

## **Horizons Festival: Short Film Call-out**

Have you been impacted by **migration**? Are you a film-maker **exploring** related subjects on-screen? If so, we want to hear from **you!**

### **Horizons Festival 2026**

Produced by HOME in partnership with Community Arts North West (CAN), Horizons is an annual multi-arts festival championing, empowering and honouring global majority voices, with a focus on those experiencing migration and displacement. The festival unites people across cultures for a creative celebration of community, solidarity and shared understanding – embodied by a vibrant programme of theatre, visual art, film, community and family events, panels, workshops and live music.

For the 2026 edition, taking place June 12-13, Horizons is inviting people whose lives have been touched by migration to be part of the festival's newly expanded film strand:

We are accepting film-maker submissions for the Horizons Short Film Showcase; from these submissions, approximately 8-10 short films will be screened at HOME following a selection process led a panel with experience of migration.

**Deadline: Friday 13 March 2026 at 18:00**

***Important:** In the interest of uplifting authentic voices and challenging systematic barriers and inequities, we are seeking applicants who have been impacted by migration, either through their own circumstances or as second/third generation descendants of parents/grandparents who experienced migration.*

### **More information...**

- Submissions must explore migration, displacement and/or global majority identities
- Submissions must be no longer than 10 minutes in duration
- Submissions should be appropriate for audiences aged 15 or younger; this is to maximise the age range of those permitted to attend, whilst also minimising constraints on content – if your film has not yet been classified, HOME will classify your film in accordance with BBFC guidelines
- There is no fee to submit, and we welcome films of all genres and styles
- Film-makers are welcome to submit multiple films (1 film per form)
- You should be available to attend the Short Film Showcase on Friday 12 June

**[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE APPLICATION FORM](#)**

Should you have any questions, please email Nuala Shaar, Horizons Film Programme Producer, at [horizons@homemcr.org](mailto:horizons@homemcr.org).

We will respond to submissions by **Monday 6 April 2026**.

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Horizons Festival's first ever expanded Film Programme will take place across Friday 12 and Saturday 13 June, at HOME in Manchester (M15 4FN) – highlighting six Feature Films and a Family Film, alongside a varied Short Film Showcase.

We can't wait to see you there, to tear down walls and build bridges to radical empathy and collective liberation!