

Ivybridge Community College

Career of the Week



Spring Term

Job Title: Live Events Technician

Salary: £18,000 - £37,000 (experienced)

Working Hours: 23-25 hours per week, you could work evenings/weekends. You may work abroad/away from home for long periods of time. You may work on a freelance basis. You need to be able to cope with working at height.

How Can I Get There?/Routes of Entry:

- Sixth Form and Local Colleges
- Apprenticeship
- Volunteering

Local Providers:

- Ivybridge Community College and other Sixth Forms
- Access Creative College
- City College, Plymouth

Skills Required:

- You may need to register for a National Rigging Certificate, a requirement for anyone working in rigging at heights in the events industry
- It would be useful to have a driving licence and LGV (Large Goods Vehicle)/PCV (Passenger Carrying Vehicle) licence, which would allow you to drive tour buses and lorries.
- Knowledge of electronics, lighting, sound production and music technology
- Physical skills like lifting, bending and carrying
- To be flexible and able to adapt quickly in new situations
- The ability to think clearly using logic and reasoning
- The ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- Excellent verbal communication skills, and great team work skills
- To be able to use a computer

Employers:

- SWG Events, Bristol
- PL1 Events Ltd
- Plymouth Pavilions

Progression:

Most Events Technicians work on a freelance basis. As you become more experienced, you may progress to working on high profile international tours or events. You could move into band management or music promotion, or become a tour manager. You could use your technical skills in other areas such as theatre, film & TV, or conferences.