



GUIDANCE FOR JURY MEMBERS

- 1. Jury members are selected based on their professional expertise in the following areas, (of which it is ESSENTIAL they possess experience in AT LEAST ONE area, although experience in two or more areas is DESIRABLE):
 - a. Film and/or television industry.
 - b. Media and/or journalism.
 - c. Fortean/paranormal-related work.
- 2. The role of a jury member is a NON-PAID role. Jury members are recruited based on their passion and enthusiasm for the concept of the festival.
- 3. Jury members are encouraged to assess and rate submissions based on their unique areas of expertise, and as such may be directed to specific submissions by festival directors.
- 4. It is helpful for jury members to leave feedback when rating submissions. All feedback is expected to be honest, but most importantly CONSTRUCTIVE. Practical ideas and suggestions are always helpful to our submitters who may be seeking to improve their projects and future work, and are also more encouraging than criticism given without accompanying constructive feedback.
- 5. Jury members are NOT expected to watch all submissions. They are encouraged to primarily rate the submissions which relate to their areas of personal and professional interest.
- 6. The role of a jury member can be carried out remotely from ANY location with access to a high-speed internet connection, using most devices with a web-browsing function. There is NO expectation or demand that jury members will attend the live events in the United Kingdom, although those wishing to attend are more than welcome. Currently, we are NOT able to provide support with travel/accommodation costs for jury members wishing to attend live events.
- 7. The role of a jury member is intended to be enjoyable, and jury members are granted exclusive access to some of the best new and unreleased independent film content.
- 8. Festival directors MAY permit jury members to submit their own work, but ONLY after obtaining prior permission from them, AND ONLY in cases where conflicts of interest can be managed by allocating the rating of any such work submitted by a jury member to at least FOUR other members of the jury who have NO immediate affiliation with the submitting jury member (outside of the festival). Jury members submitting their own work risk DISQUALIFICATION as an entrant of the festival and REMOVAL from the jury if they are found to have attempted to influence the judging of their own work within the festival.
- 9. Jury members are expected to communicate their availability with the festival directors.
- 10. The festival directors will assist new jury members with accessing the film submissions, and will offer help to jury members familiarising with the film submissions portal on FilmFreeway.