



## MENU

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## New media training brochure and website

The UCE Birmingham Digital Media Skills brochure and a new Digital Media Training website launched to complement this new publication are now available.

The brochure includes short single day to five-day courses covering Avid, Adobe Creative Suite, Apple Final Cut Studio Pro, Protocols and more creative tools. Please contact NTI for your copies of the brochure or see the new website at <http://www.digitalmediatraining.co.uk/>



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The results were amazing – images could be captured, then quickly and efficiently downloaded, processed, stored and catalogued within minutes, saving precious time and effort.

The project moved on apace, taking the photographer from the Amazon to Scandinavia and sink estates in East London. The results weren't all about the players – some of the most interesting and humorous images were of groundsmen, fans and even a deckchair salesman on Copacabana beach!

The common theme was that it was all about the game, how the most remote places in the world can be linked by football and that



time seems to stand still when a game is played. Biss, who worked with two others to complete onelove, says Aperture helped him to complete the project

effortlessly: "In my travels I found that the ability to capture and check shots on location was invaluable, saving time, effort and money. This allows photographers

to concentrate on their subject and quality of shot. It's a useful piece of software."

You can download Levon's presentation as a podcast available from 4th May at [www.ntibirmingham.co.uk/apple](http://www.ntibirmingham.co.uk/apple)

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## APPLE CERTIFIED COURSES – May & June

14th -16th May (MacOSX101) Mac OSX Support Essentials

21st - 23rd May (FCP101) Introduction to Final Cut Pro (inc. exam)

4th - 7th June (MacOSX200) Mac OSX Server Essentials

11th - 13th June (FCP300) Advanced Editing Techniques in Final Cut Pro  
(inc. exam)

18th - 20th June (MOTION200) – A Comprehensive Study of Motion (inc. exam)

20th - 22nd June (DVDSP101) – An Introduction to DVD Studio Pro (inc. exam)

25th - 27th June (FCP350) - Advanced Colouring and Finishing Techniques in  
Final Cut Pro (inc. exam)

To book a place or for more information on these or any courses at  
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Inside The New Technology Institute in Birmingham



## The wonder of football captured by Aperture

**A 176,000-mile journey through the magic and universal love of football led acclaimed international photographer Levon Biss to the NTI in Birmingham.**

Over two years and several continents, from a clearing in the Amazon jungle to ice caps in Northern Sweden and the sunshine of Copacabana beach, he built a stunning library of photographs of football for a project called 'onelove'.

Described as one of the most exciting talents of recent history, Londoner Biss was commissioned in 2005 by Umbro to capture the global reach of football and its ability to unite people across

geographical, cultural and social boundaries.

The project studied more than 26 countries and six continents, exploring ordinary people in extraordinary situations and capturing images evoking the love of the game.

Biss's journey ultimately led him to the NTI, in the midst of a 6 Days of Apple series in March. He came as a VIP guest to explain and review his use of Apple's new Aperture software, used extensively for onelove. Other sessions were led by Apple, Adobe, BBC Midlands, BBC Bristol, Sky One and Sega. Having started the project in South America, Biss began using standard film-based photography

to capture diverse examples of football through local games, impromptu kickabouts, to formal league division derbys.

Much of his free time was spent in hotel rooms, cataloguing, editing and processing hundreds of images per week, to avoid risking degrading film by putting it through airport x-ray security machines.

At the time, digital photography was not readily available, so when the first Canon DS MK2 digital camera became available, Biss grabbed one, and having heard about Apple's new photo workflow software, bought an Apple Mac and a copy of Aperture for the remainder of his travels.

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## FREE TRAINING COURSES

Experts say Open Source software is changing the face of IT - now small and medium sized businesses wanting to gain an edge can take advantage of five more courses in May.

The Open Advantage seminars, to be run in Birmingham city centre at the headquarters of either NTI or Open Advantage in Broad Street, are designed to help delegates benefit swiftly from these 'best of breed' IT solutions.

The one-day sessions are funded by Advantage West Midlands.

### COURSES

**1st May** FastTrack: Hooking up to Voice Over IP

**3rd May** Seminar: Making Money because of Open Source

**10th May** FastTrack: PHP & MySQL Training

**31st May** Seminar: Debunking Web 2.0

**31st May - 1st June**  
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# NTI wins IITT award

The NTI in Birmingham has achieved yet another milestone - becoming one of the first venues in the UK to gain Institute of IT Training accreditation for its facilities.

With more and more IT training companies having to close training centres to remain competitive, demand has increased for one-off venues offering high standard IT and management training facilities.

The Institute of IT Training (IITT) set up a rigorous accreditation process to certify venues for their membership, made up of professional IT training companies who have been asking them to find suitable new training centres.

The IITT report on the NTI in Birmingham said: "The NTI is to be congratulated on its excellent website, which is bright and cheerful in appearance, easy to navigate and contains a video tour of the facilities on offer, room layouts, available equipment, maximum delegate numbers, prices and an online booking facility. By clicking on 'Request room availability', the enquirer is taken to an easy-to-use, online facilities request form.

"Oliver, NTI programme manager, stated that his staff are helpful and this was borne out by the friendly reception experienced by the Accreditation Consultant."

IITT also made a 'mystery shopper' enquiry on which they commented: "Overall, it was an excellent customer service-oriented response and the NTI is to be congratulated for the effectiveness of the process."



*Aerial view of the stunning NTI foyer.*

## Distinguished Educator advises Apple hungry delegates

**Our very own Apple Distinguished Educator (ADE) took on an exciting new role in January.**



NTI's Neil Emery was invited to support Apple as an ADE on their stand at this year's BETT show.

BETT is the world's leading education ICT event, showcasing the best educational technology products, resources and best practice, attracting some 30,000 visitors to Olympia in London each January.

Neil spent the first day demonstrating Apple's music creation package Garageband. Part of the iLife suite of software, Garageband comes ready loaded with any new Mac computer. It is being used increasingly in an education environment to create podcasts and in music composition.

Apple Business Development Manager at the NTI in Birmingham, and one of just eight ADEs at the BETT show, Neil said: "One thing I love about Garageband is how simple it is to get people of all ages making music. Many individuals don't see themselves as musically able if they don't play an instrument, but all you need to create in Garageband is your ears!"

Neil also assisted exhibition visitors by showing them the features of Final Cut Pro.

# JISC and NTI develop Apple courses for education support staff

In yet another new development at the NTI in Birmingham, a new series of education specific Apple training courses are about to begin.

The courses aren't only tailored to the professional requirements of further and higher education staff, but also to a timescale that will fit around their work schedules.

This series of training sessions has been set up following a request from JISC - the Joint Information Systems Committee - whose mission is to provide world class leadership in the innovative use of Information and Communications Technology to support education and research.

To satisfy the ever increasing interest in the Apple product range and the technical issues associated with integrating Apple-based products into existing learning, teaching and IT infrastructures, NTI in Birmingham in association with the JISC Regional Support Centre West Midlands will be facilitating six courses during 2007. With budgets in mind, prices have been set at an affordable £90.00 for a full day's training and £60.00 for a half day, including VAT.

NTI's Oliver Williams is extremely pleased with the development, creating even closer ties with education in the region.



*NTI IT Technician Aamar Usman prepares for the new courses*

"JISC were introduced to us by the Birmingham Learning and Skills Council. JISC were getting more and more requests from their members, who are mainly college and university support staff, for Apple technical IT training, but the

standard Apple technical course is at least three consecutive days," he said. "This is too much time away from the IT support frontline and the content of the Apple courses was not specifically aimed at education or IT support staff. So we wrote and piloted a series of bespoke courses which start later this month."

## Installation and Configuration Full Day - £90 30th April

Delegates are taken through the installation options of OS X 10.4.8 (Tiger), configure the default account and examine each of the system preferences. Delegates will be equipped with a number of useful troubleshooting techniques.

## Standard Profiling (Cloning) Half Day - £60 10th May

A walk through the whys and hows of creating an ASR Disk Image and the methods of deploying it, both one-to-one and one-to-many.

## Security Half Day - £60 11th May

Examines the different levels of user access, managing non-admin accounts whilst minimising the risk of damage from malware or hackers. Delegates will be given the opportunity to re-examine system preferences relating to system security.

Later in the year there will be more courses:

- Integrating with Active Directory
- Basic Networking & Accessing SUPA JANET
- Sharing resources with Windows

## Birmingham success mirrored in Yorkshire

The success of NTI in Birmingham's Apple training courses is to be mirrored in the north of England thanks to a new joint venture with NTI West Yorkshire.



*Birmingham's Neil Emery and Linda Broughton from NTI West Yorkshire*

Apple certified courses will be launched in Leeds at the end of April, starting with an Introduction to Final Cut Pro, Apple's highly successful editing application. Courses in DVD Studio Pro and Motion will also be available in May, June and July. All sessions will be run initially by regular NTI in Birmingham trainers Chris Roberts and Richard Atherton.

*"one of the most successful Apple accredited training centres in the UK"*

To raise awareness in their region, Leeds NTI is offering free two-hour Final Cut Pro training, delivered by Apple's UK expert Byron Wijayawardena, in a format based on NTI in Birmingham's hugely popular 5 days of Apple.

NTI in Birmingham opened for Apple certified training in 2006 and is already one of the most successful Apple accredited training centres in the UK.

Commenting on the joint venture, Birmingham's Apple Business Development Manager Neil Emery said: "It is hugely rewarding for us to see NTI in Birmingham's blueprint for successful training adopted elsewhere."

*"sharing best practice"*

Linda Broughton, Director of NTI West Yorkshire, added: "NTI West Yorkshire and NTI in Birmingham are the first NTIs to collaborate directly on course delivery. Sharing best practice and building upon each other's success is part of the vision for the NTI network, the Apple training partnership is a great example of that happening."

A further joint venture is being planned with NTI in Kingston-upon-Thames.