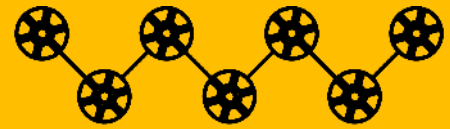




**SPIRIT OF
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**EMERGING SPIRIT
BRIEFING GUIDELINES**



**South Yorkshire
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**OPEN HOUSE
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Our Story

Founded in 2018, the Spirit of Independence film festival showcases films with limited finances and resources, highlighting exciting voices without Hollywood budgets. We provide a platform for films that other festivals may not.

The festival has grown each year, expanding the number of screenings it shows as well as bringing in local talent to highlight the wealth of filmmakers in the Yorkshire region and beyond.

Next, we want to inspire a new generation of filmmakers to make their stories a cinematic reality and that's why this year we're continuing our Emerging Spirit Scrip to Screen Competition, in partnership with some of the best local filmmaking talent and companies in the region.

Do you want to make your story a reality but just don't have the resources to make it happen? Well, read on....



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Movie Makers



The Competition

We will support a filmmaking team to make their script a reality. Together with our partners, we will provide the competition winner with a package of resources that will support them to turn their script into a short film during 2024. Their finished short will also be guaranteed a screening at the Spirit of Independence Film Festival in September 2024.

We will be offering the following to the winner of the Emerging Spirit Script to Screen Competition:

- Minimum £500 cash
- Free equipment hire from South Yorkshire Filmmakers' Network
- Free use of post-production facilities at The Kurious
- Free colour grading from Colourist Paul Handley
- Free digital effects from Bluespec Digital
- Free festival strategy consultation from Festival Formula
- Production support by Open House Pictures
- Editing support by Ora Films
- Mentorship by a member of the BFI Network



Past winners

Our inaugural competition was won by first-time director Ciara O'Rourke with her coming-of-age body horror 'Dead Skin'. The film has since played such prestigious festivals as Aesthetica, Frightfest and Leeds International Film Festival.



The 2023 competition was won by Ed Kirk and his moody, folk horror-inflected drama 'Black Dog'. The film is currently preparing for its festival run



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The Rules

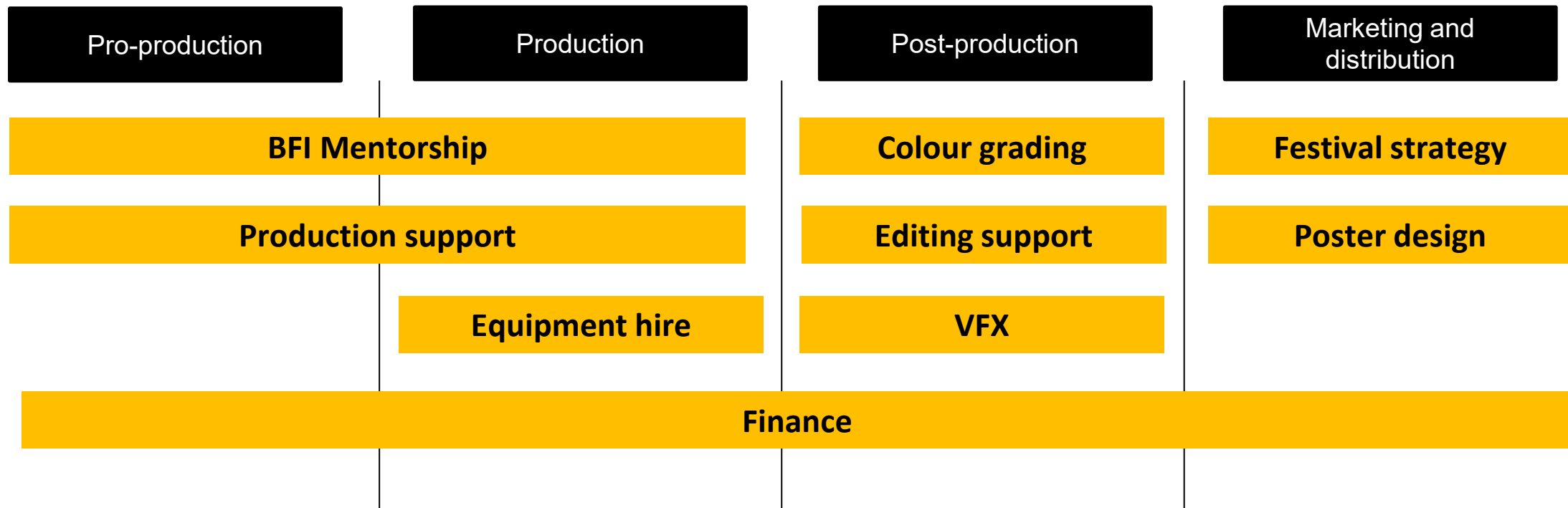
Sound good so far? There are conditions in order to meet the competition criteria:

- All films must be made in the Yorkshire region
- Scripts should be submitted in traditional script format as a PDF
- Scripts must be no longer than 12 pages in length
- The festival directors and the competition sponsors must be credited as Executive Producers
- Logos of the festival and the award sponsor must be displayed at the beginning of the film
- All scripts must be submitted via filmfreeway.
- A submission fee of c.£10 applies
- Projects need to have a writer, director and producer attached before an application can be made. Teams need to have a minimum of two individuals across the three creative roles, e.g. separate individuals who are a writer-director and producer respectively, or a director working with a writer-producer. Director-producers are not eligible to apply



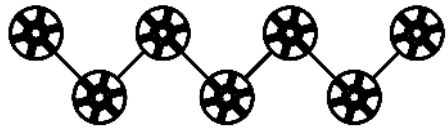
Your Support

Want to understand how what we offer can support the development of your film? The model below shows how our support package translates across the production lifecycle:



Your Support

Want to know more about the support you will receive as part of the prize? Here's some information about our competition partners.



**South Yorkshire
Filmmakers Network**

The South Yorkshire Filmmakers' Network will be providing

- Free access to SYFN's equipment during the winning film's production period
- Advice on local crew members and locations

The Kurious

The Kurious have kindly volunteered:

- Free bespoke package that includes the use of post-production facilities at Kurious Studios including editing and grading suite and sound/ADR facilities

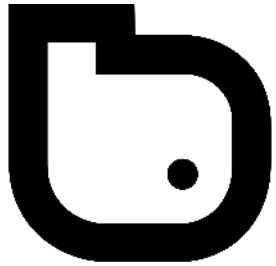
The BFI Network will provide:

- Notes and guidance on script development and support throughout the production process
- Guidance on next steps for the film including festival strategies
- Mentoring opportunities for the writer, director and producer



All support offerings are subject to availability and timescale agreements with competition partners listed above

Your Support



BLUESPEC
DIGITAL MEDIA
ANIMATION & MOTION GRAPHICS

BlueSpec Digital have kindly volunteered:

- Consultancy on what visual effects will work for your film
- One day of visual effects services

PAUL HANDLEY
COLOURIST

Paul Handley will provide:

- Colour grading service for the winning script
- Consultation on the colour palette, to help create the feel and shape the mood



OPEN HOUSE
PICTURES

Open House Pictures will provide:

- Gathering cast and crew
- Location sourcing support
- Marketing and crowd-funding support

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Your Support



Ora Films will provide:

- Support on the edit process



Festival Formula will provide:

- Consultation on your festival strategy

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Timelines

If you're ready to get writing and want to know how long you have for the award, you'll find the timelines for the Emerging Spirit Script to Screen Competition below:

1st December

28th February

March

1st September

**End of
September**

Official launch, scripts can be submitted via filmfreeway.

Submissions close and the judging process begins

Winner announced and support process begins

Film delivered to Spirit of Independence

Film screened at festival

Our Festival Sponsors

The Spirit of Independence Film Festival could not run without the support of our excellent festival partners and sponsors. Read on to get to know them a bit better.



Run by producer/director Rob Speranza, SYFN provide training and networking opportunities, host film screenings celebrating the work of the region's filmmakers and beyond, and host film competitions like 2Weeks 2Make It, the exciting music video competition, each year. SYFN also operate as an award-winning production company, producing shorts and films for businesses.



Open House Pictures is a commercial video production company that specialises in promotional advertisement for businesses. They also have a mission to help champion young filmmakers' voices with an emphasis on providing a platform for continued growth and collaboration within the Sheffield filmmaking community.

Links

Want to do a bit more reading? Below are some links to resources that you may find useful:

Spirit of Independence: www.soifilmfestival.com

Filmfreeway: www.filmfreeway.com/spiritofindependence

South Yorkshire Filmmakers' Network: www.syfn.org

Open House Pictures: www.openhousepictures.co.uk

The Kurious: www.kuriousarts.co.uk

Paul Handley: www.colourgrade.co.uk

BFI Network: www.network.bfi.org.uk

Bluespec Digital: www.bluespec.co.uk

Ora Films: www.ora-films.com

Festival Formula: www.festivalformula.com



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