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## FILM HUB NORTH + ASFF: **SCRIPT LAB**

### **What Is It?**

BFI NETWORK and Film Hub North have joined forces with Aesthetica Short Film Festival to present the 2022 edition of Script Lab. Now in its fourth year Script Lab aims to help writers and writer/directors develop an early-stage idea for a short film and convert it into a polished script with the support of industry mentors. Projects are developed in a supportive peer to peer environment and writers are matched with producers to help take their projects into production.

This year as part of a new partnership with ASFF we will be kicking off our Script Lab with a two-day writers' takeover at Aesthetica where up to 20 Script Lab long-listed Northern writers will get the opportunity to network, develop their ideas and attend industry sessions whilst resident at the festival.

After ASFF 10 projects will then progress onto the Script Lab 'slate' to be intensively developed over a 3month period. The ten projects and writers will be split into two groups and will meet in an online forum with the talent executives and script mentors to collaboratively develop their short narratives from very nascent ideas to short treatments and, finally, completed drafts.

All participants are expected to engage creatively with their peers' work within the group, offering up feedback and receiving notes on their own work in exchange. We hope to foster a supportive, lively and creative environment. The Talent Executives will be on-hand to guide and supervise the development of the projects during and outside of the sessions, as well as offering broader professional development advice.

### **Who is it for?**

Applicants must be over 18, not in full time education and based in the North of England. Writers or writer/directors who have an idea for a short film script under 15 minutes in length can apply. We would also actively encourage applications from artists/writers working in different mediums who want to make the move to screenwriting.

You do not need to be working with a producer or director in order to apply. We are unable to consider projects based on novels, short stories or other literary works.



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## **When and Where?**

The programme will run between November 2022 - February 2023. Participants will need to commit to attending 2 days at ASFF in November, 4 online group script sessions and an industry online mixer. In addition to attending the Lab sessions, there will be some writing work required in-between the group sessions. Script Lab is free to attend.

**Location:** The sessions will be a mix of online and in person at ASFF in York. To take part you will need access to a device that has camera and audio capabilities. Travel and accommodation costs will be covered by the programme.

## **How to apply**

Please submit the required materials via our online application form [here](#).

## **2022/23 Programme Schedule Overview**

**5th August: Applications open**

**5<sup>th</sup> September: Deadline for applications**

Applicants will be notified by the 15<sup>th</sup> September if they have been selected for the writers residential at ASFF.

### **ASFF SCRIPT LAB 2022**

2nd & 3rd November

***Day 1 - Wednesday 2nd November***

**10:30am - 12:00pm** - Coffee & Roundtables

**12:00pm - 1.00pm** - Screenwriting Fundamentals

**1.00pm - 3.00pm** - Lunch Break

**3:00pm - 4:00pm** - Writers Journey plus Q+A



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4:00pm - 4:15pm - Break  
4:15pm - 5:15pm - Playroom Session 1  
5:15pm - 5:30pm - Break  
5:30pm - 6:45pm - Project Hothousing

### ***Day 2 - Thursday 3rd November***

10:30am - Coffee/networking, playroom space  
10:00am - 12:00pm - Playroom session 2  
12:00pm - 1:00pm - Lunch Break  
1:00pm - 2:00pm - Working with Script Editor  
2:00pm - 2:30pm - Break  
2:30pm - 3:30pm - Genre Rules  
3:30pm - 3:45pm - Break  
3:45pm - 5:00pm - Project Hothousing

## **FHN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

### **NOVEMBER**

- 20 writers submit updated 1 pagers, **Thursday 10th November**
- 10 writers shortlisted for Script Lab, **Tuesday 15th November**

### **NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY**

- Script Development, 4 x 3hr online sessions

### **FEBRUARY**

- Final drafts submitted, **Tuesday 28th February**

### **ASFF Residential**

Accommodation, travel and access costs are covered by Film Hub North.

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