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WHO'S WHO IN... EDUCATION, TRAINING & SKILLS

Whether you're keen to get started in a film and TV career, looking to study, or already working and interested in furthering your skills, these organisations may have just what you need.

Aardman Academy

Did you know that Bristol's award-winning animation giants Aardman runs their own Academy? The not-for-profit enterprise was set up to nurture talent and build sustainable careers. It delivers world-class animation-related courses at different levels, some suitable for professionals with established careers and others targeted at beginners looking to find a way into the industry. Courses range from day-long Gateway to Industry courses, to Industry Training three-month modules. Afterwards, participants can join the Academy's alumni group which shares opportunities, jobs and support.



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Access Creative College

Access Creative College opened its Games and Media campus in the Programme building in Bristol's city centre in 2019 and expanded into the Bierkeller venue in 2021. Practical, film-related courses available to 16-19 year olds include a Videography, Photography & Design Level 2 Diploma and a Film, Videography & Photography Level 3 Diploma. Campus facilities include a virtual reality suite, green screen studio, production pods, iMac media labs and a 120 capacity events venue.



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Babbasa

Social enterprise Babbasa supports young people aged 16-25 with their professional aspirations, irrespective of their background. Through their Support, Challenge and Placement Programmes, they bring together soft skills training, mentoring schemes, career-oriented events and personalised recruitment support, creating a pathway for young people to build confidence, connect with employers and mentors and access workplace experiences. They also provide workforce diversity and workplace inclusion services for companies. Babbasa connects film/TV companies like Plimsoll Productions, Icon Films, Channel 4, Aspect Film & Video, True to Nature, Off the Fence and Silverback Films, with diverse talent to fill a range of entrant roles.



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BFI Film Academy Bristol

Short courses and specialist programmes giving 16-19 yr olds a real chance to be part of the future film industry, whether you're taking first steps in film or improving on existing skills. Make your own films, learn from filmmaking professionals and grow your creative network. Films are released on Bristol's Rife Magazine.



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boomsatsuma

boomsatsuma brings a dynamic, industry-partnered approach to film and media education, located in the heart of Bristol's communities. Courses engender creative abilities and up-to-date, specific industry training, focused on progression. From the Film & TV Production Diploma for 16-19 year olds at The Bottle Yard Studios to BA (Hons) Filmmaking Pathways (Production & Post-Production), BA Hons Games Art, BA Hons Documentary Photography and Print Degrees and upcoming VFX and Animation courses at BoomStudios, in The Tobacco Factory. For careers in-front of camera, Bristol School of Acting offers Foundation courses, Professional Diplomas and BA (Hons) degrees in Acting for Screen.



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Bristol Old Vic Theatre School

BOVTS in Clifton has been the training ground for some of the greatest screen actors of the past 75 years, including Sir Daniel Day-Lewis, Olivia Colman, Naomie Harris and Sir Patrick Stewart. As well as Professional Acting BA (Hons) and Screen Acting MA courses, there's also undergraduate courses in Production Arts (Stage & Screen), Production Arts (Stage), Costume for Theatre, Film & TV and MA courses in Scenic Art, Performance Design, Professional Voice Studies, Drama Writing and Drama Directing. Adult short courses are also available, plus youth courses delivered in conjunction with BFI Film Academy.



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Calling the Shots

CTS is all about widening participation and connecting emerging talent to wider audiences. They regularly deliver talent development schemes for those in their early careers, for example Random Acts (2015-2018) and New Creatives (2017-21), delivered in partnership with ACE and BBC Arts to develop original short film ideas for broadcast, interactive work for BBC Taster and audio programmes for BBC Sounds. No previous experience needed to apply. CTS also deliver regular BFI National Animation Camps and HETV training for Screen Skills. Check out current opportunities on their website and connect on social media.



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Channel 4

Channel 4 opened its Bristol creative hub at Finzel's Reach in 2020; keep an eye out for news about apprenticeship and work experience opportunities based in Bristol. The broadcaster delivers virtual 4Skills events, giving advice on talent and career development for new entrants in the region looking to take their first steps in TV. For those with some experience already under their belt (up to three months), Channel 4's Production Training Scheme offers paid yearlong places at one of the UK's indie production companies across the UK, including Bristol. Channel 4's Industry Talent schemes also offer opportunities for aspiring directors and new writing talent.

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City of Bristol College

In addition to Film Studies A Levels, CoBC offers a number of film courses at their College Green Centre, including a Foundation degree in Film & Media Production which teaches you to make your own films, using industry-standard equipment. Examples of other courses include UAL Diplomas in Creative Media (TV and Film Production) and HNCs in Creative Media & Moving Image.

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Creative Youth Network

Based across Bristol and South Gloucestershire, with venues across the city, Creative Youth Network enables young people, no matter what their background or circumstances, to reach their potential. Many of the young people they work with are marginalised, unemployed, not in education, suffer poor mental health, are in care (or are care leavers), asylum seekers, refugees, disabled, from low-income households or an ethnic minority. Creative Youth Network offers careers and alternative education advice, and training including the Creative Futures programme and courses like Creative Careers: Film Making and Online Animation.

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Knowle West Media Centre (KWMC)

KWMC is a charity based in South Bristol that supports people to make positive changes in their lives and communities, using technology and the arts. It operates two venues: Knowle West Media Centre on the Knowle West estate and digital making space KWMC The Factory at Filwood Green Business Park. Jump Studios is KWMC's programme for 10-30 year olds, providing opportunities to experiment with new technologies and develop leadership and media skills. It offers after-school groups, creative courses, work experience, training opportunities and holiday activities, plus paid work for emerging creatives at its creative agency, Eight.

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ScreenSkills

As the UK's industry-led skills body for film, TV, VFX, animation and games, ScreenSkills offers a range of training courses and masterclasses, many of which are available online, designed to find, develop and sustain a skilled and inclusive workforce. ScreenSkills Select endorses FE and higher education courses recognised as industry-relevant. The Trainee Finder programmes for film, high-end TV and children's TV place entry-level trainees into paid placements on productions around the UK, while other programmes aim to support career progression. ScreenSkills regularly hold Bristol events; keep an eye on their Training & Opportunities pages to see what's coming up. Their Job profiles, Career maps and First Day: On Set video are helpful tools explaining how different production roles relate to one another.



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Screenology

Screenology Film School in St Phillips offers a three-year full-time BA (Hons) Creative Filmmaking course accredited by Plymouth Marjon University. They also run free Make Films Happen short courses that take place during school holidays.



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University of Bristol

University of Bristol was named the second-best place to study Film & Photography courses in the 2021 Guardian University league tables. You'll find a total of nine film-related degree courses on offer, including single honours BA (Hons) Film and Television and Joint honours BA courses that combine with English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and Theatre. You can also opt for a MArts in Film & Television with Innovation. For postgrads there are MAs available in Film & Television and Composition of Music for Film & Television.



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University of the West of England

UWE Bristol ranked an impressive fourth place in the 2021 Guardian University league tables for its Film & Photography courses. Film-related courses are delivered at the City and Frenchay campuses, including BA (Hons) in Animation, Filmmaking, Film Studies and Photography, plus Postgrad options in subjects like Animation, Screen Business, Screen Production (Documentary), Screen Production (Screenwriting), Virtual & Extended Realities, Wildlife Filmmaking and Photography. Undergraduate courses with a foundation year are also available.



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