

Call for Film Submissions: Stories in Motion

We are excited to invite submissions for a January -May 2026 exhibition celebrating the culture, community and stories of Kirklees.

Stories in Motion will show-case films and related works that highlight the inspiring ways people, communities and organisations are creating cultural change across the district.

This exhibition marks the beginning of an ongoing conversation about cultural development in Kirklees. It is part of **Cultures of Film**, a wider, collaborative project between cultural and creative partners from Kirklees and the Centre for Cultural Ecologies in Art, Design and Architecture at University of Huddersfield.

Through this exhibition, communities across Kirklees are invited to actively shape cultural decision-making in the district, contributing to the ambitions of Kirklees's future **Cultural Strategy**.

Themes:

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Colne Valley
Meltham
Holme Valley
Huddersfield
Kirkburton
Denby Dale
Mirfield
Dewsbury
Batley
Spen Valley

We are seeking stories from across the district* that can **celebrate, challenge, inform, and inspire change**. We are looking for submissions that are related to one or more of the following themes:

- **Learning** - how are people in all stages of life engaging in learning through cultural activity?

- **Health & wellbeing** - how is engaging in creative and cultural activity helping people to live healthier and happier lives?
- **Heritage** - how do diverse voices shape heritage narratives and spaces?

We welcome films and moving image of all lengths and styles from the past and

present, from homemade films to professional productions, through to documenting community projects that capture change, connection and creativity in Kirklees.

We especially welcome stories from voices that may not be usually heard from the past and present, and from people who feel their voice or story gets over-looked or missed.

Deadline: Friday 19th December (12 noon)

For further information follow this [link](#) or to submit your film [here](#).

Exhibition location:
Sovereign Design House,
Queen Street, University of
Huddersfield

Exhibition dates:
Monday 26th January - Friday 1st May 2026

For further enquiries, please contact:
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Stories in Motion is co-produced in partnership with the Centre for Cultural Ecologies in Art, Design and Architecture, Creative Health Hub, Culture Collective, hoot, KLTv, Kirklees Council, Kirklees Museums and Galleries, Kirklees Libraries, Proper Job Theatre Company, S2R, The Children's Art School, Thread Republic, University of Huddersfield, We Are Local, WYPW, and a group of local freelance cultural/creative professionals.

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