

Hello schools

We'd be extremely grateful if you can circulate this to families and young people before the end of term (apologies for the short notice!).

Free activities from Northampton Film Festival (NFF) for young people this summer

- **Watch films** with NFF on Saturday 18th July on a big screen on Northampton's Market Square – starting with short films made by young people from 10am. [Read about it here](#).
- **Work on a short, animated film** which will premiere at NFF 2027 in March – the first drop-in session is at our space [The Creative Place](#) on Saturday 18th July 10am – 4pm also on the Market Square. No experience necessary. Come along to contribute an idea, a drawing or some voiceover. Make sure you're on our mailing list to hear about future dates [here](#).
- **Write a poem** (or enter one you have already written) on the theme of *Loving, Living Life* for Northamptonshire Community Foundation's David Laing CBE Young People Poetry Award competition with the following categories: Under 10s, 10-14 year olds, 15-17 year olds. You can enter this competition through our arts space [The Creative Place](#) – either email or drop in a poem – some more info and inspiration can be found here <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RkMP3UNk3qYgpD2dLlSCy3sYlUQG6dX8/view?usp=sharing> (aimed at primary school children but also tells you how to enter the competition)
- **Join us for our Week of Words** at [The Creative Place](#) Tue 4th to Sun 16th August – free poetry workshops, creative writing and storytelling sessions, new books for just 50p and £1 for children, reading sessions and more to be announced. Check out the schedule and [book here](#).
 - During the Week of Words, we can help you write a poem for the competition we mention above too...
 - ...if you're 11-17yrs join us on Wed 5 – Fri 7 Aug 12pm-2pm with spoken word/MC Quinton Green (lunch provided) [Book your free place here](#)
 - ...OR if you're any age up to 17yrs join us for our [Saturday 8 Aug writing drop-in](#).
- **Schools, young people and families can enter a film FOR FREE into NFF 2027** – email info@northamptonfilmfestival.co.uk to find out more – it could be a stop motion animation, a drama, a 1 minute micro short, a comedy sketch, a history film made in school, a presentation about the environment, anything! You film WILL be good enough and we'd love to see it! We need the films by October.
- **AND for £10 per family/child group, make a film for one of our challenges** in August AND get it screened in Northampton (as many guests welcome to view as you like). We have one which you can complete over a [full week here](#) and one which only gives you [48hrs to write, shoot and edit a film here!](#)

We know this is a lot of information – please don't hesitate to get in touch with us at [The Creative Place](#)/Northampton Film Festival by popping in to see us, on 07930 646721 or info@northamptonfilmfestival.co.uk with any questions.

Many thanks,

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Northampton Film Festival and The Creative Place