



# Women Behind the Camera

We are excited to present a new website 'WOMEN BEHIND THE CAMERA' which aims to promote women working in the camera, lighting and grip departments in the UK Film & TV industry. This began when the Association of Camera Operators asked Lucy Bristow ACO to look at the reasons for there being so few female camera operators. She thought that it would be a useful tool to create a database – which could be used for getting / sharing work, spreading the word about events, for research purposes, etc.

'WOMEN BEHIND THE CAMERA' has been created by three women who are camera operators - still an area where women are very under represented. Lucy Bristow, Ilana Garrard and Agnieszka Szeliga are hoping that by making this female talent more visible, it will encourage and inspire more 1st and 2nd A/Cs to choose camera operating as a career.

WBTC will highlight the vast number of women working at every level of the camera department in the UK Film & TV Industry. At one time a very male domain, camera departments can now be truly diverse in terms of gender – some studios are now demanding this equality in crews 'We are hoping that as a database, this website will help Directors of Photography, Producers & Directors to put together camera crews that are genuinely 50 / 50 male/female.....not just the token woman as trainee or central loader!' - says Lucy Bristow. The WBTC are proudly announcing that in June the ACO are organising a

geared head/crane workshop for 11 women (camera operators and 1st ACs in transition to operating). This is one of several planned workshops aimed at helping women to gain more experience as camera operators.

Please visit:

<https://womenbehindthecamera.co.uk>

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