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Applications open for film/TV scheme for unemployed Londoners

Four Corners launches the third year of its successful *Digital Futures* training programme with a screening event at Genesis Cinema on Wednesday 11 July at 6.30pm.

Digital Futures 2013 offers entirely free, specialist training for 40 unemployed Londoners, with funding from the Big Lottery and Trust for London.

This year, Four Corners is delighted to announce additional support from the FT2 Legacy Fund, continuing FT2's impressive work in supporting trainees into junior roles in high-end drama. The scheme will offer work placements for **eight** trainees **with prior experience** in camera and editing. The aim is to support training for new entrants looking to establish freelance careers in junior technical and craft positions for UK feature film or TV drama production.

Digital Futures runs from January 2013, providing specialist training in camera, production and editing, with priority given to residents of Tower Hamlets, Hackney and Newham. The associated employability programme is funded by Trust for London. The scheme is open to applicants with a range of prior skills levels.

Carla Mitchell, Development Director of Four Corners said: *"Support from the Big Lottery, Trust for London and FT2 Legacy Fund means that we can provide free training for disadvantaged people at a time of increased demand, providing real opportunities for them to develop a career in film and TV. Paid work placements are particularly needed at this time of economic hardship."*

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Notes to the editor:

1. Digital Futures 2012 screening event: Genesis Cinema, Wednesday 11 July, 6.30-9.00pm. Free entry. RSVP to info@fourcornersfilm.co.uk For directions see <http://goo.gl/maps/obKg>
2. Closing date for Digital Futures 2013 applications: Friday 12th October 2012 .
3. The Big Lottery Fund distributes half of the National Lottery good cause funding across the UK. The Fund aims to enable others to make real improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need.
4. Trust for London is a charitable organisation that exists to reduce poverty and inequality in London.
5. The FT2 Legacy Fund has been set up through the Indie Training Fund to support training for new entrants looking to establish freelance careers in junior technical and craft positions for feature film or TV drama production. The fund is a legacy of FT2, the former provider of trainees for apprenticeships on films and TV productions and will be managed by a steering committee made up of former FT2 directors/trustees and the ITF, chaired by [BECTU](#) training officer, Brian Kelly with ex-[MITA](#) chair Sharon Goode as Secretary.
<http://www.indietrainingfund.com/home/news/itf-launches-ft2-legacy-fund/>
6. Four Corners is London's centre for film and photography, and a leading independent training provider for creative media.

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