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**OUR YEAR AT A GLANCE**

- **143,736** Teaching Resources Downloaded
- **256** Films Submitted by Young People
- **439,154** Into Film Festival Attendees
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These are challenging and confusing times for the country as a whole, for schools and educators, and for our young people. Stories told on film can help them to explore and make sense of the complex world around them, and to find their place within it. Their own stories told through the films they make give them a powerful voice to express and define themselves, and to explore issues that concern them.

Into Film’s programme reaches schools and youth settings across the entire length and breadth of the UK. 75% of our 8,128 actively engaged film clubs are located beyond London and the South East of England, over 40% in schools with a higher than average take-up of Free School Meals (or comparable indicator).

When evidence suggests that arts and creative subjects are being squeezed in many schools, film clubs provide access, in an extracurricular setting, to one of the most influential art forms of the last hundred years. In our annual survey, 98% of film club leaders stated that their club broadens its members’ cultural education and 100% said that Into Film’s programme helps to develop creative skills.

Our classroom-focused work to support teaching and learning in subjects across the curriculum is vital to the achievement of our goal to embed film education in schools. There’s a growing body of evidence to demonstrate its positive impact. In an independent evaluation report on our 2108/19 programme we were pleased to note the finding that teaching through film is particularly effective with students facing challenges in their literacy learning.

This year over 4,000 UK teachers and educators participated in our training and professional development programmes, which equip them with approaches and tools to teach with and about film. Nearly 17,000 downloads of our online teaching resources further highlight that schools value film as a powerful medium within education. Further realising that educational potential is central to our future plans and ambitions.

An important part of that potential lies in creating opportunities for children and young people to participate in the creative process of filmmaking. This year we created the Moving Minds project which, through partnerships with agencies including local Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, enabled young people dealing with mental health challenges to work alongside professional filmmakers to make short films. Evaluation of the project showed that it achieved profound outcomes for both the young participants and the partners. The films themselves were extraordinarily powerful, communicating personal perspectives and experiences regarding mental health and wellbeing, and they were subsequently used to stimulate discussion by other young people.

The annual Into Film Awards at the Odeon Luxe, Leicester Square showcased the remarkable talent of young filmmakers and we were struck by the way that entries shone a light on issues that really matter to them, such as online safety, food poverty and bullying. Shortlisted nominees came from all four UK nations and winners received their awards from an array of industry talent including Lily James, Eddie Redmayne, Luke Evans and Amma Asante.

We have no doubt that some of the young people whose work featured in the Awards will go on to enjoy successful careers in the screen industries. As part of our work to inspire others to do so and raise awareness of the myriad job roles required to bring a story to the screen, we were delighted to be invited to deliver the pilot of ScreenWorks, a new work experience initiative for 14-19 year olds in Northern Ireland. Funding has subsequently been awarded to roll the programme out further during 2019/20.

With content now being accessed in an increasing number of ways, we continued to deliver an extensive programme to enable young audiences to experience film in the ‘gold standard’ setting of the cinema. The sixth Into Film Festival attracted 439,000 bookings for 2,500 screenings and events in 550 venues across the UK. 30,000 of the young attendees were making their first ever cinema visit.

Statistics taken from the 2018 Into Film Club leader survey.
Looking to the future, a central and ongoing challenge will be to encourage and enable schools, teachers and young people to engage with film learning when the vast majority have no statutory imperative to do so. We must therefore ensure that the opportunities we offer are relevant to their needs. We will listen to and consult with them even more extensively, including through our recently expanded Educator Ambassador groups and Youth Advisory Councils; and we must respond to what they tell us. A new four-year Film for Learning programme in Bradford, Bristol and Northern Ireland schools, with a principal focus on teacher development, will provide us with further invaluable insights into how we can maximise the educational value of film in both classroom and extracurricular settings.

With time being such a precious commodity for teachers, and so many competing demands on it, we also have to make our online activities – which drive the achievement of our extensive reach – as easy to access and use as possible. This is a major reason why we are working to introduce a Video on Demand service and a Learning Management System that will enable us to present curated films, online learning and training opportunities in exciting new ways. We believe these new developments will significantly strengthen a rich film education ‘offer’ that can benefit every school and eligible youth setting in the UK.

It’s a huge privilege to be able to make the bulk of that offer free of charge to state schools and this would not be possible without the support and partnership of our funders (listed below). In particular, we would like to thank the BFI for its partnership and the UK’s Lottery players who enable the BFI to support us with National Lottery funding. We also extend thanks to Cinema First for its ongoing support for initiatives including the Into Film Festival; to Northern Ireland Screen for its continued support and for entrusting us this year as its delivery partner on ScreenWorks; to TPICAP for enabling us to create Moving Minds; and to the Paul Hamlyn Foundation for investing in our work to develop new approaches to supporting teachers’ use of film.

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Into Film Clubs enable educators to inspire a passion for film and film learning among young audiences, with 63% of clubs in 2018/19 meeting on a weekly basis.

Educators were able to choose from a diverse catalogue of free films and popular titles included new-release favourites Paddington and Coco, as well as more specialist animations and documentaries including Mary and the Witch’s Flower and They Shall Not Grow Old.

65% of titles ordered by Into Film Clubs were either British, Independent or specialist.

Thousands of educators used Into Film Clubs to reinforce curricular learning, develop transferable skills and increase pupil motivation. 94% of clubs took time to discuss topics raised within the films they watched, while 79% of club members developed literacy skills by writing reviews of the films they had seen.

Our funding by the Department of Communities through Northern Ireland Screen helped us enhance our delivery in Northern Ireland by providing an increased level of face-to-face teacher support and pupil engagement in some of the most disadvantaged areas of the UK.

Club membership was further enhanced with a range of benefits such as priority booking for exclusive screenings and events, CPD sessions and the Into Film Festival, as well as the opportunity to meet and learn from industry talent.

In partnership with London’s Screen Archives and using its travelling cinema-in-a-van (KinoVan), Into Film visited clubs in the capital to deliver a series of archive screenings and workshops to mark the centenary of the Representation of the People Act. The Courage and Communities project, coordinated by the Mayor of London and funded by Heritage Lottery Fund, also included partners such as the Royal Albert Hall, the BFI and the Museum of London.
SHAPING YOUNG LIVES THROUGH FILM

Our Into Film Club has been established here for eight years. It enables our young people to come together and watch films from differing genres, including films that may not ordinarily be accessible to them.

Presently we have 18 members aged between 13 and 15. They meet weekly after school and ten of them also meet most lunchtimes. Working with a small number allows for deeper exploration of themes and the development of literacy skills.

I also use our club to promote Moving Image Arts, taught here at GCSE and Post 16. Many students have progressed to study film at university. Students who have attended Into Film Club from Year 8 have tended to choose the subject for GCSE. Their knowledge and understanding of film are at a higher level and their passion for films is evident.

I find the resources on the Into Film website invaluable and regularly use the PowerPoint presentation on Film Language when teaching Moving Image Arts.

Attending the Into Film Festival is a must for us and we often participate in screenings and workshops at our local cinema. Due to socio-economic factors some children here don’t get to visit the cinema; Into Film makes it possible for them to enjoy the experience.

Our most recent trip was to *The Secret Life of Pets 2* with 40 of our twelve-year-old students. These are the next generation of Into Film Club members and I look forward to some of them joining next year.

I believe our Into Film Club is extremely beneficial to my students. It provides them with the opportunity to relax during what can sometimes be a stressful day. Some find certain subjects challenging and watching films gives them an outlet, a different way to express and articulate themselves. They really appreciate the time and space which Into Film Club affords them.

BY TARA MCMULLAN
ART AND MOVING IMAGE ARTS TEACHER, NORTH COAST INTEGRATED COLLEGE, COLERAINE, NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Secret Life of Pets 2 © Universal. All rights reserved.
Our children are passionate about learning through film and we use it in the classroom and all around the school. Introducing characters from recent screenings as a motivator has led to increased engagement and effort. For our children who are non-verbal it gives them a voice through the animations they are now able to produce themselves.

Visiting the cinema is a huge barrier for many of our students so we created our own immersive cinema experience, screening films from the Into Film catalogue for pupils to access in a safe, accepting environment. The cinema is utilised by all pupils from Reception to Year 6 with classes coming together for screenings. Posters are presented the week before so they are aware of when it’s happening and students ‘buy’ their ticket in advance using two pieces of work relating to the film. After the screening they create film reviews, storyboards and short animations. The positive feedback we have had from parents has been incredible, with many now able to enjoy regular visits to the cinema as a family.

In the past year we have also attended the Into Film Festival and other special screenings such as the Early Man preview, hosted a training session in the use of Into Film resources in an additional needs situation, attended careers events and used Into Film resources for integrating film into our implementation of the new Welsh curriculum – which we showcased to members of Government. Attending the Into Film Awards and winning Into Film Club of the Year was the icing on the cake.

OPENING WORLDS THROUGH FILM

As a special school for children with autism spectrum disorder we welcome every opportunity to enrich our pupils’ educational journey. The Hollies Into Film Club is great because it opens up their worlds by encouraging them to communicate, socially interact and access the curriculum.

BY YASMIN JOHN
DIGITAL THERAPIST,
THE HOLLIES SCHOOL,
CARDIFF, WALES

Our favourite films we have watched in our Into Film Club are:

MAKE A FILM, FIND YOUR VOICE

Filmmaking can provide a safe and effective way for young people to explore sensitive issues and find their voice on the challenges they face. In 2018/19 we were proud to support young people with ADHD and mental health issues to produce a range of brilliant short films.

Through our Moving Minds Filmmaking Project, we gave 200 young people the chance to work with professional filmmakers to create their own short films. This was a great opportunity for participants to increase their confidence, build resilience, work in a team, and to gain filmmaking skills and experience. Making their films also gave them a voice on mental health and enabled them to advocate the importance of talking about wellbeing to others. The young people were drawn from schools, youth groups and specialist NHS services.

Our Future Storytellers project worked with two groups of young people, including those with a diagnosis of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Through filmmaking workshops led by professional animators, the participants examined the major features of ADHD, producing films that playfully explore, through their own words and pictures, the challenges that young people with ADHD have staying focused when their minds and bodies just want to move on.

Both projects have been given a life beyond the film production through the creation of classroom resources that have been used by educators across the UK as part of PSHE lessons.

Me and my daughter are here [at the screening] to support my boy. I cried when I watched the film – I’ve never heard him speak so much outside the house. And he was narrating the film … I’m so proud.

PARENT OF YOUNG FILMMAKER
Film is an engaging tool to bring the curriculum to life and support young people’s learning right across the curriculum. Into Film resources feature relevant film content embedded directly into ready-to-use downloadable PowerPoints with teachers’ notes.

Now a staple in classrooms across the UK, our resources continued to be in high demand in 2018/19 with 116,680 downloads. We continued to strengthen our catalogue by producing 83 new resources, the most popular of which (How to Train Your Dragon: Discovering the Hidden World) received more than 5,134 unique downloads.

Partnering with major industry players such as StudioCanal, NBCUniversal, 20th Century Fox, and Pathé we delivered 13 unique new-release campaigns, from exclusive preview screenings and competitions, to in-depth classroom resources. This enabled us to create a wide range of unique educational experiences that engaged more than one million UK children and young people aged 5–19.

Our commitment to pupil wellbeing was represented through resources such as Anti-bullying, Mindfulness on Film, and Staying Safe Online – supporting schools to use film as an effective tool for exploring potentially sensitive topics.
I’ve used Into Film resources regularly with pupils in Year 5 and 6 – in particular the ‘Film in a Fortnight’ resource. The resource challenged us to focus on a dialogue-free short film for a half-term, rather than using a text. This quickly became a leveller as the expectation to read was removed. Pupils could watch the film, then use higher order inferential and literal comprehension skills as equals, regardless of reading ability. The resource gave a range of activity ideas, culminating in pupils being able to plan, produce and publish their own short films, which they relished.

Pupils have developed their filmmaking skills using the filmmaking resources. This has helped us enhance topics within the curriculum, allowing children to make informational videos. We’ve also used film guides to spark discussion before and after screenings; the Inside Out one was particularly useful for exploring wellbeing.

We’ve successfully used resources based around the school calendar, such as the International Women’s Day assembly, which we used both in class and our Into Film Club to discuss the Bechdel Test and how women are represented on screen. This led to a screening of Moana to see if it passed the test, which inspired some of our girls when writing their reviews.

The wide range of resources Into Film offers gives staff a great platform in the use of film throughout school life, which will be vital in meeting the requirements of the new curriculum in Wales.
2018/19 saw the rollout of our ITT (Initial Teacher Training) programme across the UK. Delivered in partnership with regional universities, ITT helps teachers-in-training learn techniques and develop lesson plans that aid the delivery of film-based learning. The programme has welcomed 847 student teachers in its inaugural intake.

As a result of the successful conclusion of our Paul Hamlyn Foundation supported Full STEAM Ahead project, Into Film was awarded a further four-year grant for Film for Learning (FFL), an initiative designed to improve pupils’ literacy and develop teachers as film club leaders within their schools.

We also launched a teacher development programme for members of the National Education Union, which piloted blended learning with face-to-face sessions supported by Into Film’s online training platform.

Into Film’s professional development training is created with input from specialist partners, including teachers and senior leaders across the UK, to support teachers in using film as a tool for learning across the curriculum.

Good, fast paced, informative, fun, well delivered. Great session.

PARTICIPANT AT INTO FILM TEACHER TRAINING SESSION

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ROBERT, NQT, CHURCHFIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL

I studied stop motion animation during my degree; Into Film’s blended learning course ‘Making and Using Film (Animation)’ was a great opportunity to find advice on using the medium in the classroom. The fact that both in-person sessions were after school hours made attending easy, and the Future Learn online platform was great for its flexibility and potential to re-watch the videos.

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BY ROBERT WATERS
NEWLY QUALIFIED TEACHER (NQT), CHURCHFIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL, LONDON

I like the idea of critiquing movie scenes with students and it was great to try this and other activities in the initial training session. I found the quiz ideas particularly interesting and opted for producing a couple of resources for both video assignments: a one-shot video modelling a maths question and a five-shot recap of food groups for science.

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Highlights of 2018/19’s activity included a visit to Pixar Studios in San Francisco to meet the team behind Incredibles 2, and a Q&A with esteemed director and screenwriter Peter Jackson.

2018/19 also saw our Into Film Youth Advisory Council continue its important work with 75 young people aged 10-18 participating in the scheme nationwide. With groups meeting once a term at five regional and national offices, the Youth Advisory Council helped to shape the Into Film programme, as well provide an essential voice for future generations of young cinemagoers.

Through initiatives such as our Young Reporter Programme and Youth Advisory Council, we’ve helped young people get closer to their film heroes and help shape how we, as an educational charity, operate our programme.
Forrest has benefited from being on the Youth Advisory Council in numerous ways, such as improved confidence in giving his opinion, developing his ability to think critically about the quality of film and story, and gaining experience working collaboratively with other young people.

DEREK, PT FACULTY, TIREE HIGH SCHOOL

I first heard about the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) through my mum who is one of Into Film’s Education Ambassadors and decided to apply. I didn’t know what it would be like but was really happy to be selected.

As a YAC member I have had lots of interesting experiences that I wouldn’t have had otherwise. I especially enjoyed giving prizes out at the Scottish Youth Film Festival and taking part in the team game Escape Room as a treat for helping with judging.

I live on a small island with a population of 650, and it’s a four-hour boat ride to the nearest cinema. Into Film enables me to watch and enjoy films with my friends. Last year we went to the Into Film Awards as we were nominated for Into Film Club of the year; it was great to have the opportunity to go to London.

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OGO’S STORY

I first heard about the Young Reporter scheme in 2015 – I sent in a video audition and was selected. The training included workshop days with presentations and practical exercises to teach us interview techniques. We also received on the job training – ahead of each assignment we were briefed and encouraged to think of and practice questions, which gave me confidence.

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DEVELOPING AN AUDIENCE FOR THE FUTURE

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Over 550 cinemas participated in the 2018 Into Film Festival, which welcomed 439,154 attendees across 2,545 screenings and 151 special events. Highlights included the UK-wide preview of The Grinch and exclusive previews of Palme D’or winner Shoplifters, while documentary was also well represented with screenings of McQueen and Human Flow.

In our continued commitment to ensure the Festival is inclusive and accessible, half of all screenings were audio-described while over 6,200 wheelchair spaces were made available. The Festival also provided opportunities for audience members to interact with industry talent, which this year included actor Will Poulter and director Jeremy Dyson.

Into Film also partnered with the BFI Film Audience Network in 2018/19 to mark LGBT History Month with a series of free school screenings held throughout February. With 2019 marking the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall riots, the LGBT events programme explored aspects of gender identity and equality, through titles such as Hairspray, Pride, Love, Simon and 2017 Oscar winner The Imitation Game.

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Statistics taken from the 2018 Into Film Festival survey.
Senior pupils used the Festival to further their learning. Higher candidates studying Black Panther attended a screening of Kenyan film Supa Modo and an interactive session with Zimbabwean storyteller Tawona Sithole, enhancing their understanding of African film and, importantly, portrayals of African culture on screen outside Hollywood.

Others enjoyed a BBFC talk on certificate ratings followed by a screening of A Quiet Place where they could put into practice what they had learned by deciding which elements of the film warranted its 15 certificate.

Events and screenings were received with impassioned enthusiasm. Visiting the Edinburgh Filmhouse and Glasgow Film Theatre made a big impression on children accustomed to chain multiplex cinemas.

We used the review writing resources from the Into Film website in class afterwards. The standard of work produced was very high and could be used to formally evidence writing ability. We also entered pupils into the Festival review writing competition with amazing success. Two won the Scotland competition and saw their work published in The Herald and two more won the UK-wide competition. For our junior pupils the Festival’s biggest impact is in bringing them together. The fact it’s free meant every pupil in our School of Media classes was able to attend. For seniors the Festival provided opportunities directly linked to their coursework and which they then used to inform their exam answers.
The enthusiasm, the hard work, the tenacity has been very inspiring. I feel like inspiring is a word that gets thrown around a lot, but some of the films I’ve seen here, and some of the people – both the students and the teachers... it’s sent me off with a skip in my step. It’s been brilliant.

EDDIE REDMAYNE, ACTOR, INTO FILM AMBASSADOR

CELEBRATING EMERGING FILM TALENT

Paying tribute to the UK’s burgeoning film talent for a fifth year running, our 2018/19 Into Film Awards celebrated young filmmakers from across the UK, with a star-studded ceremony held at the ODEON Luxe, Leicester Square.

From hundreds of entries across 14 categories, the winners of the 2018/19 Into Film Awards were revealed on 5 March 2019 by a host of industry talent, including Eddie Redmayne, Lily James, Bill Nighy and Rhys Ifans.

Presented by CBBC’s Radzi Chinyanganya, the Awards recognised the outstanding filmmaking capabilities of 5-19 years olds in the UK, with categories including Best Documentary, Best Animation and the Audience Choice Award. Themes ranged from food banks and Brexit to Trump and internet safety, while a judging panel that included founder and CEO of IMDb, Col Needham and film director, Beeban Kidron, decided the winners.

The Awards is supported by many of the major players in the UK film industry including Cineworld, Disney, Paramount Pictures, Eon, Warner Bros, Creative Talent, Sony Pictures Entertainment and Working Title.
This was the first time I made a film. It took about nine months. We made the characters using clay, mixing it together to get different skin tones, and we made the background using cardboard and acrylic. We used an iPhone and an app called Stop Motion Studio where you take a picture and move the characters very slightly until you have a smooth scene where the characters are moving. It takes half an hour to make one five to ten second scene.

Before I made the film I found it hard to work with other people. This has taught me to trust and work with other people without feeling self-conscious. It made me think I could help other children who use food banks.

Winning the award for best animation felt amazing and scary at the same time as I normally feel nervous around people I don’t know. I always dreamed of meeting celebrities – at the Into Film Awards it came true. Then Bell Gardens Animation Club made history by winning a second award. I felt really happy I’d achieved something so big and so rare.

I would love to use what I’ve learned to make more films in future. We’re working on two films at the moment – one about bullying because lots of children in our local area are being bullied and are scared to go to the park, and another one about knife crime because there are loads of knife crimes and we want to try and stop them.
FINANCE

2018/19 represents the second year of our five-year National Lottery grant to support film education for children and young people aged 5–19 as part of the BFI’s 2022 Strategy.

The grant continues to form the majority of our overall income and allows us to fulfil our commitment to provide our service to the whole of the UK, with staff and offices in each of the four nations.

Total income and expenditure for the year was broadly in line with 2017/18, when we adjusted to a reduced level of Lottery funding. Now through that transition period, we remain focussed on delivering the broad, high quality range of services and opportunities we can offer schools, pupils, teachers and the screen industries.

Overall, we achieved a net income of £51,181 for the year, a strong position considering it includes significant expenditure on restricted income projects where funding was received in the previous year.

Most of the funds retained this year have been designated for digital projects in 2019/20, during which we aim to develop and launch a new Video on Demand platform and Learning Management System, to improve our services, create new opportunities and meet the needs of an increasingly digital audience.

Total income for the year was just under £6.3m, a decrease of £168,586 (2.6%) compared to 2017/18; this includes non-Lottery income of £1.51m which is almost identical to the prior year, falling by just £6,086 (0.4%).

Total expenditure for 2018/19 is consistent with the previous year; it has fallen by £30,574 (0.5%) compared to 2017/18, from £6.26m to £6.23m.