

Introduction to Film-Making, 5 Day Course, Oulu, Finland

Film-making activities in formal and non-formal education context can engage and motivate learners of all ages. This course provides participants with the skills and knowledge to make, and facilitate the making of, fiction and non-fiction films.

Target Participants

The training is for all teachers and non-teaching staff in mainstream and special needs primary, secondary, and upper secondary schools, as well as youth and adult education. Participants should be familiar with using email, word-processing, and the Internet.

Training Venue: Valve Cultural Centre, Oulu, Finland

Accommodation: Hotel to be confirmed

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Preparation

Participants will be requested to complete a questionnaire before the course and prepare a short presentation introducing themselves and their working context to be presented at the beginning of the course.

Objectives

The course aims to provide participants with:

- skills and knowledge to include fiction and non-fiction film-making activities in their classrooms
- a classroom activity which motivates and engages learners
- hands-on practice of making films in various formats
- a pedagogical framework for film-making as a tool for transformative learning
- opportunities to produce materials to use with their own students
- confidence and ability to facilitate introductory film-making workshops for colleagues
- opportunities to meet and share practices with participants from other countries
- information about European Union funding, school partnerships and projects

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Course Contents

Digital photographs & videos:

Camera functions
Angles and framing
Lighting
Editing photograph basics

Digital audio:

Recording
Creating film soundtracks
Sound effects
Editing

Film-making:

Creating a story
Film formats – photographs, videos, animations
Script and storyboards
Editing, effects, and transitions
Copyright, Creative Commons, ethical, and legal aspects

Pedagogy:

Film-making as a tool for transformative learning
Organising and managing film-making activities
Role of documentary film-making in international projects



Local school student wall art

Methodology

The course emphasises hands-on, collaborative learning.

Participants learn to make simple films with equipment already available in educational institutions, and use software programmes which can be downloaded free of charge – dispelling myths that film-making is complicated and expensive. Participants use their own laptop and digital camera (or digital camcorder), to become more familiar with their equipment. Details about free software to be downloaded are given prior to the course. Microsoft Windows is the main operating system used; support is available for Mac users.

Visits to places of educational and cultural interest are integrated throughout the course. All course and additional materials are given to participants in electronic format.

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Follow-up

A post-course questionnaire will be given to participants on the last day of the course to collect feedback about the course, its contents, organisation, teaching methods, trainers, and materials, as well as to assess if and how the course succeeded in empowering participants with the skills and confidence to introduce new activities in their teaching contexts.

Participants will be encouraged to remain in email contact with each other and the trainers, to support and share activities undertaken after the course, disseminate resources, and plan future collaborations and international projects.

The main trainer will contact participants 6 months after the course, requesting participants to review new activities they have tried with their students as well as identify any barriers preventing implementation.

Certification

A certificate of attendance is presented to participants at the end of the course and the EuroPass Mobility Certificate is also available.

Fees

750€ course fee

650€ accommodation fee (includes up to 6 nights hotel room & breakfast, plus 4 lunches & 1 dinner)

2012 Course Dates

Monday 23 July - Friday 27 July

Monday 3 September - Friday 7 September



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