BBC Impartiality Training

Impartiality training for BBC staff is mandatory and tailored depending on role. The training for content makers consists of trainer led interactive and discursive webinars lasting approximately 90 minutes. The webinars, available in Welsh when needed, are:

Production

UK Production Staff in genres other than Factual Journalism Senior Editorial

Presenters and On Air Staff

For this group of individuals the webinars reflect the genre in which they present. The genres are

News Sport Music Childrens Entertainment Religion & Ethics Consumer & Travel Science & Environment History, Media & Arts

Why impartiality matters for creating trust in the audience Obligations under the Royal Charter Reporting impartially is about presenting facts and evidence Impartiality is not a static concept but is dependent on context Due impartiality and false equivalence The concept of unconscious bias and how it could influence your work

Four key areas of good practice: Discussions built around examples covering:

1. <u>Due Impartiality</u>

What does due impartiality mean and how can it be achieved?

2. <u>Social Media</u>

A discussion around the key points from the social media guidance

3. Campaigns

The difference between reflecting a democratic value and supporting a call to change the law or lobby on a public policy issue

4. <u>Storytelling</u>

How story choice and storytelling impact on the perceptions of impartiality.