

DISCOVERY FILM FESTIVAL

Schools Programme
October – November 2025

Cinema experiences enhancing
classroom learning

DCA

Dundee Contemporary Arts

All screenings
FREE

Welcome

Hello! I'm pleased to welcome you to the 22nd edition of Discovery Film Festival. This year, we're excited to announce all our screenings will be FREE for the first time, with bus travel also free for Dundee schools. A trip to the cinema can be accompanied by a workshop, and we have free resources too.

We have so many films to look forward to – from the very youngest nursery groups to Senior secondary school students and beyond, there's plenty for all ages including animated shorts, feature films and Kenya's official entry for the Best International Film at the Oscars!

Read on for an overview of what's on, then visit our website for full details of each film. We can't wait for your pupils to see our brilliant films in the best place to experience them: the cinema!

Amaya Bañuelos Marco,
Cinema Young Audiences Coordinator

What teachers say...

"The children love it and many do not go to the cinema outside of this."

"It provides my learners with a new social experience with children from other schools."

"Discovery Film Festival allows pupils to experience a foreign language film, explore the themes of the movie and engage in rich discussion about the film itself."

"It was a new experience for the children; they were exposed to a French language film and the good quality learning resources to go alongside provided even more curriculum benefits. There was a lot of fun and excitement for the trip."

"Really enjoyed the workshop, lots of freedom to experiment."

"The film was excellent, the organisation was superb, all the staff were extremely helpful and very accommodating."



Workshops

In addition to your film screening we can offer a range of CfE-linked creative, expressive and film education workshops. When you make your Discovery Film Festival request, we can discuss what will best suit your pupils, timings and focus.

Exhibition

We'd love to welcome you and your class to a tour of Lauren Gault's exhibition *bone stone voice alone* in DCA Galleries. A graduate of Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art & Design, Lauren will be exploring themes including history, folklore, land use and Greek myth through sculpture, printmaking and installation.

Visiting Discovery

Teachers Resource Packs

Every year we share a range of amazing Curriculum for Excellence-relevant learning resources written by teachers for teachers to assist you with your festival planning and lesson delivery. Find the packs here: dca.org.uk/discovery-film-festival

How to Book

We invite you to tell us what films you want to see and when you want to come in, and we will do our utmost to schedule a screening that works for you.

Please submit your requests when the online bidding process goes live on Tue 26 August. We are expecting a high demand this year so make your requests early to avoid disappointment.

Travel and Accessibility

Buses for Dundee schools will be FREE. Bus travel will be available at a reduced rate of £3 per pupil for schools travelling from Fife, Perthshire and Angus (minimum of 25 pupils per bus).

Please see our website for information on how to book your bus travel.

If you have any students for whom a first visit to the cinema at DCA might be a daunting prospect, we are happy to arrange a pre-visit. This will give them the chance to experience the cinema and meet some of the staff they will be seeing on the day.

To find out about arranging such a visit please contact Simon Lewis, Cinema Manager at DCA, via simon.lewis@dca.org.uk

2025 programme at a glance

For ages 0+

Explore colours, sounds, characters, and feelings with these short films from around the world highlighting the importance of friendship and collaboration.

- Shorts for Tinies (0-3)
- Shorts for Wee Ones (3+)

For ages 7+

Travel the world with these films full of emotion, unforgettable adventures and so much imaginative storytelling!

- Shorts for Middle Ones
- Tales from the Magic Garden
- Maya, Give me a Title

For ages 8+

Time-travelling through wormholes or journeying across Europe in a bio-fueled school bus, these two very different films show us young curious minds in search of answers for a brighter future.

- Jump!
- Future Council

For ages 10+

Get inspired by stories of resilient characters standing up for themselves and following their deepest passions.

- Winners
- Living Large

For ages 12+

From a remote Caribbean town erased from the map to an asylum centre in Belgium, these two beautiful films explore the dreams of two strong-minded teenage girls.

- La Suprema
- Jahia's Summer

For ages 13+

A powerful film about a bright Kenyan girl in search of an education while resisting age-old social traditions.

- Nawi: Dear Future Me

Media Studies Day

We are excited to offer behind-the-scenes access to the film industry with a day of film-related activity for students currently studying film and/or media at upper secondary level.

This year's event will include a screening of *Nawi: Dear Future Me* with an interactive session looking at how the film could be used in Nat 5 and Higher levels exams, followed by an industry guest talk.

For Teachers

Develop your classroom practice with these free-to-attend events.

- Discovery Film Festival Teachers' Preview
- Discovery Short Films and Ten Tools as a Resource for Primary CfE

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How to book

Visit our website to find out more about this year's programme, then go to our booking link at dca.org.uk/discovery-film-festival-schools-programme and fill in the form to request your preferred film and days of the week. If you have any questions, please contact Festival Producer Amaya Bañuelos Marco at amaya.marco@dca.org.uk



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School visits throughout the year

In addition to our festival activities, DCA screens a full programme of feature films throughout the year, and we are happy to welcome school groups to these screenings at discounted ticket rates.

If our public screening times don't fit your timetable, please get in touch with our Cinema Manager, Simon Lewis, at simon.lewis@dca.org.uk to discuss the possibility of a special viewing for your class.