

The Underdog Crew

"Harnessing the power of professional film to promote positivity and wellbeing in young adults."

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide a safe creative space for young adults to find inclusivity, positivity and emotional wellbeing within the realm of creative filmmaking.

Under the banner of **#allequal** and **#empowerment** we aim to inspire young adults between the ages of 13 and 18 years through creative practical workshops within our exciting studio environment.

We aim to build a creative community where all members are encouraged to develop their fullest potential in spirit, mind and body.

We promote:

- Building confidence through teamwork.
- A nurturing space to develop new creative ideas.
- Inclusivity, self worth and ambition.
- Teamwork and collaborative thinking.
- Ownership of choices.
- Problem solving and 'thinking outside the box'.
- Encouragement, guidance and signposting into further learning.
- Taking ownership of choices based around positive actions.
- 'PEF': 'positivity, energy and focus'.

Some people are suited to the classroom environment, others are not. This is a fact! Underdog interns are dropped into real-world filmmaking situations and experience first hand all aspects of the filmmaking process. Participants learn all aspects of the filmmaking process guided by industry professionals to create their own creative works, either behind, or in front of camera.

At the end of each year, all participants receive certificates, maybe a prize or two and have the opportunity to celebrate with family and friends at our 'glitzy' annual prize-giving event, fusing a 'red carpet' film premiere with our Underdog Crew celebrations... to provide our youths an empowering glimpse into the Hollywood universe as an extra boost.

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Underdog Crew Studios member application form

Studio opening mid June. **14-15 Osbourne Street, Colchester, CO2 7DL**

Opposite Colchester bus station. 2 minutes walk from Colchester Town train station

We are excited to announce the forthcoming launch of our permanent Colchester 'Underdog Crew studio', a major advancement to our project facilitated by grants from Community 360 and ECC Arts and Cultural fund.

Alongside our weekly creative drop in sessions and group work on the miniature 'Sci-fi' film set - amongst other projects - our 2023 workshops include two exciting television production shows.

- Our weekly '**Underdog Crew TV show**', an online TV youth culture show. *"Blending the best elements of many established shows, 'UC:tv' is a fast paced 30-minute show, showcasing Colchester, current teen issues and poking sticks into the ant hill of the modern world."*
- '**The Slip**'. A bold and forward thinking multi-episodic TV series reflecting the highs and lows of 12-15-year-olds and their fractured lives in the UK today. Told through the lens of fourteen-year-old Macey Caine, sole carer to an alcoholic Mother acutely gripped in a downward mental health spiral.

Each '**The Slip**' episode module provides studio members with eight-weeks of training workshops, providing 60 hours of creativity. PART ONE allows project members to work alongside professional film and production crew to chart the process of script development, together with acting and filmmaking training. PART TWO involves two to three high octane days embroiled in filming an episode of 'The Slip' in and around Colchester as part of the crew, actors and extras. PART THREE involves studio members in the full post production process. '**The Slip**' **bonus module**. Members must work together to create their own behind-the-scenes documentary to become part of the series online bonus extras.

Project participants gain a rich understanding of the filmmaking process, jargon, etiquette and the industry confidence that comes with it. As with all our projects, participants come out the other side reborn with passion, positivity and renewed focus on life. We have numerous outcomes throughout our website of the changes we have made to young peoples lives over the past years.

As you can imagine, spaces are highly limited. Annual membership is limited to thirty youths for the first year. **PROJECT ONLY** participants are reserved in line with the nominated member's current emotional needs and first come, first served basis.

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UNDERDOG CREW STUDIO ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

As part of the 'Underdog Crew Studios' ongoing funding model we can never rely on fundraising alone to continue and develop our organization and practices. By becoming a subscription member to the studio you become part of our story, growth and legacy. We actively encourage parents and carers to be part of our projects wherever possible and invite family members to attend our annual prize giving gala events.

PLEASE READ THE NEXT PARAGRAPH CAREFULLY...

If you are uncomfortable with the thought of having to find money for regular subscriptions in these current times of financial instability and the rising costs of EVERYTHING, please skip this section and jump straight to APPLICANT DETAILS. The Underdog Crew Studios are accessible to all. Times are tough. We understand.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

FULL STUDIO MEMBERSHIP includes **FULL ACCESS TO ALL WEEKLY SESSIONS, ALL PROJECTS AND TV PRODUCTIONS. Includes 'The Slip' project! Strictly limited to 25 members.**

(highlight applicable or delete inapplicable)

<u>FULL STUDIO MEMBERSHIP</u>	MONTHLY	ANNUALLY
A) FULL NON SUBSIDIZED MEMBERSHIP	£100	£1000
B) IN RECEIPT OF UNIVERSAL CREDIT	£50	£500
C) As TIER B) but in financial hardship	OFFER: £_____	

- *Price does not include any day trips or creative facility visits.*

PROJECT ONLY MEMBERSHIPS

PROJECT ONE: 'THE SLIP' (60 - hour workshop over 8 weeks)

**** Strictly limited to TEN non member participants.**

A) FULL NON SUBSIDIZED MEMBERSHIP	£599
B) IN RECEIPT OF UNIVERSAL CREDIT	£299
C) As TIER B) but in financial hardship	OFFER: £_____

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APPLICANT DETAILS

Proposed Member: _____

PARENT EMAIL: _____

PARENT PHONE: _____

FULL STUDIO MEMBERSHIP: A B C (DELETE inapplicable)

PROJECT ONLY MEMBERSHIP: A B C (DELETE inapplicable)

Please list any specific creative interests below:

Please list SEN requirements or dietary requirements below:

Please fill in the form, and return by email to db@megalodonstudios.co.uk at your earliest convenience.

**** Parents/Carers refer to our website for our full safeguarding policies.**

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