

COVID-19 Industry Disruption & Advice

We know from our contact with location managers, freelance crew and Film Offices partners, that COVID-19 is having a very serious and immediate impact on productions across the country. We are working very closely with the BFI, colleagues in the Creative Industries Federation and the wider sector to make sure these challenges are fed directly into government planning and policy development.

We remain on hand to support production and infrastructure throughout this challenging and unprecedented time. We will be closely monitoring the constant updates on guidance issued by the government and the wider sector.

Our sister company, the Creative Industries Federation, is working to ensure that government puts in place the measures needed to support our industry during this time of crisis. You can find out more about their work at www.creativeindustriesfederation.com

We have collated current advice for our fantastic freelance film & TV crew community in England who are affected by COVID-19 and its fallout – last updated 18th March

UK GOVERNMENT

HMRC's dedicated helpline on 0800 0159 559

Universal Credit - www.understandinguniversalcredit.gov.uk/coronavirus/

BECTU www.bectu.org.uk/topic/covid-19-coronavirus/

BFI www.bfi.org.uk/supporting-uk-film/covid-19-update

IPSE www.ipse.co.uk/ipse-news/news-listing/coronavirus-ipse-activity-and-advice-freelancers.html

THE FILM & TV CHARITY

For anyone seeking immediate financial assistance and/or mental health support then we urge you to contact 24/7 helpline on 0800 054 0000 – free support given day and night.

Financial Support: www.filmtvcharity.org.uk/we-can-help/financial-support/

Help Support Line: www.filmtvcharity.org.uk/we-can-help/support-line/

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES FEDERATION

www.creativeindustriesfederation.com/news/covid-19-guidance-sector

The Creative Industries Federation is also offering 3 months free membership for freelancers to join their network and receive the latest news and information on how COVID-19 is affecting the sector:

www.creativeindustriesfederation.com/news/free-federation-membership-three-months

Thanks folks, and please do stay safe

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