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A digital future for East London's film talent

Four Corners is delighted to announce a new film & TV training scheme for unemployed people, thanks to a Government Hardship Grant of £100,000.

The **Digital Futures** scheme will run from February to August 2010, providing specialist training and opportunities for industry work placements for 40 unemployed people in Tower Hamlets, Hackney and Newham.

Carla Mitchell, Development Director of Four Corners said: "We are absolutely delighted.

Hardship Fund support will enable us to continue our free training for disadvantaged people at a time of increased need, providing real opportunities for them to develop a career in the film and TV industries."

Alison Seabrooke, Chief Executive of the Community Development Foundation administering the fund said, "Many community and voluntary organisations are offering vital services to support local people in these difficult times. It's really important that these organisations get the support they need now, to sustain this work at a time when communities need it most".

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Notes to editors

Key dates

Open Day: Tuesday 26th January 2010, 11am-4pm at Four Corners

Closing date for applications: Monday 1st February 2010

The £16.7 million Hardship Fund was announced by the Chancellor in his Budget in April 2009 to help voluntary organisations, charities and social enterprises that are suffering financial hardship that is impacting on their ability to deliver vital services in health and social care, housing support, education and training, and information, advice and guidance.

The Hardship Fund builds on the £42.5 million package of measures announced in the Government's Real Help for Communities Action Plan in February 09.

The Hardship Fund is administered by the Community Development Foundation (CDF). Community Development Foundation (CDF) is the leading source of community development expertise and delivery. As a public body and a charity they bridge government, communities and the voluntary sector. Their aim is for an inclusive and just society and their mission is to lead community development analysis and strategy in order to empower people to influence decisions that affect their lives. For info, visit www.cdf.org.uk
23 organisations in London have received Hardship Fund grant offers worth a total of £2,293,578.

Four Corners is a leading independent training provider for creative media and centre for film and photographic arts. For further information visit www.fourcornersfilm.co.uk

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