

Commission call out for D/deaf filmmaker.

£5,000.00 plus travel and expenses

A commission of £5000.00 is available for one D/deaf filmmaker who ideally has connections with Exeter and or Devon. PaddleBoat Theatre's newly launched, National Lottery Heritage funded, project "Celebrating the Heritage of the Deaf Academy" is commissioning a D/deaf filmmaker to co-create an accessible short film with students from the Deaf Academy in Exmouth. The film will capture the incredible story of the heritage of one of the oldest and one of the only specialist deaf education providers in the country. The film will include students' views on deaf education and their hopes for the future. It will act as a time capsule for the Academy in 2021-22.

PaddleBoat and the Deaf Academy will provide historical information and work with students to explore and understand the heritage and create content for the film. The film will act as a legacy for this project and must be an inclusive and accessible way to tell the story of the history of the school and the heritage of its pupils.

This finished film may include: testimonials from past students and teachers at the academy, evidence from the Academy's archives, footage of the students on-going drama sessions where they explore their heritage through embodied learning as well as devised scenes where students explain the school's history. The successful filmmaker must be open to collaboration and willing to allow students to inform creative and content decisions for how they want to present their heritage.

Completion of the film will be April 2022. The successful filmmaker must complete and provide a storyboard, rough edit and final copy of the film. The film will be accessible for all audiences, with the inclusion of captions and BSL interpretation where appropriate. The finished film will be between 20-30mins and Paddleboat Theatre CIC will own all copyright for the finished project. PaddleBoat will organise screenings in partnership with the Academy to celebrate the project's completion, after that the film will be made publically available on the Deaf Academy's website.

The Filmmaker must hold a current DBS and agree to follow PaddleBoat and the Academy's safeguarding policies.

Please let us know any access needs. A BSL interpreter can be made available to you throughout the project.

The successful candidate should be available for the following filming dates at the Deaf Academy in Exmouth: 17th January, March 7th ,14th, 28th, April 4th 2022.

Application deadline 15th December 2021 at 5pm. The successful applicant will be announced in January 2022.

D/deaf filmmakers can apply by filling out this [form](#) in written English or answer the questions in BSL via video upload. Where possible, please include a link to your portfolio or examples of your work.

Email info@paddleboattheatre.co.uk with any questions.