

Project News

MediaNet Online

We are now running frequent news and events diary updates on the MediaNet website. Keep an eye on the [news pages](#) of the site for the latest news content! If you would like to submit stories or events for inclusion on the site email info@medianetonline.org.

MediaNet registration form

Apologies to those of you who have had problems filling in the MediaNet registration form on the website. There have been some technical difficulties creating a form that can be filled in electronically. To resolve this an email version of the form has now been set up. If you would like to receive this please click [here](#) or follow the link on the joining page of the website. Thanks for your patience!

New Forum dates coming soon

We are in the process of arranging dates for the termly forum meetings next year. As with this year the meetings will be held in venues around the region to ensure as many people as possible can attend at least one meeting. We will announce dates and venues in the next issue.

Media in PRU event

ALISS, in partnership with MediaNet, will be holding an Arts Included networking meeting focussing on the use of media in Pupil Referral Units. The event will feature practical demos of video editing and animation and good practice presentations. The event takes place on Tuesday 3rd October at the Mac, Birmingham. Places cost £15 to cover venue and refreshment costs. To book contact Belmont Arts Centre on 01743 234970 or email admin@belmontartscentre.org.uk

Events and Dates for your diary

20th July Grants For The Arts Roadshow, Cox's Yard, Stratford. 11am – 1pm.
20th July Blitz Games Open day for teachers. Lecturers and educators, Leamington Spa.
20th July Developing Digital Diversity Conference, ICA London. See [website](#) for details.
5th Aug Young People's Photography workshop, Light House Media Centre, Wolverhampton, £1. To book contact Kathryn Beattie – 01902 716055 or Kathryn@light-house.co.uk
18th Aug First Light afternoon tea, Sheraton Grand Hotel, Edinburgh, 3.45pm, Free. For more info visit www.firstlightmovies.com or email leigh@firstlightmovies.com.
15th Sept Flip Animation Festival submission deadline. See www.flipfestival.co.uk for more info.
21st Sept Grants For The Arts Roadshow, Britannia Suite, Regent Theatre, Stoke On Trent. 1–3pm.
26th Sept First Light Funding deadline. For more info see www.firstlightmovies.com/funding.php
28th Sept Young Film Critic of The Year 2006 deadline. For details see www.filmeducation.org
13th–14th Oct Co-op Young Film Makers Festival, National Museum of Photography, Film and Television, Bradford.
18th Oct Media Teachers' Networking event, Lordswood Girls School, Harbourne, Birmingham, 6-8pm
26th–29th Oct Flip Animation Festival, Light House Wolverhampton. For details see www.plotonline.co.uk/flip
1st–2nd Nov Spaces, Places and Future Learning, Futurelab conference, London. For details and conference programme visit www.futurelab.org.uk.

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National News

New Lottery Funding website launched

A new website for National Lottery funding has been launched. www.lotteryfunding.org.uk helps projects seeking funding to identify which lottery funding streams will suit them. Through simple search criteria based on the amount to be applied for, type and location of the project it will list possible matches and their funding guidelines.

Film Street Shortlisted for New Statesman New Media Awards

Film Street, the new website to introduce primary school children to the world of film, has been shortlisted as a finalist in The New Statesman New Media Awards education category. The awards, started in 1998, recognise projects which embrace new technology, fresh thinking and creative management in the UK. The winners will be announced later this month. For more details see www.newstatesman.com/newmedia

UK film to get the same proportion of Lottery funds from 2009-2019

Tessa Jowell, the UK's Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, has announced that the percentage of National Lottery funds allocated between sport, arts, film and heritage won't change for the period 2009-2019, staying at 16.6% for each of the "good causes". The rest of lottery funds are distributed to support charities, health, education and the environment. This follows a government consultation on how lottery funding should be distributed in the future which took place earlier this year.

New Media Literacy Website Launched

A new website to promote the European Charter for Media Literacy is now live. www.euromedialiteracy.eu builds on and replaces the media-educ website. The site offers the opportunity to register as an individual or organisation and to formally sign the Charter for Media Literacy. The website also contains a resources section and discussion board.

MEA is launched

Following a national meeting for regional representatives on 17th June, The Media Education Association has now been formed. The association will represent the professional interests of media subject teachers. It will hold national and regional activities for its membership.

The first regional networking event for West Midlands members will be held on 18th October 2006 at Lordswood Girls School, Birmingham. More details, including membership fees and how to join will be added to their blog as they become available. Visit mediaedassociation.blogspot.com for progress updates.

First Light invite filmmakers to tea in Edinburgh

First Light, UK Film Council's young people's filmmaking initiative, and Script Factory, provider of film training, have come together to offer advice on working with children and young people. They will be holding a session at the Edinburgh Film Festival, complete with afternoon tea and cake, for anyone wanting to find out more. The session is at 3.45pm on 18th August at the Sheraton Grand Hotel, Festival Square, Edinburgh and is free. Visit the First Light website or contact Leigh Thomas, light@firstlightmovies.com or 0121 7534866 for more info.

Exposures Film Festival calls for entries

Exposures student film festival is seeking entries for 2006. The festival takes place in December in The Cornerhouse, Manchester. Exposures showcases the best student films made in the UK between June 2005 and July 2006 in 4 categories; animation, drama, documentary and experimental. Films must be under 15 minutes long. Closing date is 31st July. For guidelines/entry form see www.exposuresfilmfestival.co.uk.

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Regional News

Summer Photography Workshop

Young people are invited to come along and take part in photography fun this summer at The Light House Media Centre, Wolverhampton. To celebrate the centre's 'Pets' exhibition this summer they are holding a photography workshop on the theme of pets and animals. The workshop is for children ages 6-10, all children must be accompanied by an adult. The workshop costs £1. Booking is essential, contact Kathryn Beattie on 01902 716055 or email Kathryn@light-house.co.uk to reserve a place.

Magic, Movies and Myths launched!

Restless and The Vigil, two brand new short films made by young people as part of the **Magic, Movies and Myths** project, were premiered in June at a packed Odeon cinema in Hereford. The films were the result of a Heritage Lottery and First Light funded project and allowed 24 young people to participate in the film making process from start to finish whilst working alongside film professionals. The finished films are available on DVD with an accompanying 8-page booklet and can be purchased for £10.00. Visit www.ruralmedia.co.uk for more info

Congratulations to MACE

Congratulations to MediaNet ambassador members MACE (Media Archive for Central England) on a successful funding bid to Creative Partnerships. MACE and Bonnington Infants School in Nottingham have jointly secured funding to explore ways of using MACE archive material creatively to raise literacy levels at Key Stage 1.

The project will use material from MACE's collection focussing on school and holidays as a starting point for creative practitioners, teachers, pupils and MACE staff. It's hoped pupils will edit their own films using new footage and archive material by the end of the project.

If you attended our February forum meeting you may remember Richard from MACE outlining this project. We look forward to hearing progress!

Youth Media placements on offer

The Rural Media Company in Hereford are offering 5 exciting new media placements from Sept 2006 for young people aged 16-24. For those interested in a career in the media the company will be offering the opportunity to obtain an accredited qualification to work with young people. Whilst on the placement trainees will learn skills in filmmaking, web and graphic design, journalism and photography. There is a post on the Youth Times project, working as a media sports trainee attached to a Herefordshire high school. Or young people who've taken part in a Rural Media project before can apply to The Rural Media project graduate scheme and take charge of their own movie! Visit www.ruralmedia.co.uk for more info.

SWM Access Fund-change of deadlines

Due to the high quality of applications received to the Screen West Midlands Access Fund and likely demand on remaining funds, new 2006/2007 application deadlines have been issued. The two new deadlines are: Friday 29th Sept 2006 and Friday 26th Jan 2007. If you were planning to submit an application to the 28th July deadline and your project is due to start before January 2007 contact funding immediately on 0121 265 7120 or email funding@screenwm.co.uk.

New media education workshops

Rural Media are launching a new range of practical media education workshops for the 2006/07 academic year, Adrian Lambert, the company's Director of Education said "With 14 years experience of creating award winning media projects in schools and communities across the West Midlands our new programme offers a fantastic and economical opportunity to incorporate exciting and engaging new media projects into schools. All the workshops offer new and stimulating ways of exploring the curriculum". The workshops include journalism, digital photography, making short films and podcasting and cost from £5 per student! The [Rural Media website](http://www.ruralmedia.co.uk) has more information.

The next issue of MediaNet News will come out on Thursday 27th July. If you have news stories or events you would like to submit for this issue please send details to info@medianetonline.org by Monday 24th July.

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