

## For Immediate Release

**NEW BFI Film Academy Short Course to be delivered by and held at Access Creative College Norwich.**

**Autumn Half term opportunity for young filmmakers**

## **APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW.**

**The BFI Film Academy** offers opportunities for ambitious 16-25 year olds, anywhere in the UK, to get to know more about film and how to forge a career in the screen industries.

**In Norfolk, a new BFI Film Academy Short Course**, is to be delivered by Access Creative College at their campus on Magdalen Street in Central Norwich. It is an introductory, hands-on filmmaking course designed to build knowledge and skills and show the different pathways into the industry. For talented and committed young people aged 16-19 years, short courses have an excellent track record of inspiring the next generation of filmmakers and crew.

Especially designed for young people with some demonstrable film making interest and/or experience, it provides a fast-paced, fun and practical filmmaking experience.

The course consists of a combination of workshops, practical skills development, watching film and meeting industry professionals. Finally, after an action-packed week, the cast and crew, friends and family are invited to enjoy a premiere of the film we will make together. Participants also have the opportunity to gain an NCFE Level 2 Award in Preparing to Enter the Film Industry.

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Participants can expect to;

- Watch and learn to appreciate a broad range of films.
- Gain insight into the exciting world of film making both behind and in front of the camera.
- Get hands on experience of what goes into making a film on a practical film-based project.
- Work alongside and get the opportunity to meet film industry professionals.
- Meet other young film fans from across the county.
- Become part of the BFI Film Academy alumni and access other exclusive opportunities.
- Have lots of fun exploring and making films!

## COURSE INFORMATION

**Dates:** Autumn Half Term. Saturday 21st to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Course hours:** 10am to 5pm

**Location:** Access Creative College Norwich, 114 Magdalen Street, Norwich, NR3 1JD

**Applications close:** Midnight 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

**Cost:** £25. Cost ought not be a barrier. Bursaries and financial assistance are available. Please contact us for information.

For more information and to complete our simple application process please visit: [www.accesscreative.ac.uk/campaign/bfifilmacademy](http://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/campaign/bfifilmacademy)

**Email** us on: [bfifilmacademy@accesscreative.ac.uk](mailto:bfifilmacademy@accesscreative.ac.uk)

More information about **BFI Film Academy** here: [www.bfi.org.uk/bfi-film-academy-opportunities-young-creatives](http://www.bfi.org.uk/bfi-film-academy-opportunities-young-creatives)

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More information about **NCFE** here: [www.ncfe.org.uk/qualification-search/qualification-detail/ncfe-level-2-award-in-preparing-to-work-in-the-film-industry-1241](http://www.ncfe.org.uk/qualification-search/qualification-detail/ncfe-level-2-award-in-preparing-to-work-in-the-film-industry-1241)

**WE ARE OFFERING FREE INTRODUCTORY SESSIONS** to schools, colleges and youth groups throughout September. Please contact us to arrange.

### Notes to Editors

**Imagery** for your use can be found here (including our flyer bespoke for this course, logos and materials for sharing across social media): [here](#)

N.B: It is essential that the funding bodies and all sponsors and partners are mentioned please.

### Quotes

Dan Foden, Head of School, ACC Norwich says:

'We are really happy to work with such a great name as the BFI to be able to offer this activity to young creatives. It is wonderful for Access Creative College and the BFI to be partnering and a great opportunity for students to develop their CV and film-making skills with a recognised brand. I can't wait to see what they produce this year and in future years.'

Ian Johnson, Head of Industry Partnerships says:

'Access Creative are very happy to be partnering with the BFI on their brilliant BFI Film Academy Short Courses this year and are looking forward to seeing what our participating young people create.'

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## About Access Creative College

Access Creative College which includes Access Sport has been delivering education for 30 years and is the UK's largest national independent training provider of further education for 16–18 year-olds. The college has over 4500 learners studying at campuses in several major cities throughout the UK. The National College of Creative Industries, an Apprenticeship provider, also forms part of the group.

ACC offers full-time vocational courses in music, events, games design, computing, Esports, sport science, graphic design, film, photography and VFX. Specialist industry support and employer engagement are at the core of curriculum design, with extensive work-related projects and high-quality work experience opportunities available to all students.

ACC has a strong focus on diversity and inclusion, ensuring students, irrespective of background, successfully develop the knowledge, skills, and behaviours to thrive in the creative and sporting sectors.

Achievement rates are above national benchmarks and progression to higher education from socially disadvantaged backgrounds are double the nation average. ACC was rated 'Good' by Ofsted in March 2022.

ACC's alumni include stars such as Ed Sheeran (the group's Patron), Jess Glynne, the head of Virgin Radio and many more.

Access Creative College Website: [www.accesscreative.ac.uk](http://www.accesscreative.ac.uk)

Social Media: @accesscreativecollege

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## About BFI Film Academy

BFI Film Academy offers opportunities for 16-25 year olds, anywhere in the UK, to get to know more about film and how to forge a career in the screen industries.

A range of accessible activities, courses, workshops and events offer opportunities for those wanting to test the water, through to those keen to hone their skills:

- **Short Courses-** an introductory, hands-on filmmaking course designed to build knowledge and skills and show the different pathways into the industry. For talented and committed young people aged 16-19 years, short courses have an excellent track record of inspiring the next generation of filmmakers and crew.
- **Specialist courses-** residential courses run during school holidays for between one and two weeks, the programme is designed to develop more specific filmmaking skills. Each course offers a combination of workshops, practical skills, lessons and lectures, and sees leading industry professionals share unique insight into the filmmaking business with the students.

Supported by the UK government's Department for Education, national Lottery, Northern Ireland Screen and Screen Scotland.

BFI Film Academy also includes activity delivered by BFI Film Academy Plus partners, supported with National Lottery Funding, including: Labs, Scene, Recommends, the Future Film Festival and Young Programmers

The BFI is a cultural charity, a National Lottery distributor, and the UK's lead organisation for film and the moving image.

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Our mission is:

- To support creativity and actively seek out the next generation of UK storytellers
- To grow and care for the BFI National Archive, the world's largest film and television archive
- To offer the widest range of UK and international moving image culture through our programmes and festivals - delivered online and in venue
- To use our knowledge to educate and deepen public appreciation and understanding
- To work with Government and industry to ensure the continued growth of the UK's screen industries

Founded in 1933, the BFI is a registered charity governed by Royal Charter.

The BFI Board of Governors is chaired by Tim Richards.

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