

**INTO
FILM**

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

INFORMATION PACK

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- Do you love film?
- Do you want to have your thoughts and opinions listened to?
- Will you be between 10 and 18 years old in September 2024?

Then join us and become a member of our Youth Advisory Council (YAC)!

"I feel more a part of the industry which has overall made it feel much more accessible. The YAC has really taken me by surprise – how much it means to have access to that kind of community with people with similar dreams and aspirations"

RHIAN, YAC MEMBER, WALES

What is the Youth Advisory Council?

We have 5 regional Youth Advisory Councils that make up our UK-wide Council.

They are:

- **England North and Midlands** – covering the North and Midlands of England
- **England South** – covering South East and South West England
- **Wales** – covering all of Wales
- **Scotland** – covering all of Scotland.
- **Northern Ireland** – covering all of Northern Ireland.

As a member of the YAC you will join a group of like-minded young people from across your region and help us make the Into Film programme appealing, accessible and interesting to young people.

You will get the chance to provide feedback on a range of stuff; from the Into Film website, to what films we screen at events; from how we support cinemas, to inform young people on careers in film.

We want you to tell us what you think – what you like and dislike, and how we can get more young people watching, thinking and making film!

What you get:

- A chance to influence what we do in your region and across the UK
- An opportunity to be part of a Youth Advisory Council where you meet other young people with a passion for film
- Exclusive previews of new Into Film content, activities and competitions
- A chance to develop key skills; such as communication, teamwork and problem solving.



Into Film's Youth Advisory Council has been running across the UK for several years and during that time we have supported young people from all backgrounds, including young people who live with a disability or have a learning difficulty. We work and discuss with the parents/guardians and young people to try to make the YAC as inclusive as we can.

If accepted on to the scheme we would ask about phobias, triggers and other things that would be good for us to be aware of – if you'd like to share that with us.

If you have any questions about the YAC scheme or would like an informal chat before applying, please get in touch at

yac@intofilm.org

YAC Cymru - Wales is run bilingually and so if you'd like to apply in Welsh then please do so.

Ry'n ni'n anelu i gynnal YAC Cymru'n ddwyieithog a darperir gweithgareddau a chyfleoedd pellach yn y Gymraeg.

Os hoffech chi wneud cais yn Gymraeg yna gellir gwneud drwy ddilyn y ddolen isod.

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As a member of your regional panel, you will:

- **Attend** online or in-person quarterly meetings. It is likely that we will run 1 face-to-face during the YAC year.
 - » Under 18s need to have an adult present in the background but not on camera and for face-to-face meetings, under 18s will need to be dropped off and picked up by an adult.
 - » If you require technical support in accessing online meetings, we can support you. Don't be put off applying!
 - » All travel expenses to and from any face-to-face meetings will be covered by Into Film.
- **Tell us** what you think about a wide range of film-related topics.
- **Ask others** - friends at school/college/youth group for feedback on some of our projects and activities.
- **Test out** new activities and take part in sessions before they are launched.
- **Commit** to being a member of your regional YAC for one year, running August 2024 to July 2025 with the potential of staying on for the second year after completing the first year.
- **Develop and harness skills**, such as team work, communication, presenting, and more. The YAC is a great initiative to help boost your FE/HE applications and CV.

If you are over 18 you will be required to undertake a DBS check; this is standard for any adult working or volunteering with under 18s.

Into Film will talk through this simple process if you are asked to join the YACs and cover the costs involved.

To find out how to apply, go to the next page.

How to apply

★ **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: MONDAY 22ND JULY 2024 BY 10AM**

You have 4 ways to apply - you only need to do ONE of the below.

However, ALL applicants must complete the 'This is Me – equal opportunities form'.

★ **OPTION 1 In Writing**

Type in your answers to the questions in the application form (Section 1) and complete the This is Me form. All available via this link: intofilm.tfaforms.net/5010098

★ **OPTION 2 On PowerPoint/Google Slides or similar**

Look at the questions below and produce a PowerPoint/Google Slides or similar and provide an answer to each question below. Feel free to just send us a PDF of your slides if easier!

Then go to the application form, complete Section 2 - This is Me form, then go to Section 3 and upload your slides and then submit your application. You can do this via the application form, available here: intofilm.tfaforms.net/5010098

★ **OPTION 3 Send us a Video**

Look at the questions below and produce a short video covering your answers to each question.

Then go to the application form, complete Section 2 - This is Me form, then go to Section 3 and upload your video, and then submit your application. You can do this by going to the application form, available here: intofilm.tfaforms.net/5010098

★ **OPTION 4 Audio only**

Look at the questions below and produce a short audio file (this can be done via Voice Memo on your phone) covering the answers to each question below.

Then go to the application form, complete Section 2 - This is Me form, then go to Section 3 and upload your audio file, and then submit your application. You can do this by going to the application form, available here: intofilm.tfaforms.net/5010098

If you're unable to upload your video/audio or slide file on the Application Form, then there is an alternative approach, you can send your file to us via We Transfer by following the below guidance.

Don't forget to complete the This is Me - equal opportunities form under section 2 of the Application Form too. Available here: intofilm.tfaforms.net/5010098

How to send in your PowerPoint, Video or Audio format application if you're unable to attach it to the application form.

To send in PowerPoint/Slides, Audio or filmed application:

1. With a guardian/parent visit www.wetransfer.com (you don't need to subscribe).
2. Click the 'Add your files' button on the left hand side and select the PowerPoint/Slides/Audio or Video clip you want to send, then click 'Open'.
3. In the box underneath called 'Email to', enter yac@intofilm.org for safeguarding purposes, enter your guardian/parent's email address in the box below. Over 18s can use their own email address.
4. In the 'Message' box you can write a short message to accompany your slides, audio, or video and please

add your first name, regional YAC you're applying to and the first part of your home postcode (for example SA1). Then click 'Transfer' to send the clip, this may take a few seconds.

5. Once the clip and message have been sent, your guardian/parent will receive a confirmation email or if over 18, you will.

If you need any help with accessing, completing or sending us your form, email us via a parent/guardian or direct if over 18 at yac@intofilm.org or call **033 0313 7600**.

Unable to complete the below sections via this online survey? Print the pdf version of the form off from here: www.intofilm.org/yac, then take a picture of it and send it to us on email via a parent/guardian or direct if over 18: yac@intofilm.org or send it in the post to **Into Film, 31 Islington Green, London, N1 8DU, England**

Any further problems, please email us at yac@intofilm.org and we will find a way of sorting it!

YAC Application Questions

If completing these in writing go to the survey to complete here:
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1. What are you hoping to gain from becoming a Youth Advisory Council member?

TOP TIP: This can be linked to your interest in the film industry, or just about you and how it can help you develop key skills.

2. Why do you want to be a member of your regional YAC?

Think of 3 skills and try to link them to experiences.

TOP TIP: Think about how you've developed your team work, communication, problem solving, research, negotiation, organisation skills and try to give us examples of when/how you've had a chance to test out these skills.

3. Why do you think it's important for Into Film to have a Youth Advisory Council?

TOP TIP: Look back at the information about Into Film and our mission statement and type of activity we deliver. You could even look on the website for some ideas – www.infofilm.org

4. Who do you most admire/respect in the world of film and why?

TOP TIP: Try and explain why you admire / respect them – what makes them your role model.

5. What film-related issue would you like to discuss at an Into Film Youth Advisory Council meeting and why?

TOP TIP: Try and think about what you are passionate about and how your interest in this area would help you stand out to us.

Good Luck!