

# Into Film's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) 2021/22

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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 2021?

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

#### What is the YAC?

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

#### They are:

- England North and Midlands based in Salford and covering areas: The North and Midlands of England
- England South based in London and covering South East and South West England
- Wales based in Cardiff and covering all of Wales
- Scotland based in Edinburgh and covering all of Scotland.
- Northern Ireland based in Belfast and covering all of Northern Ireland.

"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 Cymru

As a member of the YAC you will join a group of like-minded young people from across your region and help us make our 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 how we share information 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.



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#### As a member of your regional panel, you will:

- Attend one meeting per term online (we do not think any face-to-face meetings will take place until 2022. They will follow regional regulations and be organised well in advance).
  - 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 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 2021 to July 2022 with the potential of staying on for the second year after completing the first year.

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.

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 and adapt content to make the YAC as inclusive as we can. 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



#### Deadline for Applications: 9am 5th July 2021

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 guestions in the application form (Section 1) and complete the This is Me form www.tfaforms.com/4911194



### **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. The Application Form is available here: www.tfaforms.com/4911194



#### **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. The Application Form is available here: www.tfaforms.com/4911194



## 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. The Application Form is available here: www.tfaforms.com/4911194

'If you're unable to upload your video/audio or slide file on the Application Form under Section 3, 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: www.tfaforms.com/4911194

How to send in your PowerPoint, Video or Audio format application

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

- 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'.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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, Chapter, Market Road, Cardiff.

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: www.tfaforms.com/4911194
1. What are you hoping to gain from becoming a Youth Advisory Council member?
<b>Top Tip:</b> this can be linked to 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.
<b>Top Tip:</b> 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?
<b>Top Tip :</b> 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?
<b>Top Tip:</b> try and think about what you are passionate about and how your interest in this area would help you stand out to us.
6. What subjects or activities do you find interesting at school/college/in your own time and why?
<b>Top Tip:</b> we want to know more about you and why you like specific things, so try and give us some