



Film Hub
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Key deadlines

Acknowledgement of application	5 working days	We will acknowledge receipt of your membership application within five working days
Request for additional information	1 week	We may ask for additional information regarding your membership within one week of application
Decision on membership	2 weeks	We will inform you of the decision regarding your membership within two weeks of application

Introduction

About the BFI Film Audience Network

The [BFI Film Audience Network \(FAN\)](#) was set up in 2012, using funds from the National Lottery to support a stronger and more connected approach to growing audiences for British and international film on the big screen.

FAN is made up of eight regional and national Film Hub Lead Organisations (FHLO) across the UK. These film specialist organisations provide FAN with comprehensive geographic reach across the UK and share the BFI's aims of increasing the range of screen culture available to audiences and supporting the development of the UK exhibition sector.

FAN is now working to deliver the aims of BFI Screen Culture 2033 which you can read about here: [BFI Screen Culture 2033](#).

Specific BFI outcomes for FAN are:

- Children and young people are empowered to develop their relationships with a wider range of screen culture;
- People across the UK can access a wider choice of film and the moving image including stories that reflect their lives;
- Funding helps to tackle social, economic and geographic barriers for screen audiences in new and effective ways;
- Vital skills for the sector that cannot be delivered by the commercial market are developed;
- More people can engage with heritage collections that better reflect the diversity of the UK.

In addition, FAN strives to deliver against the three cross cutting principles for BFI National Lottery funding:

- a. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- b. UK-Wide
- c. Environmental Sustainability

What is Film Hub South East?

[Film Hub South East](#) is the Hub region for the South East of England and covers the following local authority areas: Bedfordshire, Bracknell Forest, Brighton and Hove, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, East Sussex, Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent, Luton, Medway, Milton Keynes, Norfolk, Oxfordshire, Peterborough, Reading, Slough, Southend-on-Sea, Suffolk, Surrey, Thurrock, West Berkshire, West Sussex, Windsor and Maidenhead and Wokingham.

Film Hub South East is managed by the [Independent Cinema Office \(ICO\)](#), the UK's national agency for the development and support of independent film exhibition.

What does Film Hub South East do?

Like all of the regional Film Hubs, Film Hub South East works on behalf of the BFI and in partnership with its members to deliver specific outcomes in its region against the priorities listed above.

Membership

Film Hub South East membership is FREE to qualifying organisations and offers a range of benefits, including:

Funding opportunities

Schemes for audience development and bursaries for training and development (subject to availability and assessment).

Development opportunities

Access to training & professional development courses and events, peer-to-peer mentoring and support.

Networking opportunities

Events, conferences and meetings hosted by the Hub and its partners and across BFI FAN.

Collaboration opportunities

Participation in joint programming and audience development projects, and regional and national initiatives with reach and profile.

Advice and guidance

Accessible support about a range of topics including programming and audience development activity.

Audience insight

Access to up-to-date research and market intelligence on audiences and film exhibition trends.

Marketing support

Promotion through Hub and BFI FAN websites, mailing lists and social media channels.

Advocacy

The chance to be part of a stronger collective voice for film exhibition and audiences.

How to join

We welcome membership applications from any organisation that is based in our Hub and that:

- A) Screens films to public audiences or its membership (or has plans to do so within the 1- month period from joining)

And/or,

- B) Has a related interest in broadening the range of screen culture available to audiences and in enriching the cultural value of communal film screening activity e.g. screen archives or Local Authorities

Eligible organisations include (but are not limited to):

- Cinemas of any type
- Mixed arts venues with cinema provision
- Volunteer-run film societies and community cinemas
- Touring cinemas and community screen networks
- Film festivals
- Screen archives
- Regular pop-up film events
- Academic institutions
- Museums and galleries
- Local authority departments and agencies
- Local and regional development agencies
- Community groups and leisure providers

To join FAN, prospective members must share our vision and strategic priorities as set out in [BFI SCREEN CULTURE 2033](#).

In addition, organisations must be formally constituted (e.g. as a community interest company or limited liability company registered at Companies House; a charity or trust registered with the Charity Commission; a Local Authority or statutory body; or a voluntary group with a written constitution and bank account).

Please provide a link to your entry on Companies House or the Charities Commission if relevant. We may request links to other documents pertaining to your organisational status/constitution as appropriate.

The financial support offered by the Hub is only available to members. However, membership does not mean you are automatically eligible for schemes and initiatives, and members should consult the criteria of individual calls for full details of who can seek funding.

Individuals are not eligible for FAN membership but are encouraged to sign-up to the FHSE newsletter to keep in touch with FAN news and developments around the South East and the UK.

[To become a member, complete and submit the online application form.](#)

Contact us

If you have any questions about the guidelines or applying for membership, please get in contact with us.

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