

# African short films sought for festival

African filmmakers are invited to submit films to the 12th edition of the Africa in Motion Film Festival which will take place from 27 October - 5 November 2017, in Edinburgh and Glasgow in the UK.



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Filmmakers of African nationality, from the African diaspora or who identify themselves as African, are invited to submit short films of no longer than 30 minutes for Africa in Motion's 2017 short film competition.

The deadline for entries is 1 July, 2017 and a substantial cash prize will be awarded to the winner of this competition strand. Africa in Motion's prestigious annual short film competition has been running for 10 years, with the aim of supporting young and emerging African filmmakers. Filmmakers who enter must not have previously made a feature-length film. This call for short films refers to those works completed during 2015 or later. All genres are welcome (including fiction, documentary, animation and experimental work).

Those film submissions that have been successfully shortlisted will be announced in August 2017 and screened during the 12th edition of the festival. The short film competition has its own high-profile jury of local and international film specialists and established African filmmakers, which will be announced shortly. In addition to the overall winner chosen by the jury, an Audience Choice Award will be given and announced at the close of the festival.

This competition is free to enter and is an initiative aimed at supporting young and emerging film talent from the African

continent, with the hope that the prize will be invested into future film projects by the winning filmmaker(s).

Africa in Motion was founded in 2006 by African film scholar Dr Lizelle Bisschoff, and aims to promote the excellence of African cinema to Scottish audiences, and overcome the under-representation and marginalisation of African films within British film-going culture. The festival's programme will be announced in September 2017.

To submit a film please see: <https://filmfreeway.com/festival/AfricainMotion>. For full guidelines: <http://www.africa-in-motion.org.uk/short-and-documentary-film-competitions/>.

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