

MORE FILMS IN MORE PLACES FOR MORE PEOPLE

WHAT IS THE BFI FILM AUDIENCE NETWORK?

The BFI Film Audience Network (BFI FAN) aims to ensure the greatest choice of film is available for everyone UK-wide.

Supported by National Lottery funding, BFI FAN is a unique collaboration of eight Film Hubs, managed by leading film organisations and venues strategically placed around the UK. Established in 2012, it now has over 1,200 members, including cinemas, festivals, multi-arts venues, community cinemas and film archives, and is at the heart of the BFI's strategy to build larger and more diverse audiences for UK and international film and a thriving cinema exhibition sector.

WHAT ARE FILM HUBS?

Regional and national centres of expertise and support that connect cinemas, festivals and creative practitioners so that people can access a broader range of cinema across the UK. They use their local knowledge and relationships to deliver responsive support to develop the confidence, ambition and reach of film exhibitors in the nations and regions.

Find your local Film Hub:

https://www.bfi.org.uk/supporting-uk-film/distribution-exhibition-funding/film-audience-network/find-your-local-film-hub

WHAT IS FILM EXHIBITION?

By exhibition, we mean the presentation of film to a public audience in a theatrical or non-theatrical space. Exhibition is an important part of the film's journey. Once production is complete and it secures distribution, exhibition ensures that a film reaches the audience by considering how the film is programmed and marketed effectively.

WHAT DOES THE BFI FILM AUDIENCE NETWORK DO?

Each Film Hub supports film exhibition in its region, through its extensive network of BFI FAN members. BFI FAN membership is free and offers a range of benefits such as access to funding, training, resources, programmes and networking opportunities UK-wide through the Film Hubs.

In addition, BFI FAN runs UK-wide initiatives to strengthen the exhibition sector and grow audiences for independent cinema all over the UK. These include UK-wide programming opportunities that FAN members can get involved in such as the BFI Blockbusters and Film Feels, support for New Releases and Screen Heritage activity, initiatives to boost young audiences and broaden access and inclusivity, as well as industry events such as This Way Up and Distributor Slate Day.

BFI FAN also collaborates with partners including Into Film, Independent Cinema Office and Cinema For All.

DOES BFI FAN PLAY A ROLE IN PRODUCTION & TALENT DEVELOPMENT?

The five Film Hubs in England are each home to at least one BFI NETWORK Talent Executive dedicated to working with new talent in the region, alongside executives in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. BFI NETWORK, supported by National Lottery funding, works to discover and support talented writers, directors and producers at the start of their careers with short film funding, early feature development, professional development, and community-building and networking support.





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