



Team Composition & Registration

- 1) **Team Size & Diversity**
Each team must have at least 6 members. Larger teams are encouraged. We advocate for gender balance, diversity, and inclusion of underrepresented individuals in film. Ardán's EDI policy can be found [here](#).
- 2) **Team Member Age**
Team members and performers used should be 18 or older. If under 18, consent from a parent/guardian is required.
- 3) **Final Team List**
Final team members info will need to be submitted by Monday 18th August 4pm.
- 4) **Registration**
Teams are not considered registered until confirmed by the Little Cinema. Please ensure your team can take part when applying. The deposit is non-refundable.
- 5) **Entrance Fee Deposit**
The cost for entry is a deposit of €50 which will be returned to the team after the Challenge and they have completed their film.
- 6) **Launch Attendance**
At least one team member must attend the Launch on Thursday 21st August 2025 at 7pm in Portershed a Dó and bring a prop. Teams will introduce themselves and get assigned a prop.
- 7) **Line suggestion**
Each team will provide a line in the application form, one of which will be chosen for all teams to use.
- 8) **Genre**
Teams will be given **one** genre to base their film on.
- 9) **Shot Incorporation**
Teams will be given a shot type which they will need to incorporate into their film.
- 10) **Application Deadline**
Closing date for applications is 4pm on Thursday 14th August. Application form is [here](#)

Production Rules

11) **Filming Window & Location**

All footage must be shot in the competition time period & in Galway City & County.

12) **Permitted Pre-Work**

The only pre-Challenge work allowed is:

- Researching genres & cinematic techniques
- securing locations & equipment
- organising cast & crew for film.

13) **Footage & AI Restrictions**

- No stock footage or AI-generated visuals are allowed.
- All animation must be human-made during the 48 hours.
- Old photographs are permitted, provided usage rights are attained.

14) **Music Use**

- No copyrighted music is allowed.
- Only human composed music made within the 48 hours is allowed.
- Royalty-free music is allowed with attribution in credits.

15) **Writing**

No AI tools are allowed in the generation of a script or ideas for the script.

16) **Language & Subtitles**

Irish language films are encouraged, but must have English subtitles.

Film Specs & Submission

17) **Length**

Max run time of 5mins plus 20 seconds credits.

18) **Branding requirements**

Each film must include a provided video slug (start) and jpeg (end). These are not counted in the runtime, and should be kept on the film if submitting to film festivals.

19) **Export**

Export: H264 mp4 or MOV, HD minimum, max file size 3GB, Gamma 2.6 recommended.

20) **Delivery**

Film must be exported by 9am Sunday 24th August 2025, teams have until 10am that morning to deliver the film to us, either digitally to littlecinemagalway@gmail.com or in person to the Portershed.

21) **Late submissions**

Late submissions can still be screened but will not be eligible for any awards.

Judging

22) Eligibility

Only films that meet all the rules will be eligible for the awards.

23) Judging Panel

- Independent experts will judge based on quality, originality and adherence to rules.
- Emphasis will be placed on the effective use of the prop, line, shot and genre. The prop should be central to the story and used in a natural way.
- Little Cinema Galway & Galway City of Film will have no say in the judging.

Awards

24) The judges will watch the films in advance of the screening and deliberate on the afternoon so the award categories will be decided in advance to allow for a smoother screening. The Award Categories **chosen by Judges are:**

- Best Film (wins €500, entry to Film Fleadh 2026, up to 10 hoodies & award)
- Best Director (wins a hoodie & award)
- Best Cinematography (wins a hoodie & award)
- Best Performer (wins a hoodie & award)
- Best Supporting Performer (wins a hoodie & award)
- Best Editing (wins a hoodie & award)
- Best Writing (wins a hoodie & award)
- Best Music Score (wins a hoodie & award)
- Best Special FX (wins a hoodie & award)
- Best make Up (wins a hoodie & award)
- Best Set Design (wins a hoodie & award)
- Best Sound Design (wins a hoodie & award)
- Best Costume Design (wins a hoodie & award)
- Best use of Shot (wins a hoodie & award)

Note: If a team nominates two people for a category, there is only one award available and only one hoodie guaranteed. Only one nomination per performer award is allowed.

25) Other Award Categories

- Audience Best Film – chosen by audience vote (wins an award & one hoodie)
- Best use of Prop - chosen by team members (wins an award & one hoodie)
- Best use of Line - chosen by team members (wins an award & one hoodie)
- Filmmakers Choice Award - chosen by team members (wins an award & one hoodie)
- Spirit of the Challenge Award - chosen by Little Cinema (wins an award & one hoodie)

Note: Only officially registered team members can vote in the Filmmakers Choice, Line & Prop Awards.

Screening Details

- Sunday 24th August 2025 at the Town Hall Theatre. Doors to THT open at 6pm.
- Auditorium doors will open at 6.30pm
- Screening will start at 7pm sharp
- Each team will introduce their film
- Films will screen in reverse order of hand in – (last handed in gets screened first)
- The awards ceremony will follow the screening after a brief intermission.

Conduct

26) **Violence, language & drugs**

Please avoid the use of excessive violence, excessive bad language or excessive drug use in your film. The screening will be open to the public of all ages!

27) **Filming Conduct**

Be respectful of citizens and businesses while filming. Be polite when asking for permission to shoot in locations and leave any place you may use as tidy as you found it.

Safety Disclaimer

28) **Injuries & Damage**

Little Cinema Galway & the Galway City of Film do not accept responsibility for any injuries, equipment loss or damage which occur in the Challenge, please be careful during it.

Film Usage

- 29) Little Cinema & Galway City of Film reserves the right to use the films as promotional material for future 48 Hour Filmmaking Challenges & the right to screen the films at future film screenings, but will always give notice to the team leader in advance.
- 30) The films made will be added to the [48 Hour Challenge Playlist](#) on Ardán's Youtube Channel.
- 31) The Little Cinema & Galway City of Film 48 Hour Challenge organisers may add to or amend these rules at any time prior to the Challenge.

Accommodation

We have teamed up with Woodquay Hostel in Galway City to try to make it easier for those who travel to Galway to get reasonable accommodation.

We have got a fantastic discount from Woodquay Hostel and along with a subsidy from the 48 Hour Challenge budget.

The cost of a bed in a shared dorm room for 4 nights (21st-25th) is €40. Please indicate in the form if any of your team members need a bed.