

BUCKINGHAM'S COMMUNITY CINEMA

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THE
FilmPlace



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www.thefilmplace.org.uk

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Have you any spare time, even it is only a few hours a month?

Please volunteer to help us to continue to provide this useful community facility. We are sure you will find it rewarding. We are a volunteer run community cinema, launched in 2005. Our aims are to provide two film showings per week with a varied programme covering mainstream and specialised films such as foreign language films. We occasionally organise special events, e.g. talks before films by film directors or producers.

To give you some perspective on the popularity of The Film Place we have, between 2005 and March 2020, presented 1288 screenings, with a total number of tickets sold in excess of 70,000 since we opened our doors.

Our biggest asset is our pool of volunteers without whom The Film Place would not continue to exist.

We are constantly seeking to recruit new volunteers to help run each film showing which requires a **Team Leader**, a **Projectionist** and four **Helpers** who are needed for box office, confectionery sales and other duties. Our Volunteer Co-ordinator would love you to contact them with offers to help, email at: fpvolunteers1@btinternet.com

VOLUNTEER ROLES

Our volunteers arrive an hour before the scheduled film start time in order to set up the facilities we use.

The **Team Leader** is an experienced volunteer who takes charge of the film showing. They are responsible for the keys/organising the volunteers and overall management of the evening's event.

The **Projectionist** sets up the theatre and prepares the projection equipment (Blu-ray/Computer/iPad) prior to the film showing cueing up trailers and film.

The **Helpers** set up the reception areas which involves moving tables, putting up the signage, getting out and displaying the confectionery. Once the preparations are completed specific tasks are allocated to the volunteers, which could be helping on front desk taking payments assisting in the confectionery sales area, making and selling the coffee/teas etc. Just before the film starts everything is put away. After the film the **Team Leader** and if necessary, some of the other volunteers stay behind to help tidy up and checking the reception area is clear.

Volunteers can watch the film for free and receive a free voucher for another film as a reward for volunteering.

TRAINING

We provide 'on the job training' for all roles by making sure that you work with experienced volunteers when you start. All the duties are quite straightforward and don't require much training.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

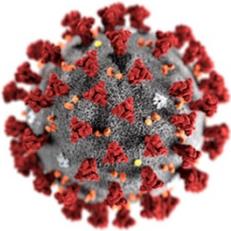
We provide a great opportunity for students to achieve their requirements for 'Volunteering' or the 'Skills' elements of this Award Scheme by acting as a volunteer for us for 3, 6 or 12 months. Duke of Edinburgh students can watch the film but don't receive vouchers as they provide their time as part of their efforts to gain Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards. Since 2011 we have provided placements for more than 250 students, all from local schools. Some of these students have progressed to become regular projectionists with us until leaving school.

FACILITIES

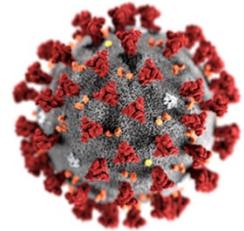
The Film Place has the use of one of the University of Buckingham's larger lecture theatres, which is a great facility. We are able to offer a capacity of ~ 160 banked seats, some with disabled access, and all with a good view of the 6m wide large screen. We use a surround sound audio system incorporating an Audio Loop.

There is a large, free, car park opposite the main doors at the corner of Chandos and Station Rd for the use of our Volunteers and Customers.

We offer for sale a good range of confectionery, ice cream, tea, coffee and occasionally wine at special events.



COVID -19



Once The Film Place is able to re-open we will have in place strenuous measures to ensure the safety & wellbeing of both our volunteers and customers

At the appropriate time full details of these will be posted on our website..

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