

# SETTING UP A FILM SCREENING

EPAS ACTIVITY SHEET

## PURPOSE

One of the requirements for gaining European Parliament Ambassador School (EPAS) accreditation is to put on one or more events to expose your school/college community to the diversity of culture with the European Union. One way you might choose to do this is by screening a European film or short. Picking something high quality, interesting and thought-provoking is made easy by the LUX Audience Award, but we've listed some other sources below too.

## ACTIVITY

1. BOOK A DATE AND LOCATION FOR YOUR SCREENING - You'll need enough time to set up and advertise your event and a space with a good screen, speakers, and enough seats for everyone you want to come. You might use the school hall, a classroom, a drama studio or similar. Some schools have shown very short films to all classes during form time. **Whose permission do you need?**
2. CHOOSE YOUR FILM OR SHORT
  - **How long do you have?** There are films below from just a few minutes to a few hours long. Make sure you choose something that fits your time slot.
  - **What language is it in?** There are lots of European films in English, but maybe you want to use a language your school teaches, or one you're less familiar with. It's probably a good idea to check that there are English subtitles.
  - **What is it about?** Is it something that you find interesting? That's a good indication of whether other people in your school/college will too. Try to make it something thought-provoking; a film's always more enjoyable when it leaves you with something to talk about.



- **Is it appropriate for your audience?** You should check with a member of staff that the film you want to show is ok for the age-group you want to show it to.
3. **ADVERTISE YOUR EVENT** - This should just been an event for people in your school/college community, so advertising can be with posters, in school newsletters and by word of mouth. You can't charge anyone for coming to these screenings (that would be illegal).
  4. **TELL US (AND OTHERS) ABOUT IT** - Take some photos at your event, or a short video of people saying what they thought of the film(s). Post them on your school website, newsletter, or social media. Log in to your dashboard and add a link to where we can see your photos and videos.

## WHERE TO FIND FILMS

### LUX AUDIENCE AWARD

The LUX Audience Award is presented every year by the European Parliament and the European Film Academy, in partnership with the European Commission and Europa Cinemas. The award celebrates European cinema and its aim is to raise awareness of Europe's social, political and cultural issues.

You can see all the current and previous LUX Audience Award nominations here:

[www.luxaward.eu](http://www.luxaward.eu)

### YAA – YOUNG AUDIENCE AWARD

The Young Audience Award (YAA) also allows audiences across Europe to decide on their favourite European films, but in this case the audiences are made up solely of young people. The films they choose from and select should be appropriate for a wider range of students in your school. The difficulty is that most are not available on UK streaming services. You can see which ones are available, if any, here:

[yaa.europeanfilmawards.eu](http://yaa.europeanfilmawards.eu)

### EUROPEAN FILM AWARDS SHORTS

If you don't have time for a feature length film, a European short film could work well for you. A great source of these is the European Film Awards. You can find a full list of all nominated short films since 1998 on Wikipedia. As short films don't get a full cinema release they can be tricky to find, but

some are released for free on YouTube and Vimeo, so search for the title and see what you can find.

[europeanfilmawards.eu/en\\_EN/selection-short-film-current](http://europeanfilmawards.eu/en_EN/selection-short-film-current)

#### FESTHOME TV

Festhome TV isn't related to the European Film Academy but is a great place to find European language films that you can stream very cheaply. These are all films submitted to film festivals across the world, so you'll find films of all lengths, subjects, and languages. You can quickly see the length and language of each film and a quick synopsis if you hover over the film's image. You can watch a preview and see what ages the film is suitable for if you click into the film.

[tv.festhome.com/ondemand](http://tv.festhome.com/ondemand)

#### NETFLIX

Netflix has an increasing number of foreign-language films and series, this website keeps an updated list:

[agoodmovietowatch.com/netflix/best-foreign/](http://agoodmovietowatch.com/netflix/best-foreign/)

#### INTO FILM

Into Film is a UK charity that can help you set up film screenings in your school; they've got lots of free resources and guidance. They also have a list of films to support language learning, these could all be good for EPAS film events:

<https://www.intofilm.org/films/filmlist/31>

#### **N.B**

*The UK Government pays for all English state schools to have a licence to legally show films for free to their students; most other schools/colleges in the UK are members of bodies that allow them to do the same. Showing films publicly without these proper licences is illegal.*

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/copyright-licences-information-for-schools>