



Membership Guidelines

Introduction

Film Hub Wales (FWW) celebrates cinema. We fund, train and advise organisations that screen film, from film festivals, to societies and mixed arts centres. Working with over 260 Welsh exhibitors, we aim to bring the best UK independent and international film to all audiences across Wales.

We're part of a UK wide network of eight hubs funded by the British Film Institute (BFI) which form the Film Audience Network (FAN), with Chapter appointed as the 'Film Hub Lead Organisation' (FHLO) in Wales.

We also oversee Socio-Economic Inclusion on behalf of BFI FAN (led by Champion, Linnea Pettersson) and were proud to lead the UK Inclusive Cinema strategy on behalf of BFI FAN 2017-23.

If you screen films to a public audience, you can become a member and benefit from our research, training courses, bursaries, funds, advice and more.

Thanks to National Lottery funding, since FWW was set up in 2013, we've supported over 400 cinema projects, reaching over 750,000 audience members. Take a look at some of our work to date to discover what we've funded in the past and projects we've created.



About 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 Film Hub Lead Organisations (FHLOs) across the UK. These film specialist organisations ([Film Hubs](#)) provide comprehensive geographic reach 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 working to deliver the aims of the [BFI Screen Culture 2033 strategy](#).

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:

- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- UK-Wide
- Environmental Sustainability

In order to join, members must share the vision and strategic priorities as set out in the [BFI Screen Culture 2033 strategy](#).

Membership

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

- **Funding opportunities** - for audience development and bursaries for training (subject to availability and assessment),
- **Development opportunities** - access to training & professional development courses, events, peer-to-peer mentoring and support,
- **Networking** - events, conferences and meetings hosted by the Hub and its partners, across FAN,
- **Collaboration** - participation in joint programming and audience development projects, at regional and national levels,
- **Advice** - across a range of topics from programming to audience development activity and screening films with Welsh connections,
- **Audience insight** - access to research on audiences and film exhibition trends,
- **Marketing support** - promotion through Hub and FAN web sites, 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 based in Wales that;

- Screens films to public audiences or its membership (or has plans to do so within the 12 month period from joining),

and/or

- Has an interest in broadening the range of film available to audiences and in enriching the cultural value of communal film screening activity.

If your organisation is not based in Wales, you should contact Film Hub Wales before completing a membership application.

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 become a member, complete our [application form and signed declaration](#).

The small print:

- 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 for your organisational status / constitution as appropriate.

Support from Film Hub Wales:

- Financial support is only available to members.
- Membership does not mean you are automatically eligible for schemes and initiatives, please check our funding guidelines for detail.
- Individuals are not eligible for FAN membership.

Contact details:

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