



## WHO WE ARE

A UNESCO City of Film since 2017 and winner of the 2024 Global Production 'City of Film' Award, Bristol is one of the most filmed cities in the world.

Bristol & Bath were named one of seven UK Production Hubs by the British Film Commission in 2021, due to the depth of its filming eco-system, encompassing studios, crew, support and supply chain.

Bristol City Council supports the local film sector through the work of its **Film Services**, part of the Culture & Creative Industries Department, comprising:

- **Bristol Film Office** (est. 2003): The City's specialist service available to film/TV productions of all kinds, supporting and advising on location filming and issuing film permits for BCC-managed property and land.

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- **The Bottle Yard Studios** (est. 2010): The largest film and TV studio in the West of England, an award-winning, BAFTA albert-accredited regional production hub offering 11 stages and comprehensive production base facilities for hire across its two sites, TBY1 and TBY2.

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- **Bristol UNESCO City of Film** (est. 2017). The permanent international designation recognising Bristol's world-leading reputation for film and the moving image, supported by an active work programme that drives sustainable sector development, collaboration and international profile.

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Engage with us today to find out more about our work within Bristol's film sector.



## HOW WE WORK TOGETHER

### Supporting film/TV production

Bristol Film Office and The Bottle Yard Studios work closely to provide a robust combined studio and location-filming support package, designed to attract and secure strong levels of film and TV production to the city and deliver significant economic and social value to the region, through bolstering local employment opportunities for Bristol's freelance crew community as well as raising the profile of the City at an international level. Together, the filming activity they supported in 2024-25 generated inward investment worth £46.6m to Bristol's economy.

### Catalysing collaboration

Bristol UNESCO City of Film works strategically with partners in the city and beyond, to develop opportunities that embed cultural diversity, inclusion and sustainability across Bristol's film sector - encompassing production, talent development, education, exhibition and heritage. It drives local sector development activity and harnesses opportunities for international collaboration arising from membership of the UCCN (UNESCO Creative Cities Network). By spotlighting pioneering projects emerging from the city, it increases the global reach of the City's screen industries.

## OUR SHARED GOALS

Together, BCC's Film Services aim to:

- **Drive inclusive economic growth through screen sector development** - supporting high levels of filming in Bristol and contributing to a thriving ecosystem of production activity and industry engagement that benefits the wider region.
- **Promote sustainable filmmaking practices and wider social value** - encouraging productions to embed low-carbon decision making and contribute to activity that delivers positive social impact in Bristol and the wider region.
- **Increase access to employment and skills opportunities for diverse local talent** - delivering the BFI National Lottery-funded All Set West programme and working with industry partners to expand opportunities for local crew, strengthen the regional workforce and drive investment in skills development.
- **Champion Bristol's film and TV industry to UK and international audiences** - positioning the City as a leading creative hub and strengthening its global connections and reputation.

Want to hear more or engage with our work? Contact us today.