

**Title:**

Ms

**Forename:**

Sharon

**Surname:**

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**Representing:**

Organisation

**Organisation (if applicable):**

FT2 (Film & Television Freelance Training)

**3i) Do you agree with Ofcom's assessment that television continues to have an essential role in delivering the purposes of public service broadcasting?:**

Yes. As a not for profit training organisation and a charity specialising in training new entrants for the freelance sector of the film and television industry, we are very much aware of the role of public servicing broadcasting in supporting new talent and new voices. The continued help and advice we have received over our 23 years history from FT2 Board representatives from Channel 4, BBC and ITV and the financial support we receive from the industry via the Skillset investment funds and sometimes direct from broadcasters has enabled young people from diverse backgrounds to start careers in junior technical, production and craft areas of television. It is vital for the future relevance and prosperity of the sector that men and women in non-traditional areas, people with disabilities and people from black and minority ethnic backgrounds continue to be supported so that those behind the camera, as well as in front of camera, better represent the makeup of society as a whole.