

Horizons Festival

Short Film Commission

Deadline to apply: Fri 12 Jan 2024 (12pm Midday)

Date of film delivery deadline: Mon 27 May 2024

Screening date: Sun 23 June 2024

Fee: £1000

Eligibility:

- You must be a resident in Greater Manchester
- You must have lived experience of displacement or seeking sanctuary
- You must have the Right to Work in the UK
- You must be 18+

How to apply:

Please submit **an idea** (in english) by email using the email header: **Film Commission**.
You can submit either:

- a short video explaining your idea (no more than 2 minutes)
- a short description of your idea (no more than 500 words)
- another way of communicating your film plan (Storyboard/proposal)

You should also include a sentence or two about yourself.

You may also include:

- Files of your previous filmmaking
- A link to your work on social media or website
- Your portfolio or showreel

Please submit your application to: horizons@homemcr.org

All ideas will be considered by a panel from HOME and CAN. All applicants will be notified of the status of their application by Feb 2024. Unfortunately, we cannot provide feedback to all applicants.

If you have any questions or access requirements related to this application please email: horizons@homemcr.org or call/text 07890061510.

About Horizons Festival:

Horizons Festival celebrates the enduring power of creativity by international artists

who have made Manchester their home through migration. HOME and Community Arts North West present a provocative and stimulating programme of film, theatre, music, visual art alongside workshops and discussion. Horizons 2024 will take place on **Friday 21 June until Sunday 23 June.**

Horizons Festival aims to:

- To share a wide range of international voices and global issues, through an artistic programme that is accessible to people on different incomes or none
- To question some of the negative ideas about refugees, asylum seekers and migrants that we hear in the press
- To highlight issues that affect refugees, asylum seekers and migrants, and to encourage action

Horizons Festival Values: *kindness, honesty, justice, equality, and respect.*

Horizons Festival Theme:

The theme for Horizons festival this year is **Our Planet, Our Home** which is an expansion of the National Refugee Week 2024 theme of [Our Home](#). This theme was chosen and created through an open consultation with artists in Manchester who create work relevant to Horizons festival.

Our Planet, Our Home is a way of expressing that no matter what country we come from, we are all citizens of planet Earth - removing the idea of borders and emphasising connection, whilst also holding the importance of nature and climate justice.

About the Film Commission:

Your film must fit the values of the festival and will be specially screened at HOME on 23 June 2024 during Horizons Festival which takes place during National Refugee Week.

We are interested in commissions that fit with this year's festival theme **Our Planet, Our Home** in your pitch for the commission. We encourage artists to use our explanation of the theme as a guideline and welcome you to interpret it as you wish.

Your film will be accompanied by either a panel discussion, a Q&A session or an introduction to contextualise your work. Other short films may also be screened which work well with your film. You may be invited to speak at these events, and you will have the option to curate who is invited to join any panel and the focus/theme of the discussion.

There is **one commission available** which will receive the following package of support:

- £1000 of funding (£500 in Feb, £500 in June)
- 1-2 days of advice and support from HOME's Creative Development Practitioner at HOME during production
- Ability to loan filmmaking equipment from HOME
- Screening at HOME's Cinema on **Sunday 23 June 2024**
- Support with next steps

Film requirements/tips:

- You may wish to consider the shared language of the festival attendees is likely to be English
- You may wish to include english subtitles