

This Ability Journal

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Welcome Watson, Esli, and Sean to the Media Group. These three young men bring a lot of talent and skills to our group. Both Watson and Sean have had experience behind the camera as they picked up things right away. Esli is the newest member of the group and his natural directing abilities behind and in front of the camera will definitely make him an asset to the group.

During the last few media workshops Lorna has been teaching us about some filming techniques, such as getting the right colour while filming. In order to do this you need to use a technique called white balancing. This means that in certain light conditions the camera does not know what white looks like and causes the colours to be a little off. The reason the colour is a little off is because the camera tries to choose what colour white is based on the existing light conditions. So what we had to do is tell the camera what white looked like in these light conditions which in turn made all the other colours more realistic. To do this you have to hold a white sheet of paper up to the camera so it completely filled the camera lens area. The camera will then focus on the white piece of paper in order to learn what white is.

All our practice filming was extremely useful when it came time to record the BACI talent night and the All Candidates meeting. These two events were the latest filming for the crew and even though they were filmed in the same room each event was at a different time of day. Michelle and Shannon helped film the Talent Show. Although the talent night posed quite a few challenges keeping up to the fast paced performers, the All Candidates meeting had some fast paced talkers! All in all, both events added to the experience and learnings of the media crew.

Remember, we are always looking for more opportunities to film in the community. Let us know what you have going on and we will try to be there. Call Chris at 604-299-7851. We also welcome you to join us at the media workshops. They are held on Monday afternoons at Still Creek, 2702 Norland Avenue in Burnaby, from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm. Come have some fun, eat, act, and learn about filming.



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