WEA Course Information Sheet 2016-17



Course title: Documentary Film Making Part 1Course ID: C3839511Start date: 29/09/2016End date: 20/10/2016Day(s)/time(s): Thu 10:30Number of sessions: 4Hours per session: 3Tutor Janet BrandonAdditional hours: 1Notes:Awarding body (if any):
Title of qualification to be gained:Level: Level 1

Fee: £40.30 or Free if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded)

Accreditation Fee (if applicable):

Venue: John Archer Hall, John Archer Hall, 68 Upper Hill Street, Liverpool, Merseyside, L8 1YR

Theme(s): The WEA has four themes it uses for planning its provision.

Employability – helping students to get a job or to make progress in their employment **Health and Wellbeing** – making a positive contribution to their own or others health and wellbeing **Community Engagement** – encouraging students to be positively involved in their communities **Culture** – learning about diverse cultures, identities and environments

The Theme(s) used in planning your course is/ are:

1. Employability

2. Community Engagement

Course aim

To give people basic skills in research and planning for documentary.

To facilitate the expression of a range of community issues in digital media.

To promote diversity in the media.

Who is the course for?

An idea for a documentary film.

People interested in making factual film.

No film experience necessary although any participants with existing skills can further their practice.

Course description

A 4 week introduction to the basics of factual film media and independent digital media. Participants will work collaboratively with a professional filmmaker to research, plan and develop their own documentaries and gain skills in interview techniques and basic camera operation.

What topics will this course cover and how will they relate to the theme(s) for this course?

The rise of indie documentary (Community Engagement).

Anatomy of a documentary and how to plan your own project

Research and Interview skills (Employability)

Basic camera operation (Employability)

What will it be like?

WEA classes are friendly and supportive. You will be encouraged to work together with your fellow

students and tutor. You will be asked to share your ideas and views in the class and work with the group to give and accept feedback in a supportive environment. The WEA tutor will use a range of different teaching and learning methods and encourage you to be actively involved in your learning. You may be asked to undertake work to support your course outside of your class.

By the end of the course I should be able to:

- 1. Identify and share a factual film that inspires you.
- 2. Create a plan for a documentary project
- 3. Use a camera to record an interview

How will I know I'm making progress?

Verbal feedback/ guidance on your ideas.

Written feedback eg. documentary planning document.

Peer assessment through small group work.

What else do I need to know, do or bring?

An idea/ topic for your film is desirable.

Flip cameras provided by venue.

Reading and information sources

You may find it interesting to watch some feature length documentaries that use different techniques to tell their stories such as Farenheit 9/11 or Citizen Four. Other examples of different factual media worth a look on vimeo.com include Adam Curtis, Reel News or The Above (Field of Vision)

What could the course lead to?

The Documentary Film Making Course Part 2 which follows on from this course where participants will actually make the films they have planned.

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