48-hour Film Challenge 2025

How it works

1. **Assemble your team!**

Your film must be created within the given 48 hours by a crew comprising no more than 10 group members, at least one of whom must be a Kent resident. One crew member must also be the designated leader (for contact purposes).

2. **Register**

To register follow the signup link here and complete the online form. You'll need to register by Friday 26th September at 3pm.

3. **Get prepared**

You might want to think about locations, actors and equipment before the competition starts. You can then tailor it according to the brief when it's announced.

4. **Brief Announced**

At 5pm on the 26th of September the brief will be emailed out (using the email you signed up with). This will list a few necessities, which must be included in your short film.

5. **Submit**

Along with the brief, you will also be emailed a link with which to submit your film and BTS photography (5 images). The deadline for submitting your project is 5pm on Sunday 28th September. **Submissions after this time will not be considered.**

6. **Winners announced!**

All submitted films will be carefully watched and considered by our expert panel. The films will be judged on their creativity and originality.

All films submitted will be screened at a local community studio, and the shortlisted films shown at The Ashford Cinema. There will be trophies and prizes presented by Screen South & Screen Ashford for the judges' favourites – including free hire of professional filming equipment valued at £500 from Screen South for the 1st place winner.

Rules

Who can participate?

Anyone! Although we ask that one of your team is based in Kent.

The Length:

Your completed film must be no longer than 5 minutes and no shorter than 2 minutes (including credits and title card)

The Footage:

All footage must be filmed within the 48-hour window.

Language:

The films can be submitted in any language, although your film must have English subtitles if it's not English.

Title Card:

Your film must start with five seconds of black, followed by a five second title card that includes your team's name and film name.

Submission:

Upload your completed short film as an .mp4 file on Vimeo or YouTube as a downloadable file. Complete the submission form linked in the brief email.

Behind the Scenes Photography:

With you film we ask that you submit 5 high resolution behind the scenes photographs. These do not have to be taken professionally and will not impact upon the selection process; they are just useful for promoting the competition and your work.

Terms and Conditions

Responsibility and Indemnity

Participants are responsible for all aspects of their film, including crew, cast, equipment, sets, and locations. Participants must secure all necessary agreements, releases, and permissions for the film and hereby indemnify Screen South from any claims, costs, damages, or liabilities arising from their participation. Participants are responsible for any costs they incur during the filmmaking process.

Legal and Safety Compliance
Participants are responsible for ensuring that filming is carried out legally, safely, and considerately.

Participants must obtain all necessary permissions and adhere to local laws and regulations, especially concerning the use of weapons, uniforms, vehicles, and filming in public spaces.

Rights and Usage
Screen South reserve the right to screen, exhibit, broadcast, or disseminate the completed film and behind-the-scenes photography in any manner.

Participants grant Screen South an in-perpetuity, worldwide, royalty-free, non-exclusive licence to promote, publish, sample, and sublicense the work.

Submit your entry form for the 48-hour Film Challenge here.

Should you have any problems, please email info@screensouth.org.

Good Luck!