

MARKET TRADER

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

Introduction

Creative Enterprise has been developed with National Lottery funding from the BFI, to make the moving image sector sustainable through creating new business opportunities through training, mentoring and building of networks, whilst growing and scaling existing businesses.

To complement this bespoke offer we are delivering **Market Trader**, an intensive, development programme for 12 professionals from different parts of the film value chain to gain a better understanding of international markets.

International markets are a great opportunity for film professionals to make contacts, present their projects and negotiate deals setting the landscape of their future business. However, without the right skills and understanding, attending these festivals and markets doesn't always yield the best results and can sometimes be counter-productive.

The purpose of this programme is to equip participants with the knowledge and support they need to understand the film market better, to plan and target their approach and come away from international markets with the best possible results. Bringing together producers, distributors and sales agents at the earlier part of their career will also increase awareness of each other's roles and help build stronger networks for the future.

What does Market Trader offer?

Market Trader will be delivered through a combination of intensive workshops, mentoring, market attendance & networking with a specific focus on EFM/Berlinale 2019. The programme will consider and contrast differing needs and perspectives from all parts of the film value chain – makers, buyers, sellers – and hone skills in pitching, negotiating & closing deals.

Participants will receive guidance and training to:

- Improve their knowledge of international markets, how they differ, who attends what and why;
- Gain a clearer perspective on the context of UK film within domestic/international markets and a better sense of how and why this matters;
- Identify the most suitable market(s) for their own individual projects and film slates;
- Develop tools and strategies for successful market engagement;
- Improve their skills, knowledge and confidence in packaging, pitching, negotiating, selling, understanding and closing deals;

- Achieve effective follow-through and maximise the benefits of international relationships and opportunities.

When, where and how will Market Trader happen?

Market Trader will take place between November 2018 and April 2019, activity includes:

- 3 day pre-market workshop with leading industry figures from the worlds of production, sales and distribution
- 1 day market preparation session
- 3 day guided market visit with access to mentor support throughout
- 1 day market review session to maximise the traction achieved at market

We will expect participants to be able to commit in full to the following dates:

3 Day Workshop: 27- 29th November 2018 (The October Gallery, London)

Market Prep Day: 15th January 2019 (The October Gallery, London)

3 Day Market Attendance: 9th -12th February 2019 (European Film Market, Berlin)

Market Review Session: 4th April 2019 (Location TBC)

Who can apply?

Applications are invited from producers and junior executives working in sales and distribution

Producers eligibility criteria:

- Must be based in the English regions outside of London
- Will ideally have produced a minimum of 1 feature film that has sold to 2/3 territories outside the UK.
- Should also have at least 1 other feature film project at a stage where meaningful discussions can be had at international markets. We ask you to outline this project as part of the application process (additional notes for guidance on completing your SWOT analysis are available on our website).

Junior Executives eligibility criteria:

- Sales and distribution executives should have between 1-3 years experience working in their chosen field.

How much does it cost?

The total fee for a participant place is £750 for producers and £500 for sales and distribution executives. The costs of Market Trader are heavily subsidised by the Creative Enterprise programme.

As a producer, what do I get for £750?

The £750 participant fee for producers covers:

- All workshops, activities, course materials, along with some meals and refreshments.
- Two nights accommodation during the 3 day workshop
- Market Badge and accommodation for the EFM/Berlinale visit.
- 3 Mentoring sessions
- Access to mentor support throughout the market visit
- Access to key market network events during EFM
- Creative England will also make a financial contribution towards travel for the 3 day workshop and market visit.

As a junior executive, what do I get for £500?

The £500 participant fee for sales and distribution executives covers:

- All workshops, activities, course materials along with some meals and refreshments.
- Two nights accommodation during the 3 day workshop if residing outside of London.
- 3 Mentoring sessions
- Access to mentor support throughout the market visit
- Access to key market network events during EFM
- Creative England will also make a financial contribution towards travel for the 3 day workshop.

It is our expectation that market attendance costs for EFM/Berlinale will be met by the companies that these participants represent.

Deadlines

The deadline for applications to Market Trader is **Midnight on Friday 5th October 2018**.

Applications received after this time will not be considered.

If you have any queries about your eligibility please contact us prior to making an application (contact details are given at the end of these guidelines).

Making an application

We operate an online application process and cannot accept applications by disc, fax, email or by post except by prior arrangement.

Stage 1: Applicants are asked to complete and submit an application form online via the Creative England website at <http://creativeengland.co.uk/film-and-tv/market-trader>

Stage 2: You will be sent an email confirming receipt of your application. You will also receive a tracking number that you should use in all subsequent correspondence.

If you have not received such email confirmation within two working days of your submission, then please contact us by emailing philippa.day@creativeengland.co.uk

We regret that we are unable to progress ineligible or incomplete applications.



Assessment, Decision-Making & Conditions

Applications will be assessed by the Creative Enterprise team along with the Market Trader programme producers.

All applicants will be informed in writing by **Monday 15th October 2018** whether or not their application has been successful.

Successful applicants will be expected to commit to the programme in full and be in a position to pay the course fee by **Friday 9th November 2018**. If you have any concerns about this please contact Pippa Day by emailing philippa.day@creativeengland.co.uk to discuss your specific circumstances.

It is a condition of support that participants co-operate with Creative England and its partners in any PR and press activity relating to their participation in Market Trader.

Participants may also be asked to contribute to future seminars or workshops to share their experiences and knowledge with other filmmakers.

Appeals and Complaints

The decision of Creative England is final in all matters concerning assessment and selection.

While all applications are thoroughly and fairly assessed, opinions as to the quality or merit of individual applications are inevitably subjective and we realise that applicants may be disappointed as a result. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide feedback to unsuccessful applicants.

Applicants who wish to make an appeal against a decision can only do so if they have good cause to believe that the correct procedures, as published in these guidelines, have not been adhered to or applied in such a way as to prejudice the outcome of an application.

A copy of the Lottery complaints procedure can be obtained from Creative England on request.

Freedom of Information

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 gives members of the public the right to request certain information held by Creative England. This may include information held in relation to applications to our funding programmes. If you choose to apply to Creative England, you should be aware that the information you supply, either in whole or in part, may be disclosed under the Act.

Contacting Us

Please contact us if you have any further queries about Market Trader.

In the first instance please email philippa.day@creativeengland.co.uk stating Market Trader in your subject header.