



What is an Into Film Club?

Into Film clubs are free for state funded school and non-school settings, such as youth clubs, cinemas and libraries. Clubs give children and young people the opportunity to watch, discuss and review films, as well as training and online resources to make their own films.

Club leaders receive free access to:

- Resources
- Support
- CPD training
- Filmmaking
- Industry interactions
- DVD Catalogue
- Competitions

Why it works

Into Film in Ashfield has been a phenomenal success, embracing inclusion and social involvement as club members work collaboratively with pupils from diverse social classes and across the academic divide – from SEN pupils who have literacy difficulties to those deemed 'Gifted and Talented' as well as those whose first language is not English, pupils with Asperger's Syndrome and emotional problems and many who have social, emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Objectives

The main objectives were to foster inclusion, cohesion and raise aspirations. Ashfield Girls' is a Protestant non-selective post primary school situated in one of the most deprived wards in Europe, as categorised by the Noble indicators in terms of social deprivation. Recent research shows that Protestant children from disadvantaged backgrounds are more likely to leave school without qualifications along with 'little sense of unity'. We feel that we must do all we can to raise the aspirations of these children to give them a real sense of worth and to help them achieve despite adversity. The opportunities afforded to our pupils through our involvement with Into Film has, without doubt, helped them to achieve success, to experience opportunities alien to them otherwise, and has seen them grow, flourish and gain confidence as well as creating a true sense of unity across age ranges, social classes and ethnicities.

Delivery

Into Film has proved to be so popular that we have introduced a Junior Club which meets twice a week, as well as the original club whose members now constitute a 'Senior Club'. Into Film enables pupils to make new friends and avoid sometimes awkward social situations for shy pupils at lunchtimes, and members now regularly meet up outside of school to visit the cinema – friendships have been borne out of selection, watching, discussing and reviewing movies.

Results

Many of the club's members were at risk of becoming disengaged with school and becoming socially excluded but Into Film has offered them the opportunity to interact socially through the medium of film. Attendance of pupils has also improved as they now don't wish to be absent and miss their weekly film. Involvement in Film Club has improved the pupils' literacy skills – particularly their writing skills and their ability to critically analyse which they can transfer to a number of curricular areas.

Facts about Into Film in your region:

623 Into Film clubs in Northern Ireland

29 youth made films in Northern Ireland in 2014

We now have the capacity to accept film reviews, competition entries and submissions in the Irish Language

We will soon take delivery of a new inflatable cinema screen, which will allow us to screen films in unusual locations, and host themed educational events across Northern Ireland

So what are you waiting for? Join Into Film today and explore the opportunities available. Visit www.intofilm.org now to get started.