



**Robert Cann is the Education Officer at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre.**

### **Biography**

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He develops and delivers Theatre in Education shows and workshops to schools and colleges. Theatre in Education is all about effectively communicating a serious message in an easy, simple and enjoyable way. Our team have carried out extensive research, facilitated by Network Rail, in order to create an award-winning performance called *Off the Level*. The script uses real life experiences, compiled from interviews with train drivers, the British Transport Police and Community Police, as well as exploring varying perspectives such as those of parents and teachers. The collaboration between Network Rail and the Yvonne Arnaud sees the launch of a new initiative which seeks to deliver these messages in a much more interactive way. The performances are intended to generate discussion and have been developed along with a supporting workshop, as well as education packs that teachers can use in the classroom, so that the issues raised can be explored after the event. Skilfully built, this carefully formulated project addresses vital issues and hopes to save lives.

**Co-presentation with Sandy Bell-Ashe/NR: “*New approach to level crossing safety awareness in the UK.*”**

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**Sandy Bell-Ashe and Robert will be sharing the new approach Network Rail is taking to level crossing safety awareness. Moving away from mass communication to a targeted approach to the most ‘at risk’ user groups, utilising the experience and skills of over 100 level crossing managers.**