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Press Release

"Basildon 5 day filmmaking project completes successful first summer for Footpath Films"

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This week's 5-day filmmaking project in Basildon marks the end of a promising first summer holiday period for Footpath Films. The project is the company's third of the summer and will give a group of young people the chance to make their own short film tutored and supported by Footpath Films' professional filmmakers. The young people get the chance to write, direct, camera operate, edit and act in a fictional short film before seeing it premiered at their local big-screen cinema.

Director Joe Murphy said: *"These hands-on projects provide a unique opportunity for the young people to work with professional filmmakers and filmmaking equipment to produce their short film. We are constantly impressed by the quality of the films the young people produce and are looking forward to seeing this summer's films up on the big screen."*

The films produced so far this summer have tackled serious issues such as theft and knife crime, but the company's emphasis on providing an exciting and enjoyable experience has meant that the young people have all enjoyed their week immensely.

Connie (aged 14) from Havering said: *"It was really fun, it was a good experience...I've learnt a lot in the last five days."*

Brooke (aged 15) from Havering added: *"I thought it would be really, really hard but in the end when I did it, it looked really good. I'm really pleased."*

The projects are run by professional filmmakers who have extensive experience of working with young people of all abilities and backgrounds. In particular, their past work with Young Offenders, Looked After Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs has drawn plaudits for engaging hard to reach groups in projects which encourage the young people to have ownership of

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their work, whilst producing films which the young people are immensely proud of.

Stuart Muller (Positive Activities for Young People Co-ordinator, Southend) said: *"The young people worked very hard, and I thought that the final production was fantastic"*

The premieres for this summer's films will be held at cinemas local to the young people in the autumn and it is hoped that in the future young people's films may be picked to appear in short film festivals.

Editor Paul Angear said: *"We are very pleased with how the projects have gone and are looking forward to building on this in the coming months. We have worked successfully with Youth Offending Teams, Social Services and Positive Activities for Young People Teams and are hoping to extend this to other organisations in the near future. We are always interested in designing projects to cater for new target groups of young people."*

Find out more information about Footpath Films, and the projects they run, at their website: www.footpathfilms.com

Note to editors:

Footpath Films Ltd was established in July 2007 by Joe Murphy and Paul Angear, a Director and Editor respectively. They have worked on a number of filmmaking projects with young people in past years ranging from "Batch", a drama about gangs in South London, to "The Believe In Me Awards", an annual awards ceremony for Social Workers and Foster Carers.

The 5 day filmmaking project costs £2,750.00 and is suitable for groups of up to 12 young people (aged 8 to 25). The project covers all aspects of the filmmaking process from Script Writing and Storyboarding, through to producing the film using professional cameras, sound equipment, lights and dollies (track-based support systems for cameras), and finally editing using industry standard editing applications. All films receive a premiere at a cinema local to the young people and each young person gets a copy of the film on DVD.