

New Voices

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What is New Voices?



Filmmakers can often feel left out, or find it hard to access development and funding for their films.



The **New Voices** scheme supports you in **developing an idea**, and will help prepare you to apply for BFI NETWORK Short Film Funding.



BFI NETWORK Short Film Funding is run by BFI NETWORK, who give filmmakers money towards making a short film.



Find out more about BFI NETWORK Short Film Funding on [our website \(click here\)](#)

We can tell you more about BFI NETWORK Short Film Funding if you take part in the New Voices scheme.

In order to take part you must...



- ✓ Live in the South West of England



- ✓ Be over 18 years old



- ✓ Not be a student or in full-time education



- ✓ Have an idea for a short film



- ✓ Have made at least one short film in the past

You can take part if you identify as one or more of the following...



- ✓ Asian, Black, mixed heritage, Gypsy, Irish Traveller or other ethnically diverse background



- ✓ Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer, Pansexual, Intersex or Asexual



- ✓ Non-binary or transgender



- ✓ D/deaf or Hard of Hearing



- ✓ Disabled and/or neuro-diverse



- ✓ Working-class or from a lower socio-economic background

How do I get involved?



Send us your idea for a **5-minute short film** using this application form:

[Online Application Form \(click here\)](#)



Longer answers can be provided as **text** or a **video** or **audio recording**.



We will also ask for details such as your full name, email and any access needs.



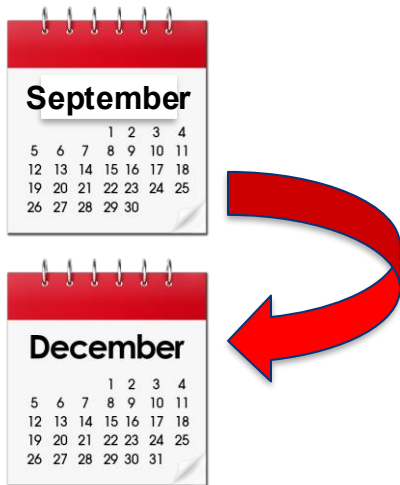
The **deadline** for sending us your idea is **Fri 22 Aug 17:00**.



If you need the form in any other way, please email us:
bfinetwork@watershed.co.uk

What happens if my idea is chosen?

If your short film idea is chosen, you will be asked to chat with us, and then you might be offered a place on the scheme.



New Voices will run from **September to December 2025**.

You will get the dates in advance so that you can plan around your job or other time commitments.



On the project you will get:

- ✓ Online training, and face-to-face time with actors to develop your writing and directing skills.
- ✓ Mentoring and scriptwriting advice from someone with lots of experience in writing films.
- ✓ Help to turn your idea for a 5-minute short film into a script.



Questions & Getting Help

You can ask us questions by...



Joining us for an **online Q&A** on **Thursday 31st July** from **12:00 to 13:15**.

[Sign up for the event \(click here\)](#)



Emailing us

bfinetwork@watershed.co.uk