

BFI Film Audience Network (FAN)

Welsh Film Festivals in 2022

*Bringing British, independent and international film
to audiences across Wales and the UK.*



Image: Cardiff Animation Film Festival © Chris James



At a glance:

This guide is designed to give an overview of film festivals in Wales, in 2022.



42 Film Festivals in total

36 Welsh events

5 UK events delivering in Wales*

1 International festival delivering in Wales

21 Distinct themes from adventure to African cinema

0.9 festivals developed per year between 1980-2022

15 ceased to operate

1 Wales Youth Festival Network

If you are a festival looking for funding, please see our [Film Exhibition Fund](#) or our [Training Bursaries](#).

**This figure is likely to be far greater. Currently based on returning festivals only.*

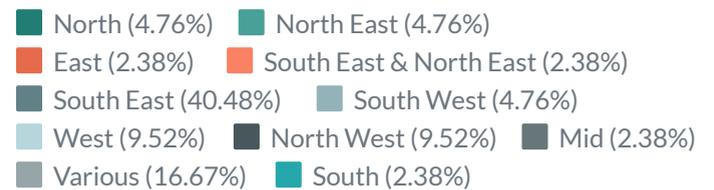
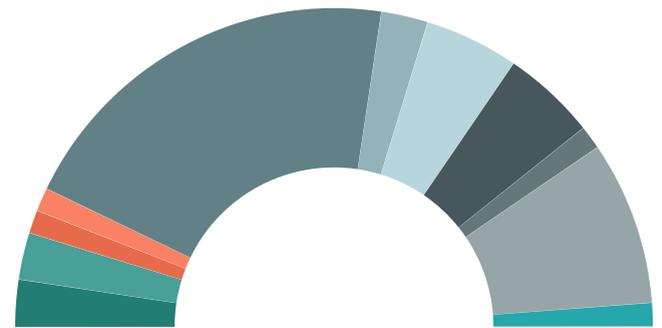


Who are the Festivals?

Please see our [member map](#) for a list of current festivals in wales. We update the map regularly.

Geographical spread

Wales wide coverage with concentration in the South East



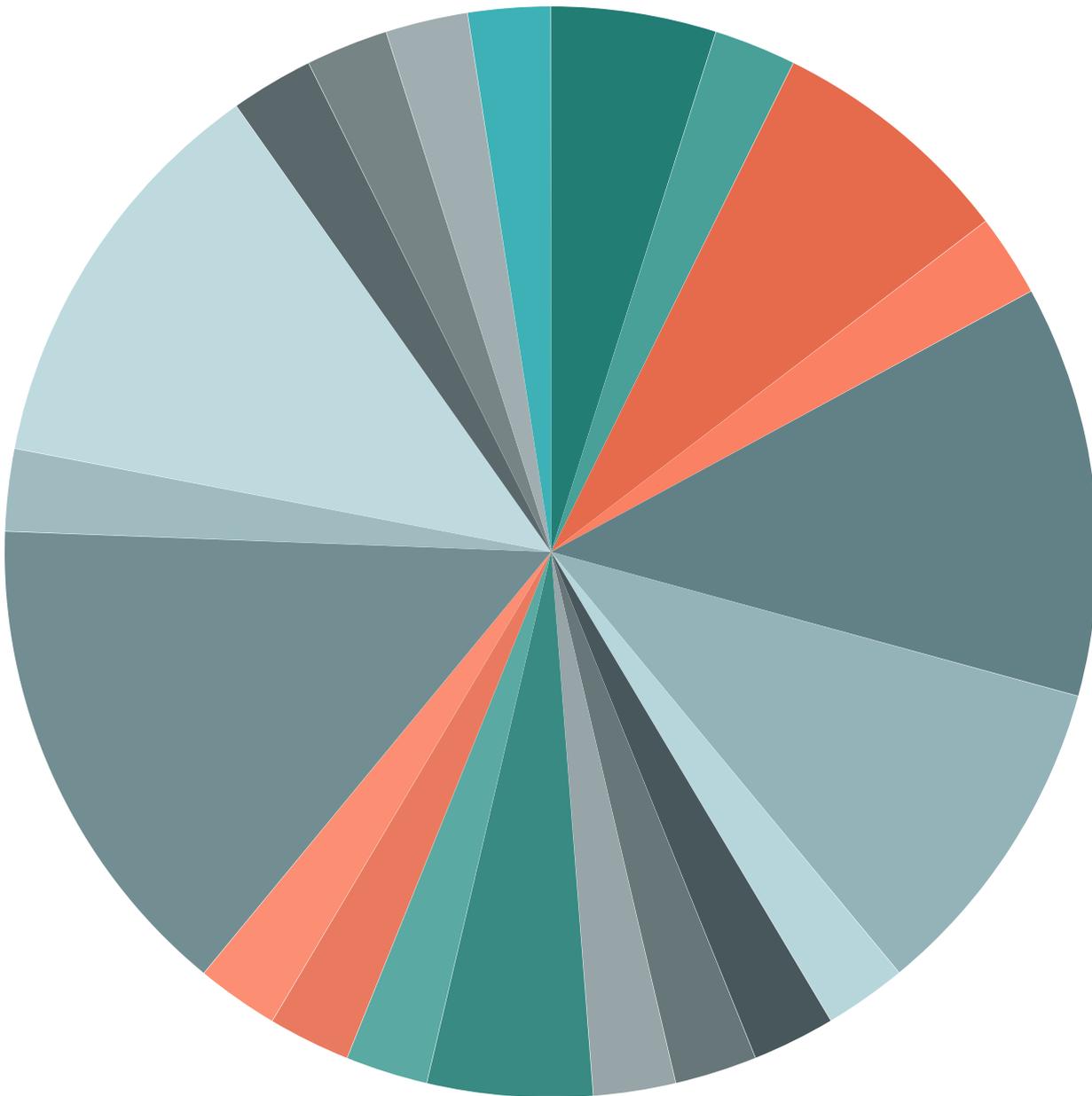
Admissions

Festival admissions range between **250 - 10,000**

80% of the festivals mapped are considered local, reaching up to 3500 people annually. Across a sample of 12, average admissions were calculated at 1500.

Unique Festival Themes

- Aging / Dying (4.88%)
- Animation (2.44%)
- Adventure (7.32%)
- African Film (2.44%)
- British / Independent / World cinema (12.2%)
- Music & Arts (9.76%)
- Coast & Sea (2.44%)
- Comedy (2.44%)
- Disability (2.44%)
- Documentary (2.44%)
- Film & Photography (4.88%)
- Horror (2.44%)
- Italian Film (2.44%)
- LGBTQIA+ (2.44%)
- New talent / Broadcast / Student work / Shorts (14.63%)
- Welsh Life / Language (2.44%)
- Young Audiences (12.2%)
- Mainstream / Outdoors (2.44%)
- Dance & Movement (2.44%)
- Working class culture & resistance (2.44%)
- Music science arts (2.44%)



Useful partners

- [BFI Audience Fund](#): Festivals of national (UK) significance can access funding from the BFI,
- [Ffilm Cymru Wales](#): Festivals can access funding through the Audience Access Fund,
- [Creative Wales](#): Contact the team for funding options,
- [BAFTA Cymru](#): Festivals can become an accredited festival partner,
- [Iris Prize](#): Access the Best of Iris and best practice as Wales' largest festival,
- [Independent Cinema Office](#): Access to national training offers, including the [ICO Greening Your Cinema Toolkit](#),
- [WCVA](#), [VAW](#) & [University of South Wales](#): provide volunteering opportunities for young creatives where practical,
- [British Council](#): Feature on the festivals database and discover films,
- [Inclusive Cinema](#): for access advice including '[Dismantling Structural Inequality in Your Cinema](#)'.
- [Off y Grid](#): A collaborative network of cinemas in North Wales,
- [The Wales Youth Festival Network](#): supports festivals working with young audiences in Wales.



Funding Available

FHW offers opportunities year round for independent exhibition activity in Wales. We offer two broad areas of funding across 'training' and 'audiences'. Members can apply to the following:

Audiences:

- [Film Exhibition Fund \(FEF\)](#)
- [FEF Pitch Pot](#) (single events or short term programmes)
- [Made in Wales](#) (applications should be made to FEF)
- [New Film Releases](#)
- [BFI Major Programmes](#)
- [Changing Times \(Heritage\)](#)

Training:

- [Bursaries](#)

Find a list of further external funding sources on our website [here](#).

We also offer networking events, training courses, marketing support, and industry news.

Not a Film Hub Wales member?

Our membership is free to qualifying organisations and offers access to our range of funding, support and benefits. Read our member guidelines and [sign-up here](#).

Image: Iris on the Move © Harrison Williams



Appendix

What do we define as a Film Festival?

An extended presentation of films, of varying scale and size, in one or more exhibition venues and often with digital content. Sometimes within a single region but may include multiple touring, or community events. Increasingly, film festivals can include year-round activities that develop beyond a set of particular dates. Festivals often have a unique selling point but have common themes such as showcasing new talent, creative special events and new international and domestic releases designed to attract new audiences. They enable us to celebrate diversity on screen and develop creative outlets for regular audiences.

About Film Hub Wales

Film Hub Wales (FHW) celebrates cinema. We support organisations that screen film to a public audience, from film festivals, to societies and mixed arts centres. We aim to bring the best British and international film to audiences across Wales.

We're part of a UK wide network of eight hubs funded by National Lottery funding via the British Film Institute (BFI). We form the Film Audience Network (FAN) with Chapter appointed as the 'Film Hub Lead Organisation' (FHLO) in Wales.

We are also proud to lead the [inclusive cinema](#) strategy on behalf of BFI FAN.

For examples of our work to-date, please see our [FHW highlights](#).

Image: Abertoir International Horror Film Festival



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