



**Monday 19th July to Saturday 31st July
Fusion at The Forum in Norwich**

Immediate Release

The BBC Norfolk Children and Young People's Film Festival launches on Monday, promising a two week showcase of the best young film making talent in the county.

The Festival offered all children and young people in Norfolk under the age of 18 a chance to submit their films and over 140 entries were received. It will take place in Fusion at The Forum in Norwich. Fusion hosts the biggest permanent digital screen in Europe, a fitting venue from some amazing films.

In its first year, the Festival has had entries from schools, colleges and individuals right around the county. There are documentaries, dramas, animations and music videos. Children and young people of all ages have taken part, from First schools to Colleges.

The Festival has been organised by BBC Voices, a media workshop and production unit based at The Forum. BBC Voices Producer Gary Standley said, "Too often this talent is seen only by fellow students and proud parents. Now everyone will be able to see the way our young people choose to express their lives, their feelings, and their sense of humour too."

The Festival is open to the public and organisers hope that people will enjoy and appreciate how much film making is thriving amongst young people. BBC Voices Producer Wendy Witham said, "Film is now such a part of our daily life and this Festival shows that children can create as well as consume. The digital age has made the film and editing process so much more accessible and young people have grasped the possibilities. They are not just picking up cameras and shooting, but adding the lessons they have learnt from being surrounded by film, adding craft, sophistication and imagination to their work."

Alongside the two week Festival, BBC Voices supported by The Forum Trust are organising a three day hands on Film event in The Forum. Children and young people will be able to try their hand at wildlife filming, have their photo taken on a special red carpet catwalk and enter the magical world of Narnia through a real wardrobe.

For more information contact Gary Standley at BBC Voices on 07834 846 841

The BBC Norfolk Children and Young People's Film Festival

Monday 19th July to Saturday 31st July. Daily 10am to 5pm. Fusion at The Forum. Free Entry

The BBC Voices and The Forum Trust Film Event

Sunday 25th July to Tuesday 27th July. 10am to 4pm. The Forum. Free Entry