

ScreenSafe/SWAG Press Release

The Screen Industry Professional Respect Training Project

Program Workshop Dates 2020

February 2020

ScreenSafe/SWAG are proud to announce the launch of *The Screen Industry Professional Respect Training Project* – an initiative designed and implemented by ScreenSafe and SWAG, with financial support from NZ Film Commission, NZ on Air and Te Māngai Pāho.

The Professional Respect Training Project was developed to support the new health & safety guidelines around harassment, and in response to feedback from successful pilot training workshops. The course will address sexual harassment and bullying prevention, definitions, disclosures, and respectful behaviours in the workplace. While it is designed primarily for Producers, Directors, and Heads of Departments, it is open to anyone from the screen industry.

Twenty of these courses will roll out in 2020, with the first in March in Auckland. ScreenSafe and SWAG encourage everyone in a position of responsibility to upskill accordingly. Please note the first five training workshops across the country are 100 percent subsidised by NZ Film Commission, NZ on Air and Te Māngai Pāho to ensure there are no barriers to practitioners participating in this valuable and important training.

Upcoming dates are below and will also be on the ScreenSafe and SWAG websites. All participants will receive a ScreenSafe Professional Respect Training certification.

Workshop dates 2020:

Saturday 7 March Auckland
Friday 20 March Wellington
Friday 1 May Auckland
Friday 8 May Queenstown
Friday 22 May Christchurch

Time: 9am – 5pm

Venue: Details will be emailed to you on confirmation of your placement.

To secure your seat, please email the details below to workshops@screenguild.co.nz

Date and town of workshop:

Name:

Company (if relevant):

Preferred role title:

Email:

Mobile number:

Dietary requirements:

Guild:

Note: numbers for each workshop are limited to 40, so book your space now.

In addition to the Professional Respect Training, the following online module, database and resources will be available in the next couple of months:

- 1) ScreenSafe/SWAG will be rolling out an **online** Respect Module from 1 April 2020 that will address issues of sexual harassment, harassment, and bullying. We encourage *all practitioners* in the screen industry to undertake a short online course.
- 2) For easy reference, a database of who has completed the online Respect Module and the Professional Respect Training will be available on ScreenSafe's website. This is to be implemented by June 2020.
- 3) The following resources are now available on the ScreenSafe/SWAG websites: a sexual harassment prevention policy, report form, how to receive disclosures, support networks, crew briefings, and posters.

All NZ screen industry guilds, funders and organisations endorse the work that ScreenSafe and SWAG have done. They actively encourage <u>all HODs</u> to embrace and promote the courses available and make use of the resources as we move forward together to make the screen industry a safer and better place to work for all.

For further information on sexual harassment prevention: www.swag.org.nz If you have any further questions, contact Kelly Lucas - ScreenSafe / Screen Industry Guild on workshops@screenguild.co.nz

HE AHA TE MEA NUI O TE AO? HE TANGATA, HE TANGATA.

What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people.

There is no hierarchy to respect.