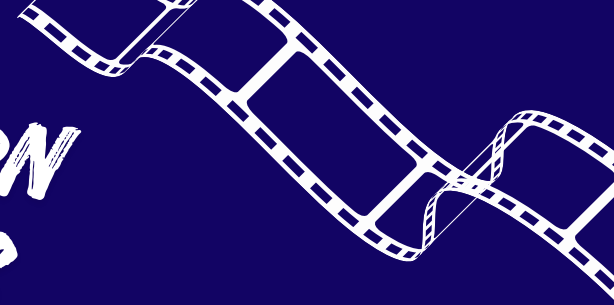


NORTHERN DEVON'S STORY



FILM COMPETITION

We're inviting young creatives to create a short film that celebrates Northern Devon and shares what makes this place special.



COMPETITION DATES

Written application deadline: Wednesday 23 September

Shortlisted applicants notified: Friday 25 September

Final film submission deadline: Sunday 25 October



FILM REQUIREMENTS

Length: up to 3 minutes

Theme: Northern Devon and why you like it here

Style: Documentary, interview, animation, spoken word, montage, music-led film or any creative approach

Content: suitable for a general audience

THE BRIEF

Create a short film about Northern Devon and why you like it here.
The aim is to help promote the Northern Devon Place Story:
a shared story about our coast, land and people.

NORTHERN DEVON PLACE STORY



What Northern Devon means to you

We're looking for short films that show why Northern Devon matters. Whether you film a favourite view, interview someone inspiring, capture everyday life or create something completely unexpected! Your film should show Northern Devon through your eyes: the coast, countryside, towns, villages, people, creativity, heritage, nature, industries, opportunities and everyday moments that make you proud to live, study, spend time here or work.



What Your Film Could Explore

- What you love about living, learning, working or creating in Northern Devon
- The landscapes that shape us, from beaches, rivers and moorland to farms, villages and town centres
- The people and communities who make the area welcoming, resilient and distinctive
- Our relationship with nature, including the North Devon UNESCO Biosphere, World Surf Reserve, coast and countryside
- Local creativity, culture, enterprise, skills and innovation
- Your hopes for Northern Devon's future



Who Can Enter

The competition is open to young people aged 16–24 who have a story to tell about Northern Devon.

You must have lived in Devon for a minimum of five years.

There are two age categories:

- 16–18 years
- 19–24 years

You do not need professional equipment! Films can be made using a phone, camera or tablet. We welcome entries from individuals, schools, colleges, youth groups and creative teams.



Prizes

- The overall winners in each age category will receive direct support to develop their future filmmaking or creative journey.
- Finalists will be invited to enjoy an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of a London editing studios, offering a unique opportunity to see a professional post-production and film facility and access to specialist editing equipment.
- Shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend a public screening of their submissions



Judging Criteria

- How clearly the film celebrates Northern Devon
- Originality and creativity
- Connection to place, people and community
- Storytelling and emotional impact
- How well the film supports the Northern Devon Place Story



How to Enter

Stage One: Application

Submit a written proposal of no more than 300 words outlining:

- Your film idea
- The themes you want to explore
- Why Northern Devon matters to you
- How your film will help promote the Northern Devon Place Story

Complete the online application

[CLICK HERE](#)

Stage Two: Film Production

Successful applicants will be shortlisted and invited to produce and submit their completed film.

Final films should be uploaded via YouTube or Vimeo or any accessible sharing platform and submitted using the link provided in the invitation email.

For more information, or to request access to support, contact
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