

NLS offers prizes to documentary film-makers

The National Library of Scotland, home to the Scottish Screen Archive, has developed a partnership with EDINDOCS, Edinburgh's new documentary film festival, and will provide two documentary makers with a unique opportunity.

[EDINDOCS](#) aims to bring quality independent film to Scotland's capital, showcasing fresh new talent in a city renowned for its culture by screening 25 of the finest new documentaries during its debut three day festival this month.

As the official sponsor of the 'Best Documentary' category, the Library is supporting a fantastic prize for the top two documentaries (short and feature-length) – the films will be given pride of place in the prestigious Scottish Screen Archive to be accessed in perpetuity.

Furthermore, the award-winning films will be shown on public screens in the National Library's George IV Bridge building in Edinburgh for an entire week, and the documentary makers will receive £250.

Martyn Wade, National Librarian and CEO of the National Library of Scotland, said: 'We are delighted to help promote the art of documentary-making through our sponsorship of EDINDOCS.'

'I'm sure any documentary-maker would be delighted with the opportunity to see their film join Scotland's national moving images collection, the Scottish Screen Archive. We are looking forward to seeing the winning contributions.'

Stuart McInnes, organiser of EDINDOCS, said there were surprisingly few opportunities for aspiring documentary makers – particularly independents – to showcase their work, and

hopes the festival will help to open doors for them.

He said: 'EDINDOCS is not exclusively for independent filmmakers but it does provide a new platform for them, which they desperately need.

'The creative environment provided by Edinburgh's festivals is fantastic and we hope that EDINDOCS can further complement that by opening doors for the wealth of new documentary filmmaking talent out there.'

EDINDOCS takes place from 16-18 September at the Church Hill Theatre, Morningside, Edinburgh. For more information visit www.edindocs.com. You can also follow them on [Facebook](#)