

ASSOCIATION FOR MEDIA EDUCATION IN SCOTLAND

NEWS LETTER

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We are delighted to present our newly revamped AMES newsletter. This issue features coverage of the Discovery Film Festival, updates from the AMES committee, details on upcoming dates and events, and two personal film recommendations from committee members. Also check out our updated [website](#).

Discovery Film Festival

Saturday 19th October - Sunday 3rd November.

DCA

Dundee Contemporary Arts

The 21st edition of the [Discovery Film Festival](#) is about to commence! Held at Dundee Contemporary Arts and touring different locations across Scotland, this event presents a curated selection of films from around the world for young audiences. The festival spans three weekends packed with films, creative activities, and exciting events, alongside two weeks of screenings and educational programmes tailored for schools. With a mission to draw new audiences across Scotland to outstanding international films, boost media literacy, and offer young viewers a glimpse into the lives of young people from diverse cultures, the Discovery Film Festival partners with venues in regions in Dumfries and Galloway, Glasgow, Edinburgh, the Highlands and many more.

The festival is organised with a group of young Ambassadors curating the films and programme design while a group of teachers and educational consultants contribute to the [education programme](#) by creating resources that align with the Curriculum for Excellence.

Committee News

The AMES management committee is searching for an interested person who would like to get involved and fill the role of treasurer. The treasurer is responsible for the financial records of AMES, preparing the financial reports working with an auditor, according to the OSCR guidelines. The committee meets about 6 times each year, mostly online. For more information or to express your interest, please contact wendyelrick@googlemail.com

Dates & Events

Dates	Events	Description
8th to 12th October 2024	Scottish Queer International Film Festival	The ninth annual celebration of LGBTQIA+ filmmaking talent will run at CCA and GFT Glasgow. All tickets are priced on a pay-what-you-can basis.
5th November 2024	SQA Understanding Standards Webinar Media	Higher Media Assignment 4:30pm - 6pm
5th to 7th December 2024	Dundee Mountain Film Festival	This festival aims to inspire outdoor adventures, featuring films and speakers, and showcases incredible feats of endurance and courage. This year is the 40th anniversary of the festival.
January 2025	SQA Understanding Standards Webinars Media	National 5 - 13th January 2025 4pm - 5:30pm Higher Question Paper 1 - 22nd January 2025 4:30pm - 6pm

Recommendations

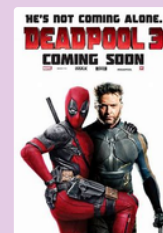


Isabel Sarran's choice:
[The Road to Independence](#)
Olie Hunter Smart walked 4500 miles - North to South India.

Recently, I have been really interested in adventure documentaries. I love the way they explore places and cultures from different angles. Often documentaries like this one are low budget and low key affairs, created from footage of many months on the road. This adds a sense of rawness and honesty that I find incredibly inspiring, as a media teacher but even more so as a person.

Wendy Elrick recommends:

[Deadpool vs Wolverine](#)



The main reason I enjoyed this is that it took intertextuality to an absurd degree while still telling a story which satisfied on a character development and plot level. It did rely on viewers being familiar with not only the previous Deadpool films but many other superhero films (not limited to Marvel) and the television series. The 15 also allowed plenty of strong language and ridiculous levels of blood, guts and gore – often deployed for humour as much as shock. Reynolds and Jackman prove to have marvellous chemistry and there is still a sense of warmth, of heart at the centre. A step above the usual Marvel cash grab for me.