



Industry-sponsored Parliamentary Film Competition Opens for Entries

- **Parliament's annual cross-party Film the House competition is now open for entries**
- **Aims to discover next generation of filmmakers and support UK's creative industries**
- **Highlights importance of intellectual property (IP) rights to MPs and the film and TV industry**
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An annual film competition run in collaboration with MPs and industry professionals has opened for entries from student and independent filmmakers in the UK. The competition, which showcases new talent in UK filmmaking and highlights the importance of intellectual property (IP) rights, is sponsored by Lord Clement Jones, Ellie Reeves MP and Chair of the All Party Writers Group, Giles Watling MP.

Every year, up-and-coming creators from around the country get to enter a range of awards including Best Film Script, the Directors UK Award for Best Film Direction, and Best Short Film. Awards are open to both under and over 19 categories. All submissions are judged by an expert industry panel of leading figures from Britain's film industry and winning films and scripts are shared with MPs. Prizes include a mentoring session with film industry professionals, British Board of Film Classification of winning films and a cash prize.

Participants can enter at www.filmthehouse.co.uk

The competition closing date is 6 January 2023.

Film the House is sponsored by the Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society (ALCS), Directors UK, The Motion Picture Association, Netflix, Paramount Global, Prime Video, The Walt Disney Company and Warner Bros. Discovery.

What supporters of IP and the competition are saying:

Helen Lederer, writer, comedian and 2020 Film the House compere, said:

"It was a pleasure to be part of a competition that helps celebrate up-and-coming British film talent. Creative competitions like Film the House are an integral way for new creators to get involved in the industry while at the same time highlighting the importance of IP to MPs and creatives alike."

Lord Tim Clement-Jones, Vice-Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Intellectual Property Group and parliamentary sponsor of Film the House, said:

“Intellectual property is a vital way of making sure that creators are properly rewarded for the artistic works they produce. This is as true for film and other visual media as it is for books, fashion or music. Film the House is designed to highlight the importance we place in Parliament on IP and on good IP protection and enforcement. We hope that for their part creators will respond by taking part in Film the House and demonstrate the huge audiovisual and writing talent that we have in this country.”

The Walt Disney Company EMEA said:

“Disney is proud to support this fantastic initiative to help mentor the next generation of talented storytellers from all backgrounds, giving them access to the resources and connections necessary to bring their authentic and unique stories to a wide audience.”

Notes to editors

About Film the House

Film the House was set up by the late Mike Weatherley during his time as MP for Hove (2010-2015) and IP adviser to David Cameron. The competition was set up to:

“Educate parliamentarians about the importance of the creative industries to the British economy and how, without protecting intellectual property, we are putting important industries and revenue streams in jeopardy.”

Film the House was launched as a fun way to educate parliamentarians and young people about the importance of the creative industries to the UK economy and the many ways in which we can nurture and protect these industries. It is now one of Parliament’s largest competitions and is just one of a few initiatives aimed at significantly raising awareness of the need to protect creativity and copyright by bringing together young filmmakers and parliamentarians.

Film the House showcases upcoming filmmakers and scriptwriters from across the UK, with particular emphasis on young, undiscovered talent. It is also a way for participants to meet their local MP and to learn a little more about how Parliament works.

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The parliamentary sponsors for the competition are Lord Tim Clement-Jones (Vice-Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Intellectual Property Group), Ellie Reeves MP and Giles Watling MP (Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Writers Group).

Further Information

Please email info@filmthehouse.co.uk or phone Barbara or Alison at ALCS on 020 7264 5700 for further information about the competition.

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About the sponsors

Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society (ALCS)

The Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society (ALCS) is a not-for-profit organisation started by writers for the benefit of all types of writers. Owned by its members, ALCS collects money due for secondary uses of writers' work. It is designed to support authors and their creativity; ensure they receive fair payment and see their rights are respected. It promotes and teaches the principles of copyright and campaigns for a fair deal. It represents over 116,000 members, and since 1977 has paid over £600million to writers.

Directors UK

Directors UK is the professional association of UK screen directors. It is a membership organisation representing the creative, economic and contractual interests of over 8,000 members – the majority of working TV and film directors in the UK. Directors UK negotiates rights deals and collects and distributes royalties to its members. It also campaigns and lobbies on its members' behalf and provides a range of services including legal advice, events and career development. Directors UK works closely with fellow organisations around the world to represent directors' rights and concerns, promotes excellence in the craft of direction and champions change to the current landscape to create an equal opportunity industry for all.

Disney

The Walt Disney Company, together with its subsidiaries and affiliates, is a leading diversified international family entertainment and media enterprise that includes Disney Parks, Experiences and Products; Disney Media & Entertainment Distribution; International Content and Operations and three content groups—Studios, General Entertainment and Sports—focused on developing and producing content for direct-to-consumer, theatrical and linear platforms. Disney is a Dow 30 company and had annual revenues of \$65.4 billion in its Fiscal Year 2021.

The Walt Disney Company has been in Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) for over 80 years and employs thousands across the region. Between Disneyland Paris and its other iconic brands, including Disney, Pixar, Marvel, Star Wars, National Geographic, 20th Century Studios and ESPN, The Walt Disney Company EMEA entertains, informs and inspires millions of consumers in more than 130 countries through the power of unparalleled storytelling. Disney+, the company's direct-to-consumer streaming service, is currently available in 60 markets across Europe.

The Motion Picture Association

The Motion Picture Association (MPA) serves as the voice and advocate of the six major international producers and distributors of films, home entertainment and television programmes. We are champions of IP rights, free and fair trade, innovative consumer choices, freedom of expression and the enduring power of movies to enrich people's lives. To do so, we promote and protect the intellectual property rights of our member companies and conduct public awareness programmes to highlight to movie fans around the world the importance of content protection. These activities have helped to transform entire markets

benefiting film and television industries in each country including foreign and local filmmakers alike.

Netflix

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Paramount Global

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Prime Video

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Warner Bros. Discovery

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