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Application form for North East Screen’s REACH Plus Film & TV Development Grant Awards

Application Information

You must complete every section of this form. If you don’t, we will return your application and ask you to provide the missing information. This may affect the processing of your application.

Please email your completed application form to reach@northeastscreen.org

**Please note – This funding is competitive and only 4 awards will be awarded this financial year**

Key Funding Criteria

It is essential that you book a 1-2-1 call with the Talent and Business Development Team before applying for Reach Funding. **Please be aware that applications can take up to 8 weeks to be assessed.**

Applicants must have a North East postcode, be over the age of 18 and not in full time education. This grant is only available to SME’s. An SME is any organisation that has fewer than 250 employees and a turnover of less than €50 million or a balance sheet total less than €43 million.

This is a match funded grant. Applicants must provide a minimum of 50% cash match to the project. The total sum must be spent externally.

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| **SECTION A – ABOUT YOU** |
| **A.1** **Your Name** |  |
| **A.2      Date of Birth** |  |
| **A.3** **Name of Organisation/Business** |  |
| **A.4** **Position or job title** |  |
| **A.5** **Address*****Please provide proof of address on application. (utility bill or similar)*** |  |
| **A.6 Under which local authority does your business sit? (delete as appropriate)** |
| Hartlepool Borough Council[ ]  | Stockton on Tees Council[ ]  | Middlesborough Council[ ]  | Darlington Borough Council[ ]  | Durham City Council[ ]  | Gateshead Council[ ]  |
| Sunderland City Council[ ]  | South Tyneside Council[ ]  | Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council[ ]  | Northumberland City Council[ ]  | Newcastle City Council[ ]  | North Tyneside Council[ ]  |
| **A.7** **The above address is**   |  HOME ADDRESS[ ]  |  BUSINESS ADDRESS[ ]  |
| If other, please state  |  |
| **A.8 Contact number** |  |
| **A.9 Email Address** |  |
| **A.10 Website/Socials** |  |

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| **SECTION B – ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS** |
| **B.1 What is the legal status of your Organisation/Business?***(delete where appropriate)* | Private Company *(please provide company number)* | Company Limited by Guarantee |
| Registered Charity*(please provide registration number)* | Sole Trader*(please provide unique tax reference)* |
| Legally Constituted Partnership | Other (please specify below) |
| **B.2 What date was your organisation set up?** |  |
| **B.3 Is your organisation VAT Registered?** |  |
| **B.4 If YES** **what is your registration number?** |  |
| **B.5 Are you a branch or subsidiary of a larger organisation?***(if yes please name parent organisation)* |  |
| **B.6 How many Full Time Equivalent employees work in the organisation?** |  |
| **B.7 Please detail the company’s industry experience.***(Max 200 words)* |  |
| **B.8 Applicants must submit evidence of actual spend/defrayal and procurement evidence demonstrating best value for money.*** We will reimburse you 50% of eligible costs on condition that evidence of procurement and expenditure defrayal is provided
* If your business is not VAT registered and costs include irrecoverable VAT then these amounts can be reimbursed. However, if your business is VAT registered then we expect you to recover that VAT from HMRC and the remaining costs (ex-VAT) will be eligible for reimbursement
* Proof of procurement in the form of a minimum of 3x written quotations for each element of the project cost, along with the rationale for your choice of provider to demonstrate value for money
* Proof of expenditure in the form of copies of all invoices and receipts and copies of all relevant credit card and bank statements showing defrayal of such amounts. Expenditure by credit card can only be regarded as eligible if you are able to provide a copy of your bank statement showing full payment of the credit card statement balance. Part payments do not fulfil NESIP requirements and will result in the expenditure being disallowed.
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| **SECTION C – ABOUT THE PROJECT** |
| **C.1 Name of project** |  |
| **C.2 When does your project start?** |  |
| **C.3 What is your project end date?** |  |
| **C.4 How much are you applying for?** |  |
| **C.5 Please specify what the funding will be used for.***(Max 200 words)* |  |
| **C.6 What makes this activity game changing /innovative and/or global?***(Max 200 words)* |  |
| **C.7 Is the project commercially viable?***(Please detail what business/new*  *markets the project is likely to secure – Max 200 words)* |  |
| **C.8 How will the project impact your business?** *(Max 200 words)* |  |
| **C.9 How is this project bringing inward investment and growth to the region?***(Max 200 words)* |  |
| **C.10 Please outlay the proposed schedule for the activity.** | DATE | ACTIVITY |
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| **C.11 Please list the employees (including yourself) who will be working on this activity.**  | ROLE | NAME |
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| **C.12 Please list the jobs that this project will create or safeguard (including freelancers).** | ROLE | NAME |
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| **C.13 Please list the commissions your company have**  **delivered.** |  BROADCASTER | PROJECT |
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| **SECTION D – THE FUNDING** |

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| **D.1 Please detail the source(s) of match funding.***You can itemise this below* |  |

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| Source*Costs should include VAT unless you are VAT registered and able to recover it* | 1. Funds awaiting confirmation
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| Reach Funding | £ |
|  | £ |
|  | £ |
| You must provide evidence for all funds that have been committed including your own. |

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| **D.2 How do you plan to spend the total value of the project?** |  |
| Expenditure | Cost |
|  | £ |
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|  | £ |
| TOTAL | £ |

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| **SECTION E – DATA PROTECTION ACT 2018** |
| The information on this application form will be processed by North East Screen. By proceeding to complete and submit this form, you consent that we may process the personal data (including sensitive personal data) that we collect from you, and use the information you provide to us, in accordance with our Privacy Policy. In addition, North East Screen are required to retain data. Your details will be stored securely and retained in compliance with GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. This information will be used to evaluate this project and to report to the North East Screen Industries Partnership for monitoring and evaluation purposes. North East Screen will not keep your personal data for longer than it needs but as a minimum, will retain data for two years after the closure of the programme to ensure reporting obligations are met and to demonstrate compliance.  |
| **E.1 Would you like to receive information about events, workshops and services?** | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  |
| **E.2 Would you like to receive our newsletter?** | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  |

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| **SECTION F – YOUR DECLARATION OF INTEREST** |
| **F.1 Declaration of Interest****Do you have, or are aware of, any close personal or professional link with any staff member or board member of North East Screen?**If YES please list names and connections below | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  |
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| NOTE: under North East Screen’s memorandum and articles, board members must declare an interest to other members of the board before the application is submitted. Please let them know if you are applying to us for funds. A full list of board members is available on our website |

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| **SECTION G - MONITORING** |
| This fund requires eligibility and monitoring information to be provided at the beginning and end of your project. Please complete the Business Support Eligibility Form on application. If your application for funding is successful, you agree to provide all requested information in relation to your project. |

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| **SECTION H - FRAUD** |
| North East Screen will take legal action to recover funds from an applicant who has provided fraudulent information in this application. Any misleading statements by you the applicant could render this application invalid and you or your organisation liable to return any money already paid on the project or scheme in question.  |

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| **SECTION I – EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES MONITORING** |
| Please complete this Equality, Diversity and Inclusion form: <https://forms.office.com/e/4Nix5Tj4Mh>The information requested is optional. This section of the application will not form part of the assessment process. We are committed to pursuing equality of opportunity and monitoring applicants and applications is one way of helping to ensure that there is no discrimination in the way applications are assessed. |

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| **SECTION J – SUSTAINABILITY, GOOD WORKING PRACTISES AND ACCESSIBILITY**  |
| To make sure the North East is the best place to live, work and play, we champion good working practises, inclusivity, sustainability and accessibility.To ensure we are taking the appropriate steps, please complete the following or industry standard equivalent. |
| **Sustainability** | https://www.screenskills.com/online-learning/learning-modules/introduction-to-sustainability-for-the-screen-industries/ |
| **Accessibility** | https://www.screenskills.com/online-learning/learning-modules/introduction-to-disability-access-and-inclusion/ |
| **Good Working Practises – Production Values Document** | https://wholepicturetoolkit.org.uk/pre-production/agree-a-wellbeing-plan/#production-values |
| **Diversity, equity and inclusion** | https://www.screenskills.com/online-learning/learning-modules/diversity-equity-and-inclusion-for-the-screen-industries/ |

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| **SECTION K – THE CHECKLIST** |
| Note: gathering additional missing information once you have submitted your application will slow down the application process and could result in you missing your deadline, so please make sure your application form is complete with supporting materials.Please send applications and supporting materials to reach@northeastscreen.org |
|[ ]  I have enclosed and retained a signed copy of this application, answering every question to the best of my knowledge. |
|[ ]  I have enclosed CV’s and/or biographies for myself and others named in **section C.** |
|[ ]  I have enclosed evidence of confirmed funding. |
|[ ]  I have completed an EDI form. |
|[ ]  I have enclosed a completed Business Eligibility Support form covering the last 2 financial years. |
|[ ]  I have enclosed evidence of my good working practises, inclusivity, sustainability and accessibility training and/or company policies and agreements as mentioned in **Section J** |
|[ ]  I have enclosed my memorandum & articles, or rules or constitution. |
|[ ]  I have enclosed an up to date financial statement. |

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| **SECTION L - DECLARATION** |
| I confirm the information I have given is true and I have answered all the relevant questions on the form. I will let you know immediately about any material change to the information provided. I have the power to accept funding subject to conditions and the ability to repay funding in the event of funding conditions not being met.  |

**L.1 Signature L.2 Date**

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*The signature on this form can be electronic if sending application via email*