

## **Tyneside Cinema, Screenwriter in Residence**

**£4000 of investment, 6-month period (August 2026 – February 2027)**

**Closing date:** Monday 8 June at 9am

**Interview dates:** Longlisted applicants on Tuesday 30 June and Wednesday 1 July (online) and shortlisted applicants on Thursday 9 July (in-person)

New Writing North and Tyneside Cinema are offering this position as part of New Writing North's Creative Associates programme. Creative Associates bring fresh perspectives to the organisation, while being supported to develop their own creative projects and artistic practice.

### **Who is this opportunity for?**

We are seeking one writer to take part in a six-month residency to create a new piece of artistic work for the screen. Please note, this project is funded by the North East Combined Authority and therefore only open to writers residing within a postcode located in the North East CA region.

New Writing North and Tyneside Cinema strive to be a diverse and inclusive organisations. We aim to empower and enable artists who have been historically excluded to be the artists they want to be without any pressure of representation. We particularly encourage writers of colour, disabled writers, LGBTQI writers and writers from a socio-economic disadvantaged background.

### **What will you be expected to do?**

**You will receive support from Tyneside Cinema and New Writing North to create a new piece of artistic work for the screen.**

There will be a budget of £4,000 for each artist to support the creation of the work.

Alongside support from New Writing North, the Screenwriter in Residence will be provided with 3-6 months of desk space at the Tyneside Cinema offices, with free access to the cinema's daily programme of independent cinema from all over the world, including filmmaker Q&As, discussions and special events. They will also have access to the cinema's extensive archive, detailing programmes going all the way back to the 1960s and will be able to spend time with the cinema's creative team and filmmaker guests as they develop their creative practice while based at the cinema.

### **Applications**

**Apply here:** <https://airtable.com/appxqhqBnO3lHu4m2/shr0pNln0N5Fym0Eg>

If you would like to apply for this position, you will be asked to submit the following:

- \* A headline pitch that addresses the creative project you would like to develop and includes links to relevant examples from your previous work. Please provide passwords where required (no more than 500 words).
- \* Details of two referees who can vouch for the quality of your work
- \* An up-to-date CV

For guidance, we suggest you briefly cover some of the following when writing your headline pitch:

- What is the idea and why is it important to you?

- Why does it need to be created now?
- Is it collaborative, or will you be creating it alone?
- What will the outcome be at the end of 6-months?

Successful longlisted applicants will be invited to a 15-minute chat to discuss the opportunity and ask any questions they may have. From these discussions, a shortlist of candidates will be invited to a formal interview where they will be asked to pitch their idea and provide 10 pages of a previous script. Representatives from New Writing North and Tyneside Cinema will be present at all interview stages.

If you have any questions about the opportunity, or the application process, please contact us at [Skills@newwritingnorth.com](mailto:Skills@newwritingnorth.com)

### **New Writing North**

New Writing North is the writing development agency for the North of England. We have produced nationally significant work from our base in Newcastle upon Tyne since 1996. We are a committed team of 20, are a registered charity with a board of trustees and a National Portfolio Organisation of Arts Council England, for a full picture of our work please visit [www.newwritingnorth.com](http://www.newwritingnorth.com)

### **Tyneside Cinema**

Tyneside Cinema is a thriving arts hub and registered charity which aims to enrich people's lives by thinking differently about and through film. Striving to provide a platform for marginalised members of our community, we're passionate about all aspects of film and its potential to nourish, connect, reward, celebrate and educate <https://tynesidecinema.co.uk/about-us/>