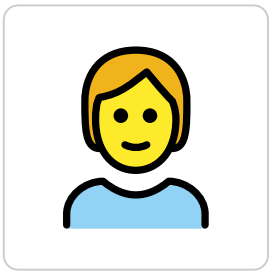
Apply to Make a West Midlands Film

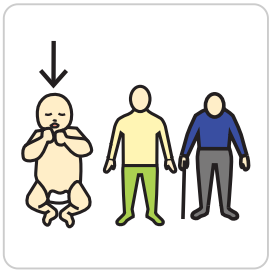
Summary

We want to support 5 working-class first-time directors from the West Midlands. You will make a positive film about people, places or communities you know and care about. You must meet the rules and send your application by 15 December 2026. We can offer help with applying.

Who can apply



You must apply as a person, not as a company or group.



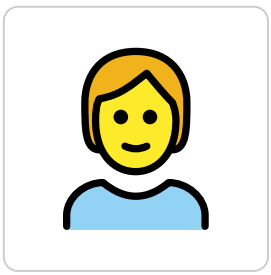
You must be aged 18 or older.



You must live and work in the UK.



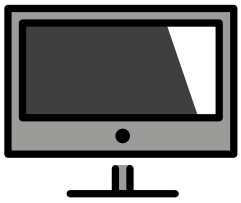
You must live in the West Midlands.



You must identify as working class.

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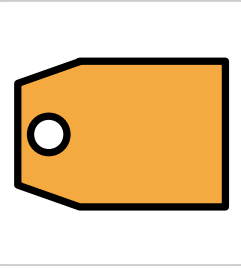
You must be a first-time director.



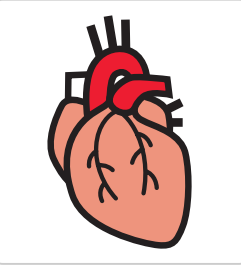
This means you have not directed a film shown on TV or another broadcast service.



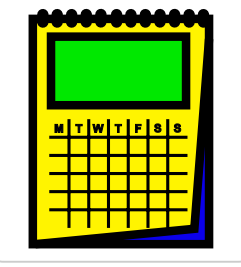
You must not have a broadcast credit as a director or producer.



A broadcast credit means your name is listed for work shown on TV or another broadcast service.



You must care about telling stories from the region and its communities.



You must be free for training, development, filming and editing.



The training will take 2 to 3 days in total.

About the films



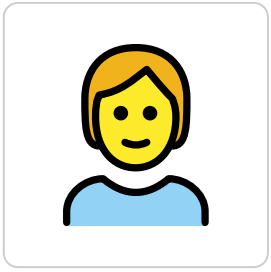
We will support 5 directors to make films about the West Midlands.



The region is home to 10 million people.



Your story should be closely connected to the region.



Your film can be about a person, place or community.



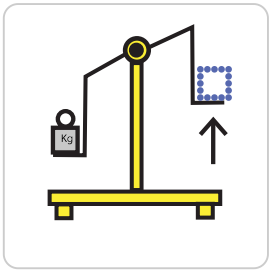
Choose a story you know and care about.



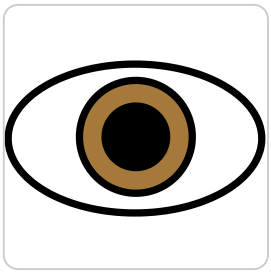
Your film should help more people learn about this story.



Each film will be 20 minutes long.



Your film should have a clear story and a strong creative idea.



Your film should draw viewers into the lives and places you show.



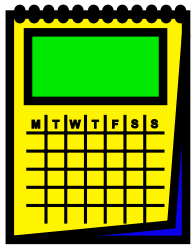
The people in your film should help viewers connect with the story.



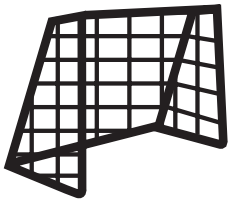
Your film should be positive, revealing and uplifting.

film

You can make a film that stands alone.



You can also plan a longer series or film.



Your film could be a first example of your work for future projects.

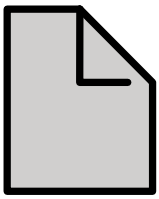


We want you to enjoy making your film.

What to send



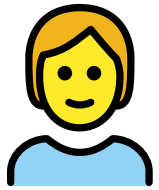
Tell us about your film in 100 words or fewer.



Include the story, people, themes and your vision.



Explain how you want to tell the story in 50 words or fewer.



Write a short introduction about yourself in 50 words or fewer.



Include any film-making experience you have.

Deadline and selection



Send your application by Tuesday 15 December 2026 at 12 noon.



A panel of TV experts will review applications.



The panel will include people who know the region well.

How to apply



Apply online using the form at www.togethertv.com/diverse-film-fund-2026/submit-your-film.



We plan to hold an online talk or a live event to help applicants.



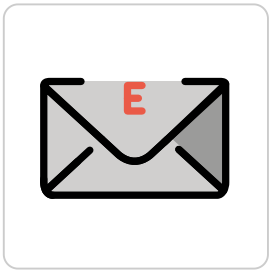
We will share a recording of any online talk afterwards.



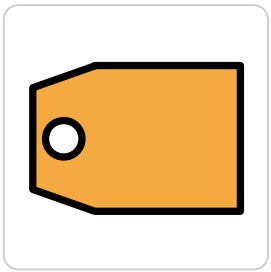
We can offer extra access tools for deaf, disabled or neurodivergent film-makers.



If the online form does not work for you, contact us about other ways to apply.

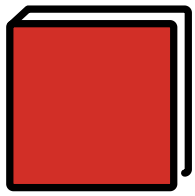


Email questions to info@togethertv.com.



Use DFF2026 as the email subject.

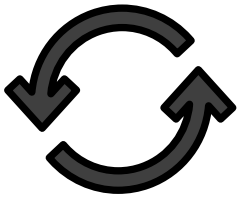
Support and access



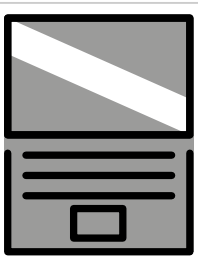
We will follow rules for diversity, sustainability and disability access.



We will check what film-makers, crew and people in the films need.



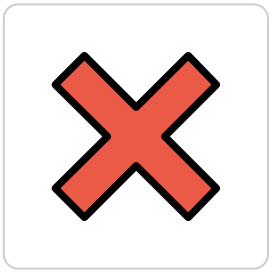
We will make suitable changes to support those needs.



You can apply if you work in TV, online video or community video.



You can also apply if you have just left college or university.



You do not need formal training or a job.