan for the afternoon session.

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### 13.15 – 14.00 | WORKING LUNCH

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| Action    | **EXERCISE:**
|           | Teams work with designers to produce a *five minute pitch* for the panel – to include five PowerPoint slides which reflect the tone, feel and audience journey for the idea. During the afternoon the facilitators can feed in a number of Facilitation Tools to keep the idea moving along. |
|           | **Facilitation Tools**
|           | A) Explain the five stories to be thought about when pitching the idea to the panel:
|           | 1. *Brand*
|           | 2. *Audience touch points*
|           | 3. *Technology*
|           | 4. *User Experience*
|           | 5. *The Business e.g. The BBC*
|           | B) 90, 9, 1 percentages of audience
|           | How will you move the audience from the 90% (viewers or skimmers) to 10% (users/engagers? to the 1% (experts)?
|           | C) 1st Use, 2nd Use, Nth Use
|           | What is the thing that will compel people to come back? What makes it sticky? How do you keep it fresh for the audience/user over time? |

| Lead       | In Groups |
| Duration   | 2 hours and 15 mins |
| Session 5  | 16.15 Refine and Practice Pitch |

| Purpose   | To refine the story into a five minute illustrated pitch and to practice it with facilitator |
| Action    | Each team refines their pitch into a perfect five minutes.
|           | They practice pitching with the PowerPoint projected. Their facilitator gives them feedback on their presentation.
|           | This feedback needs to be integrated into the pitch. |

| Lead       | In Groups |
| Duration   | 45 mins |
| Session 6  | 17.00 Final Pitch to Commissioners |

| Purpose   | To pitch final concept |
| Action    | Mentors brief the commissioning panel on the work that has been completed by the group. They need to give feedback that is real! |
Introduction to Pitches:
Mentor thanks the commissioning panel for coming – explains the process that the teams have been through, and what they will be presenting.

The routine for the presentations should be:

Group 1 Pitch
Questions about the project from panel (without feedback)
Group 2 Pitch
Questions about the project from panel (without feedback)
Group 3 Pitch
Questions about the project from panel (without feedback)
Tea Break
Feedback for all 3 ideas from panel
Questions to panel.

5 min pitches to commissioners plus 5 minutes questions per team.

The teams leave the presentation room while the Commissioners deliberate.

PRESENTATION:
Conclusion of training

The lead mentor revisits all the training that the group have been on over the past 4 months, what they have achieved and what they should think about for the future.

Thanks the Designers and Mentors for their hard work
Thanks the panel for their comments
Thanks the delegates for their hard work

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## MULTIPLATFORM GOAL SETTING

After you have created a list of priorities and goals, use this worksheet to discuss and test the goals. (You may need a separate work sheet for each AP etc.)

Name:

### Multiplatform Opportunities – What do you want to help the audience do?

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Introduction to Being a Mentor for Multiplatform Working course participants

Summary: One day course introducing volunteers to mentoring those on the multiplatform working course.

Audience: Volunteer mentors from across the BBC. Max 20

Resources: Flip chart and pens; projector and PC/laptop for PowerPoint slides if required

Preparation before day:
- Scenarios for practice session

Deliverers to attend
- Trainer
- Multiplatform Course Trainer/Mentoring Scheme owner

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| Action    | **Introductions working in pairs - introduce partner**  
Who are you? Where do you work? What is your experience of being a mentor or mentee, formally or informally? What do you want to get out of the course?  
N.B. If group is large - could get three pairs to introduce to each other rather than the whole group |
| Lead      | Trainer |
| Duration  | 15 |

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<td>To introduce the Multiplatform Course to the mentors. To explain the reason for using mentoring. To enable mentors to ask the scheme owner specifics e.g. how often to meet? How is the matching done of mentor to mentee? etc</td>
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reasons behind mentoring
Explain the logistics and practicalities of mentoring
Q&A

Lead Multiplatform Course Trainer/Mentoring Scheme owner
Duration 20

**Session 3**

10.35 Definition of Mentoring

**Purpose**
To agree and confirm the definition of mentoring

**Action**
Offer definition and short discussion

**Lead**
Trainer

**Duration**
5

**Session 4**

10.40 What Makes a Great Mentor Great?

**Purpose**
To compile a list of mentor competencies, skills, attitudes and behaviours

**Action**
Trainer to capture on flip chart and ensure that basics are covered

**Lead**
Trainer

**Duration**
15

**Session 5**

10.55 Active Listening

**Purpose**
To refresh group about the importance of listening

**Action**
Trainer led short discussion

How do you know someone is actively listening?
What are you listening for?

**Lead**
Trainer

**Duration**
10

**Session 6**

11.05 Contracting with your Mentee

**Purpose**
To ensure mentors cover the ground rules with the mentee

**Action**
Trainer to explain: Confidentiality and the reasons for breaking it; boundaries/content; managing expectations; commitment;

**Lead**
Trainer

Multiplatform Course Trainer/Mentoring Scheme owner to explain scenarios if necessary

**Duration**
10

Break

**Session 7**

11.30 Managing the Partnership and Exercise

**Purpose**
To give mentors some tools and tips for managing the partnership and meetings to ensure they are useful to the mentee
To ensure mentors know they do not have to have all the answers and that they need to encourage the mentees to think and find solutions rather than rely on the mentor for everything

**Action**
Trainer to explain GROW; SWOT; Learning Preferences; SMART goals
Participants to practice in pairs GROW or SWOT- using scenarios if necessary

**Lead**
Trainer
### Session 8  1200 Barriers and Solutions

**Purpose:** To find solutions to possible concerns and barriers to the mentoring partnership being successful

**Action:**
- Trainer to ask for all barriers/concerns
- Group to find three solutions to each barrier/concern
- Trainer or Multiplatform Course Trainer/Mentoring Scheme to type list and circulate to group after the session

**Lead:** Trainer  
**Duration:** 15 minutes

### Session 9  1215 Benefits of Mentoring

**Purpose:** To ensure mentors understand the wider benefits of mentoring

**Action:**
- Group 1 - benefits to mentee
- Group 2 - benefits to mentor
- Group 3 - benefits to company/organisation/industry
  
Each group feeds back to whole group

**Lead:** Trainer  
**Duration:** 20 minutes

### Session 10  1235 First Steps

**Purpose:** To help mentors feel confident what do to when first meeting mentee

**Action:**
- Individually to write down some main points they would cover; what they would say about themselves; ask the mentee etc
- Then work briefly in pairs or trios to discuss or practice

**Lead:** Trainer  
**Duration:** 10 minutes

### Session 11  1245 Lifelines and further learning

**Purpose:** To cover where to go for help and offer if appropriate further online modules, books or courses etc

**Action:**
- Trainer and Multiplatform Course Trainer/Mentoring Scheme owner

**Lead:** Trainer and Multiplatform Course Trainer/Mentoring Scheme owner  
**Duration:** 10 minutes

### Session 12  1255 Final questions

**Purpose:** To answer any final questions

**Action:**
- Trainer and Multiplatform Course Trainer/Mentoring Scheme owner

**Lead:** Trainer and Multiplatform Course Trainer/Mentoring Scheme owner  
**Duration:** 5 minutes
N.B. If mentors and mentees have been matched it can be beneficial for the mentees to meet the mentors informally for lunch, then for the mentees to attend a mentee course in the afternoon. Run along exactly the same lines as for mentors apart from:

Session 4: What makes a great mentor great? What do you need to do to be the best mentor you can be?

Session 7: Managing the partnership. SWOT; SMART goals/objectives; Assertive, Passive, Aggressive. Exercise to write objectives

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