

# Beacons Short Film Fund

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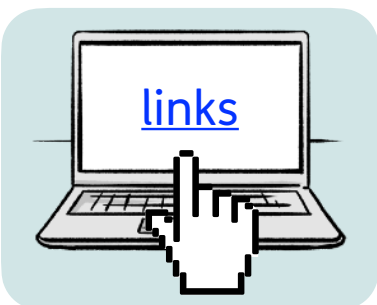
This Easy Read information uses easier words and pictures. You may still want help to read it.



Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker.



These are words that some people will find hard. When you see a bold word, we will explain it in the next sentence.



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# About this booklet



This information is from Ffilm Cymru Wales.

It tells you about the Beacons Short Film Fund.

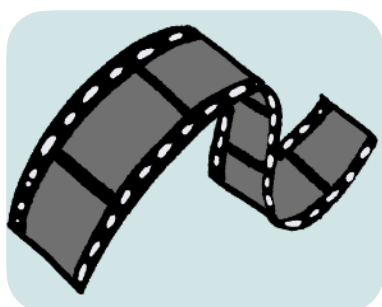


It will tell you:

- What it is.



- Who it is for.

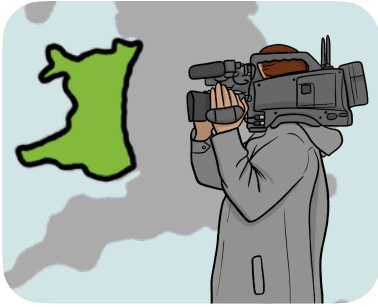


- What kind of films it can help.

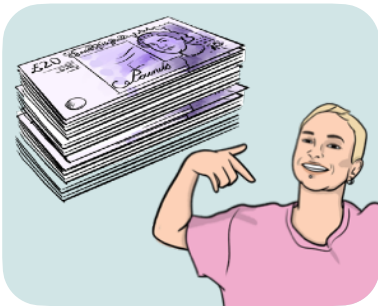


- How to get help from it.

# Ffilm Cymru



Ffilm Cymru helps Welsh people to make films.



We help by giving money and other support to the films.



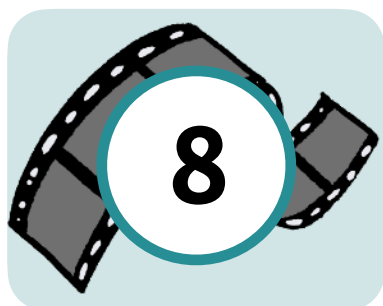
We want to support films that are:

- Trying new ideas.



- Involving people who don't usually get a chance to make a film.

# The Beacons Short Film Fund



With the Beacons Short Film Fund, we will support 8 film ideas.



We want to give money towards 4 of these films.



We will give the films between £5,000 and £25,000.



We will help to train you so you know more about making films.



Someone who has made a lot of films will work with you to help you make your film.

# Getting help from the fund



If you want help from the fund, you must send us an **application**.

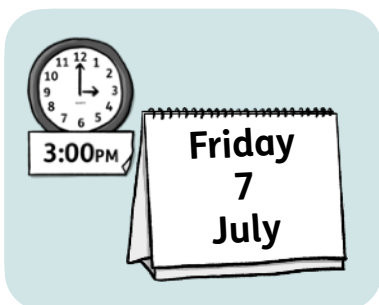


An **application** is when you:

- Ask us for help from the fund



- Tell us why you need help.



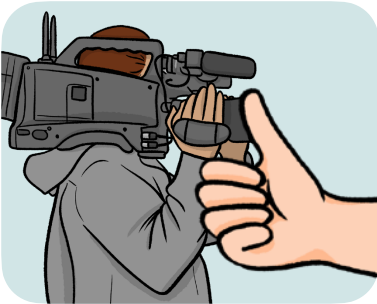
We must get your application by 3pm on Friday 7 July 2023.

# Who can send an application?

You can send us an application if:



- You were born in Wales or live in Wales.



- You have made films or other artworks like TV or theatre before.



- You are over 18 and not at college or university.



Companies that make films can also apply.

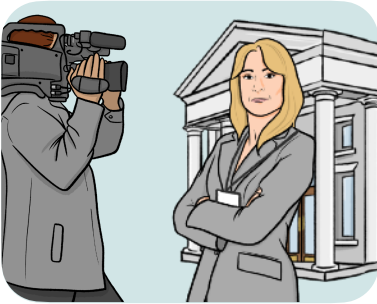


# What sort of films?

Your film could be:



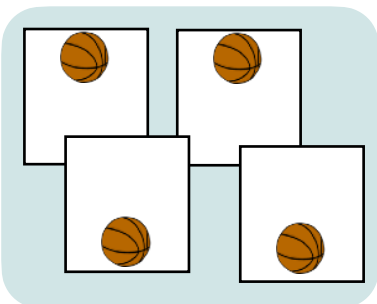
- A film with a made-up story and actors.



- A film about a real place or real people.



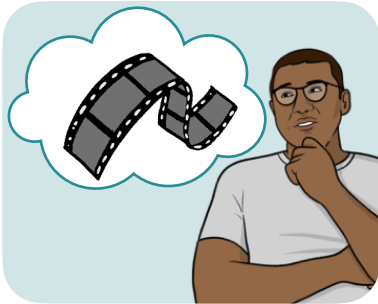
- A cartoon.



- A film using stop motion. This is lots of photographs of still objects that are joined together so it looks like the objects are moving.



Your film could also be a mixture of different types of film.



You should still be thinking about your film. You should not have started to film it.



You should be able to make your film for £25,000 at the most.



You can get more money from other places to make your film - but you have to tell us about this.



Your film should be 15 minutes long at most.



You should check that you are allowed to make a film using the story that you want to use.

We want to help:



- People who are getting started with making films.



- People who usually don't get the chance to make a film.

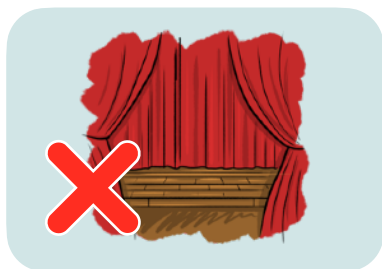


- People who are trying to make an unusual film.



- Films that show life in Wales in a new way.

# The films we can't help



We can't help films of:

- A theatre show.



- A dance.



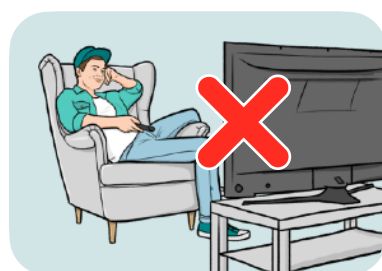
- Poetry.



- A sports event.



- A music event.



We can't help films that are being made for television.

# Making an application

## Support to make your application



If you need support to make your application, please contact:



- Jude Lister by email:  
[jude@ffilmcymruwales.com](mailto:jude@ffilmcymruwales.com)



- Gwenfair Hawkins by email:  
[gwenfair@ffilmcymruwales.com](mailto:gwenfair@ffilmcymruwales.com)



You can also phone 07754 927 191.

# What should be in your application?



You need to include:

- Your name, address, phone number and email address.



- Information about the film that you want to make.



- Information about any other money you are getting to make your film.



- Information about the people who are going to make the film.



- Information from the person who is in charge of making the film.



- A Sustainability Plan - see below.



- A budget - see below.

## A Sustainability Plan



**Sustainability** means:

- Your film must be good for the planet.



- Your film must be good for people in Wales.

You must write a plan explaining how your film will:



- Not harm the planet.



- Involve people from all different backgrounds and people who don't usually get a chance to make a film.



- Help people to learn new skills.



- Find new ways to involve people.



# A budget

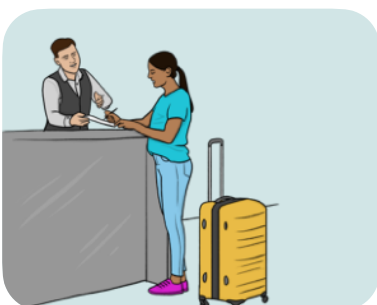


A **budget** is where you explain how you want to spend the money.



You should tell us the costs of:

- The person who is writing the film.
- The people who are in charge of making the film.
- The people who are helping to make the film.
- Travel and staying overnight.





- Looking into how the film could be made.



- Looking into where the film could be filmed.



You should tell us if you have to pay for permission to use the story.

You should tell us:



- The cost of all the wages of the people who are making the film.



- The cost of getting your film ready to show people.



- If anyone needs anything extra to help them to take part in making the film.



You have to give some money towards stopping **climate change**.



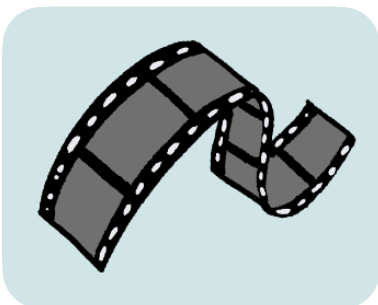
**Climate change** is all about big changes in the weather. For example, storms getting worse than they used to be. Or having less rain in some places.

## Things you let us see



You should give us a link to this information:

- The plan of the film, which tells us what happens.
- Some films or other artworks you have made before.





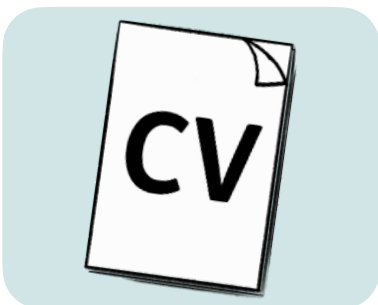
- Any agreements which prove that you are allowed to use the story or the music for the film.



- The **CV** of:
  - Person who wrote the plan.



- The people who are in charge of making the film.



A **CV** is where you write down information about yourself and what you have done in your life. You need a CV when you apply for a job.

# What happens next?



After we receive your application we will:

- Send you an email which says that we have received your application.



- Ask you questions about the backgrounds of the people involved in the film.



This is so we can be sure we are involving people from all different backgrounds.

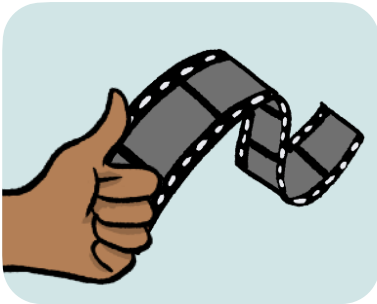


- Check that you are allowed to get money from this fund.

2 of our staff will read your application and see if:



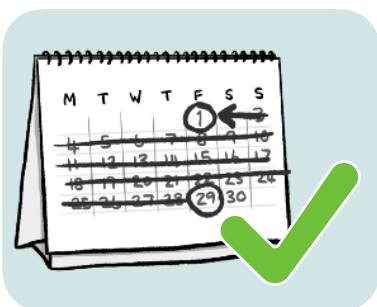
- Your ideas for a film are new.



- Your film is the sort of film that we want to help.



- Your film will help the people making the film.

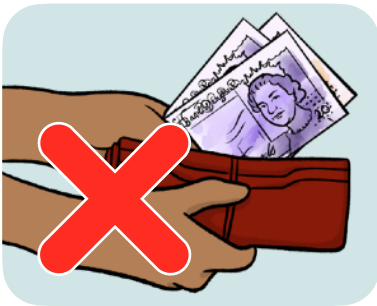


- You will be able to make the film in the time and the money that you have.

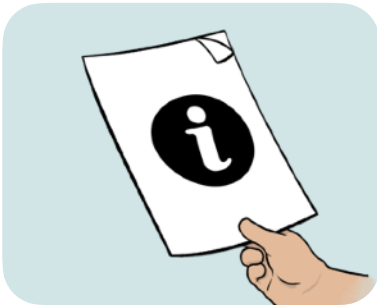


- You could get money somewhere else for your film.

# We can't help everyone



We usually get lots of applications.  
We can't give money to all of them.



We will give some short information  
telling people why we can't give  
money to their films.

## Applying again



If we have already said that we won't  
give you money for your film, you  
must check with us before asking us  
again.

# The interview



We will ask between 15 and 20 people to come to an interview.



We will ask you questions about your film.



After these interviews, we will choose 8 ideas for films and give them money and support.



# If you are chosen



If you are chosen you will:

- Sign an agreement with us.



- Get some comments from us about your project.

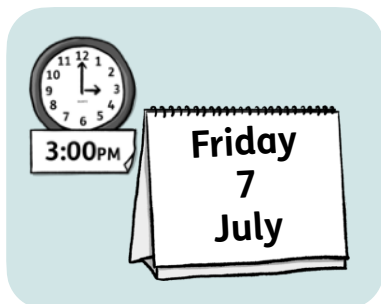


- Sign an agreement with Ffilm Cymru and BBC Wales to start filming your film.



BBC Cymru will show your film on the television.

# When things happen



You must send us your application by 3pm Friday 7 July 2023.



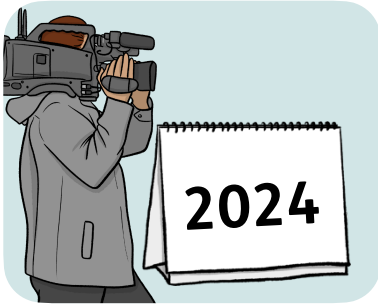
We will tell you if we want you to come to an interview by Friday 8 September 2023.



The interviews will be in the week starting Monday 11 September 2023.



You will work on your ideas for the film from October to December 2023.



The filming should take place in 2024.



You should have finished your film by January 2025.

# For more information



You can look at our website here:

[www.ffilmcymruwales.com](http://www.ffilmcymruwales.com)



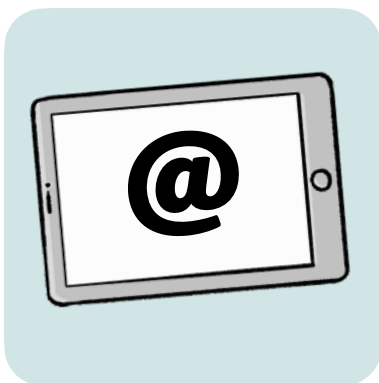
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