

**26th – 28th September 2025**

Aged 15- 18? Are you at a Glasgow City Council School?

Interested in film? Could you be one of our GYFF Young Programmers for 2025?

## What is it?

Every year Glasgow Film Theatre invites a group of young people through its doors to programme the Glasgow Youth Film Festival (GYFF), a weekend full of film screenings and film events for young people!

No experience of working with film is necessary and neither is a lot of film knowledge, but we welcome a passion cinema and film watching! In return for your regular commitment, you’ll build up lots of different skills and the opportunity to take part in a qualification which will provide an excellent addition to your CV.

**Please note this is not a filmmaking course but you will watch films and learn how to create a three-day film festival.**

## What will I gain?

* Meet new and like-minded people with similar interests to you
* Attend a summer school with Glasgow Film professionals
* Learn how cinema and festival programming works
* Meet film industry professionals through supported networking opportunities and hosting Q&As
* An *optional* Participative Democracy Certificate (two credits at SCQF Level 5)

## How do I apply?

* To apply, you need to be aged 15-18 and currently attending a Glasgow City Council Secondary School OR unemployed with a City of Glasgow postcode.
* Check that you are available on the list of programme dates
* Application deadline is **5pm Wednesday 30 April 2025**
* If you have further questions you can contact us at [callum.neeson@glasgowfilm.org](mailto:callum.neeson@glasgowfilm.prg)

## Please note:

Some of the films we watch will not yet be certificated by BBFC. The films we show will follow the guidelines of a BBFC 15 rating, details of which can be found on the BBFC website ([www.bbfc.co.uk/rating/15](http://www.bbfc.co.uk/rating/15)). Our education team believe it is important to challenge young people but will not show something that we feel to be inappropriate. We will always have discussions around difficult films and applicants can approach us about any films that they are not comfortable watching.

## Invitation to join

Applications close on 23 April, and the GFT Education team will contact you by 3May to inform you if your application has been successful.

If you have any concerns about joining the course or would like to more information please contact [callum.neeson@glasgowfilm.org](mailto:callum.neeson@glasgowfilm.prg) and we can arrange a time to chat!

## Trusted Adult Information Session

**Tuesday 13 May 6pm-8pm (ONLINE)**

This is a session for your trusted adult, parent or guardian to attend and find out more information about GYFF, this will include information on the Participative Democracy Certificate, the timeline of activities, how we age rate films and our Child Protection Policy. The session is not mandatory but we strongly encourage attendance. Trusted adults unable to attend the session will be sent a breakdown of all the points covered.

# Dates that Young Programmers must be available for:

## Induction

**Friday 23 May 2025 10am-3pm** (GFT)

**Saturday 24 May 2022 10am-3pm** (GFT)

The days during the holiday will provide you with an opportunity to meet the professionals who work at GFT and find out about the different people involved in putting on a film festival. These sessions will be held at the cinema and GFF Office. We will have a special screening of a past GYFF film in the GFT Cinema so bring the popcorn!

## Summer School

**7 - 10 July Summer School Week 1 (**GFF Office, Fleming House, Renfrew Street)

**14 – 17July Summer School Week 2** **(**GFF Office, Fleming House, Renfrew Street)

**21 – 24 July Summer School Week 3 (**GFF Office, Fleming House, Renfrew Street)

**+ 4 weekly evening sessions in August**

Although we refer to this as a Summer ‘School’, it will not feel like a formal classroom teaching environment! Instead, this is a fun, interactive and friendly

training programme that teaches you all about Film Event Management and how to curate and promote the Glasgow Youth Film Festival. Although we will be based in the Glasgow Film Festival Office, we will regularly travel between the office and the Glasgow Film Theatre’s cinema screens to watch films.

During these sessions we’ll be watching and discussing films, finding out all about how to appeal to a range of audiences and how to create a festival of screenings and film industry events with speakers. You will also get to meet former Young Programmers and find out what their experiences were like.

## Weekly Planning Meetings

**Held weekday evenings from August until the festival in September**

During the weekly meetings, we’ll be finalizing plans and making sure everything is in place for the festival. We will work with the group to find the most suitable evening for these sessions.

## Glasgow Youth Film Festival 2025

**26 -28 September 2025**

Over one weekend you’ll be attending and hosting events, introducing films, taking part in post-screening Question & Answer sessions and ensuring that everyone has an amazing time at your festival!

## Please note:

Some of our sessions may take place over Microsoft Teams. These will always be hosted by a member of the GFT Education team and will always have at least 2 members of staff present. Applicants will have to agree to our digital guidelines and Teams rules before starting the programme.

# The Application Bit

* Places are strictly limited to 20
* Application deadline is **5pm Wednesday 30 April 2025**
* Successful applicants will be notified by email as soon as possible after this date

To apply for a Young Programmer place, please complete the personal information and application information, and return it to: [callum.neeson@glasgowfilm.org](mailto:callum.neeson@glasgowfilm.org)

If you’re successful, your parent or guardian will be sent a consent form and they may receive a phone call from us. **This consent form needs to be sent this to us before you can take part**. If you need support completing this form, email: [callum.neeson@glasgowfilm.org](mailto:callum.neeson@glasgowfilm.org)

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| Email |  | Parent/guardian email |  |
| School name and address |  | | |
| Did an organisation refer you? |  | Please provide an email address for them: |  |

GFT is an equal opportunities organisation, please fill in the following to help us to support you appropriately. All information will remain confidential.

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| Do you consider yourself to be disabled?  If yes please provide more details below |  |  |
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| Do you have any access requirements?  If yes please provide more details below |  |  |
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| Is there anything GFT can do to provide you with support during the activity? |  |  |
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**THESE QUESTIONS WILL HELP US TO GET TO KNOW YOU A BIT BETTER**

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| Why are you interested in being a Young Programmer at Glasgow Film Theatre? |
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| What do you know about Glasgow Film Theatre / Film Festivals?  (You don’t have to know anything – we just want to know what you know) |
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| Please outline your interests/experience/skills that you think would make you a good Young Programmer? |
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| What do you most want to learn as a Young Programmer? |
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| Tell us about a film you like and why you like it. |
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| Are there any dates of the programme you cannot make?  Please note:   * You must be able to attend the dates of 26 -28 September 2025 for the festival for your application to be considered * We recommend that you be able to attend at least two full weeks of summer school in order to achieve the PDC Qualification |
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