

Big House | Short Films: An Interactive Film Festival

[Brief]

We're inviting young creatives aged 16-25 to create a 1–4-minute film that explores what heritage means to you.

Heritage is often thought of as old buildings, museums, or history books-but we believe it's much broader than that. It can be a memory, a place, a sound, a tradition, a family recipe, or a song that's passed down. We want to hear your voice and your perspective.

This is your chance to share your story – what *feels like heritage* to you?

Your film could be about:

- A **place** that means something to you (a street, a park, a building)
- An **object** (something passed down, or meaningful to your identity)
- A **tradition** or **ritual**
- A **piece of music**, art, or even a social movement
- A **family story**, or a moment from your local community
- An **event** or a **person in the past**
- Your **own interpretation** of the word “heritage”- however you define it

Submission criteria:

- Live, work or study in Rotherham, South Yorkshire or surrounding area
- Film makers ages 16 – 25

What we're looking for:

- A short film (minimum 1 minute, maximum 4 minutes)
- It can be recorded on your phone, camera, or however you like
- Any style: documentary, spoken word, animation, experimental, music video or drama
- Something **personal, honest and creative**
- We welcome films made solo or with others
- Non-offensive language and imagery

Film delivery format

- File format: MP4 (H.264 codec)
- Resolution: Minimum 1080p (Full HD) — 1920 x 1080 pixels
 - Higher resolution (e.g. 4K) is fine if your device allows

- Orientation: Landscape (horizontal) or Portrait (vertical)
- Audio: Clear and audible sound, with no major background noise
- File name format: [YourName]_[FilmTitle].mp4

Copyright & Permissions

- Please only use music, footage, images, or other media in your film that you have created yourself or have permission to use (e.g. royalty-free or licensed content). This is because the films will be shown in public, and we need to make sure everything is legally cleared.
- If your film includes copyrighted material (e.g. commercial music, clips from TV or films), and you don't have permission, we may not be able to screen it.

Key dates

- Submission Deadline: 23rd August 2025
- Notification of selected films: 25th Aug 2025
- Film Delivery Deadline: 13th October 2025
- Screening / Festival: 15th November 2025

What's in it for you?

Whilst we can't offer payment, we will showcase your film at our Film Festival called: **Big House | Short Films: An interactive Film Festival** in Nov. The festival audience will vote for their favourite film and the winner will win a small prize. You will also be given full credits wherever your film is shown or published.

This is a chance to:

- Have your work shown at our Film Festival alongside other emerging voices.
- Be credited and celebrated as a young film maker
- Add to your creative portfolio or showreel
- Take part in a project that puts young people's voices at the heart of how we think about Heritage

How to apply:

- Send us your idea by 23rd Aug 2025. You don't need to have made a film yet –just send us:
 - A short description of your idea (100-200 words)

- o What format or style you might use (e.g. Phone, spoken word, animation)
- o Any links to past creative work (optional)
- o Your name, age, where you're based, and contact details