



Heartland Film Society is running the Young Indies Short Film Competition as part of the Aberfeldy Film Festival, 16-18 November 2018.

The competition aims to encourage interest in films and film-making amongst youngsters of school age, from 5 to 18 years old. Films may be submitted by individuals or groups. While some practical help from adults is acceptable, any films entered in the competition must be conceived, written, directed and produced by the youngsters themselves. Films made at the film-making workshops can be submitted for the competition.

There are two competition categories: **Junior**: films created by children of primary school age (5-11 yrs) and **Senior**: films made by youngsters of high school age (11–18 yrs). Films can be submitted by individuals, groups or schools. Where, in any group, there is an overlap of ages between the two categories, the age of the film's director will be the deciding factor.

All entries will be viewed by the judges, who will shortlist 6 films from each category. These 12 films will be screened in the Birks Cinema on the morning of Sunday 18 November during the Aberfeldy Film Festival, when the winner of each category will be decided by public vote. There will also be a Judges' Prize for the Best Film of 2018.

HFS will screen all registered entries for schools on Monday 12 November and Tuesday 13 November so that every film can be viewed on the cinema's big screen, including any submitted by groups who have indicated on the registration form that they do not wish their work to be judged in competition.

Thanks to support from HFS members, the SSE Griffin Fund and the Basil Death Trust, HFS will offer 2 free film making workshops on 18 & 19 August 2018. HFS is also running a Young Indies Logo competition and other film-related events for youngsters. Watch Aberfeldy Film Festival Facebook page for news, join our Young Indies mailing list by emailing oscar@heartlandfilmsociety.org.uk, or become an HFS member - just £10 for adults, £5 for 15-18 year olds - and get involved!

Details to Note

Films should be no more than 10 minutes in length and in one of the following formats: iMovie, MP4, .mov

Registration forms, together with a parent/guardian consent form for each child and the entry fee of £5.00 per film, must be returned to the address on the form by Friday 28 September and entries submitted by Friday 26 October 2017.

Filmmakers must ensure that any music used in their film is free of copyright or that they have received permission to include it.

In order to forewarn audiences, please decide what certificate would be appropriate for your film – see the BBFC website (below) for help in deciding.

Useful sources of information:

[Aberfeldy Film Festival Facebook Page](#)

Regular updates and forms

www.heartlandfilmsociety.org.uk

Entry forms and general information.

www.intofilm.org

Tips and information about film making.

www.prsformusic.com/aboutus/faqs/pages/default.aspx

Information on using copyright music.

www.bbfc.co.uk/education-resources/student-guide/age-ratings/guidelines-intro

British Board of Film Classification