

## **East Midlands Cine hub page**

*"I thought cine hub was a great idea and I hope other children get to have the same opportunity".*

- Year 5 pupil

Cine Hub is a regional project for schools.  
Cine Hub schools explore film critically, culturally and creatively.  
Cine Hub integrates film into existing learning.  
Cine Hub enables partnerships between schools and the film industry.  
Cine Hub projects are multi competency and cross curricular.  
Cine Hub is both challenging and fun.

Cine Hub is a series of curriculum related film activities undertaken by schools across the East Midlands in conjunction with filmmaker practitioners. A Cine Hub school hosts a professional filmmaker to work alongside them and produce films that have direct links to children's learning. The filmmaker facilitates skills transfer to the teachers and children so that they will be able to take forward their learning and produce further films themselves. Cine Hub aims to be an integrated and everyday part of life in school, contributing to digital literacy and teaching and learning approaches.

The project was born in Derbyshire and after a couple of years has grown to include schools from every county and city in the East Midlands. Derbyshire encouraged a 'cluster of schools' approach to the project and this has been replicated across the region; schools are exploring many different ways of using film. The project is backed by the UK Film Council, Local Authority EMRP representatives and EM Media, the Regional Screen Agency, responsible for leading the project. The project is part of a series of pilots under the Film: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Literacy banner, a national initiative that aims to advocate the educational and social use of film through a series of action research projects across the UK.

### **Cine Hub clusters**

#### **Derbyshire**

Derbyshire Cine Hubs has become something of a movement within the county's education system. More and more schools are experimenting with film as part of their formal and extra curricular activities to gather together under the Derbyshire Cine Hub brand. What began as isolated pockets of activity now encompasses almost thirty schools and youth groups that have produced Local Authority sponsored film content. Other schools more broadly are producing film independently, spurred on by the Derbyshire DAFTAs film awards and likely to become involved in the Cine Hub initiative at a point in the future.

#### **Leicestershire**

The Lead Cine Hub School in the Leicestershire cluster is Kibworth Primary. Kibworth has grasped the project with both hands, the project being led by the Headmaster.

The school quickly discovered that their project also encompassed across areas of the curriculum and now the school is expanding the use of film right across the year groups. Teachers report that the children have benefitted immensely from the experience, citing a rise in writing, language and communication skills and a huge impact upon emotional literacy and wellbeing, pointing to children who have discovered new talents and overcome shyness. Alongside their filmmaker, the school are producing high quality films that challenge the pupils.

Kibworth is joined in the Leicestershire cluster by Farndon Fields and Meadowdale Primaries, who have been exploring story structure and Greek myth through use of animation.

#### **Nottinghamshire**

The Dukeries College in Ollerton, Nottinghamshire chose to integrate their Cine Hub into delivery of the first year of the new Creative and Media Diploma. The school integrated film production right across their Diploma programme, using production budgeting for Functional Maths and crew roles for Creative Teamwork, for example.

John Davies Primary opted to tackle issues with a documentary format, which suited the Filmmaker's background of Broadcast News production. The school produced two topical films tackling issues of Dyslexia and Bullying. These films were produced to feed into Primary conferences within the Nottinghamshire Local Authority. The latest Cine Hub in Nottinghamshire is St. Edmunds Primary in Mansfield Woodhouse, aiming to integrate film across the year groups.

### **Leicester City**

Mayflower Primary school in the heart of Leicester City is a multi-faith school. The School used the opportunity of the Cine Hubs project to produce a film that not only integrated into the curriculum but also enabled the school to make a large impact on its social and community agendas.

### **Rutland**

Great Casterton Business and Enterprise College (CBEC) brought an enterprise dimension to their Cine Hub and placed the project in the hands of the Enterprise coordinator at the school. This role is distinct from the teaching workforce of the school and brought another perspective on the project, leading school filmmaking within Rutland. CBEC have produced quality narrative drama and facilitate training for many primary school teachers across the county.

### **Lincolnshire**

John Spendluffe Technology College (JSTC) are leading the Lincolnshire cluster, joined by St. Helena's primary. The Teachers at JSTC report that the project grabbed the enthusiasm of the students, they found new strengths, gained new skills and crucially made the connection between the media that they consume and the film processes that they were undergoing –the process made real to the pupils that all media products are a construction made up of choices and point of view.

### **Northamptonshire**

A group of twenty year eight students from Latimer College worked with filmmakers to develop their own unique model of Cine Hub led by Head of Performing Arts and Media Department. The experience of the project would be an intensive two weeks for their pupils. This model of working enabled the project to be 'compact and manageable' and the presence of the filmmakers added an extra dimension and took the pressure off the teachers, enabling them to also learn as the project developed. The teachers were keen to work to a tight schedule to simulate real world practices with their students, an ethos that the Department takes very seriously.

### **Derby city**

St. Benedicts school worked with their filmmakers to a commission from the city's Media Centre, Quad. It was noted that as the children who were selected were all Gifted and Talented pupils, it was an interesting observation and learning exercise to enable children of high ability to work together and to observe how they approached problem solving to reach consensus. At St. Mary's and St. Josephs Primary schools, the filmmakers have been working with the students and teachers to produce multiple short films that explore the history of Derby through its landmarks and characters.

If you would like to know more about the project and perhaps your institution could become a Cine Hub, please contact Antony Thomas, Education & Film Heritage Executive.