

## ENCOUNTERS

Encounters is a new monthly cinema programme presenting curated selections of UK and international short films from the Encounters Film Festival archive. Themed and released quarterly in groups of three, each month's programme is accompanied by an introduction from creatives, filmmakers or artists linked to the selection.

July's line-up is a showcase of emerging female filmmakers, each telling stories of young women on screen. It features an introduction from actor and producer Maisie Williams and the Frank Film Club podcast team.

Encounters not only presents amazing stories from talented creators, but is also intended to be a catalyst for reigniting networking opportunities in cinemas for filmmakers, audiences and emerging talent as restrictions lift, cinemas reopen, and audience confidence returns.

The quarterly release structure of Encounters allows exhibitors to programme these events farther in advance and the circa hour-long runtime gives more flexibility to support the addition of networking events, introductions or Q&As.

Encounters programmes are available on accessible terms of £20MG / 25% to encourage accessible event admission fees.

### **Programme 1: SHE / HER (15 TBC)**

#### **Available from Friday 23rd July 2021**

Featuring a filmed introduction by Maisie Williams and the Frank Film Club podcast team.

Programme runtime 49mins.

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/561012869>

### **AMOR**

Isabel Lamberti | Netherlands 2017 | 22 mins 36 secs

Painful but recognizable moments in an arbitrary day in the lives of a group of vulnerable teenage girls in the outskirts of a big city in the Netherlands.

### **CRUSH**

Rosie Westhoff | UK 2016 | 8 mins

One day while waiting for the train to school, Ella sees Jamie. For the days to follow she can't get her out of her head.

### **GIRL**

Lowri Roberts | UK 2018 | 5 mins 27 secs

A young migrant gets her period whilst on the move.

## FARAWAYS

Audrey Lam | Australia 2012 | 9 mins 35 secs

An empty urban landscape echoes the isolation of two girls far from home.

## SMEAR

Kate Herron | UK 2017 | 4 mins 9 secs

Chloe thinks she's just going in for a routine test. Things do not go as planned. A lube-tastic horror-comedy inspired by Gremlins, Tremors and Little Shop of Horrors, about a woman going in for her first pap-smear test starring in the lead, Sophia Di Martino of the BAFTA-nominated *Flowers* and Nick Mohammed (*Intelligence*, *Ted Lasso*, *Stath Lets Flats*).

<https://www.encounters.film/theatrical-encounters>

49 minutes.

Cert 15 TBC.

Presented with closed captioning.

Terms £20 MG / 25%

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## COMING SOON:

### **Programme 2: ENCOUNTERS FILM FESTIVAL 2021 SELECTION**

**Available from Wednesday 1st September 2021**

Introduction TBC

A selection of new shorts fresh from the 2021 festival in September.

### **Programme 3: CONNECTIONS**

**Available from October 2021**

Introduced by Jennifer Reeder, two time Encounters Grand Prix winner.

A programme about the human connections we need and crave.