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ITN Source launches Short Film Competition 2016

ITN Source are opening up their footage library to filmmakers worldwide, offering free access to content for those taking part in the ITN Source Short Film Competition 2016, in association with Sheffield Doc/Fest and Audio Network.

The challenge is to create a 1 minute short film using footage from ITN Source and music from Audio Network. The top 3 films, selected by an expert judging panel, will be screened at Sheffield Doc/Fest and the winner, voted for by the festival's attendees, will be presented with a cheque for £1000 at the Sheffield Doc/Fest Awards evening.

The judges will be looking for an original, visually arresting piece from the winning production, but other than that there are no constraints. This is an opportunity for filmmakers to run wild with the archive! Take a look at the brief and find out more on how to enter here:

<https://sheffdocfest.com/articles/360-itn-source-short-film-competition-2016>

In 2015 over 400 people registered to take part in the inaugural ITN Source Short Film Competition and 71 finished films were submitted. Chris Barwick, Business Development Manager at ITN Source said *"We were overwhelmed by the standard of entries we received last year and can't wait to see this year's, especially as this year we're also given filmmakers the opportunity to include some of their own self-shot footage, to complement the archive"*.

Liz McIntyre, CEO & Festival Director, Sheffield Doc/Fest, says *"It's very exciting to see what filmmakers discover and are inspired by in these two fantastic libraries, and how they experiment with that footage. Last year's results were wonderfully creative and I'm looking forward to seeing how inventive this year's entrants will be. I'm absolutely delighted the ITN Source Short Film Competition is returning to Doc/Fest again."*

Take a look at last year's entries here and see how they used solely archive footage to tell their stories: <http://bit.ly/ITNShortFilmComp>.

Xavier Perkins, winner of the 2015 ITN Source Short Film Competition said the competition *"gives people momentum to create something, and get it viewed by the greater public"*. Listen to an interview with Xavier on the inspirations behind his winning short film and his experiences using archive material <http://bit.ly/XavierPerkins>.

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About Sheffield Doc/Fest

Sheffield Doc/Fest is a world leading and the UK's premier documentary festival, celebrating the art and business of documentary.

We're a hub for all documentary and factual content across all platforms, from feature length to shorts, and including interactive and virtual reality projects.

The Festival comprises:

- Film programme for the very best international documentaries;
- Alternate Realities for digital and interactive innovation;
- Talks & Sessions to inspire, inform and debate;
- Marketplace for international business.

Every year, we're proud to connect thousands of creatives in a nurturing environment, resulting in the discovery of new talent, new collaborations and new commissions for cinema, television and online.

We aim to create a festival experience that is creatively inspiring and the place for pioneering and innovative ideas, projects and thinking.

Sheffield Doc/Fest welcomes over 30,000 documentary makers and lovers each year, including 3,500 industry delegates from over 60 countries.

This year, the Festival takes place 10 - 15 June 2016.

About ITN Source

ITN Source is the footage licensing division of leading news and multimedia content provider, ITN. ITN Source syndicates on-the-day and archive content to a global customer base. Its content spans multiple genres including news, drama, celebrity, environment, music, comedy, wildlife, natural history and film. ITN Source represents archive footage from ITN, Reuters, ITV, Fox News, Fox Movietone, NBC and ANI, amongst many others. It has over 2.8 million archive news clips, programmes and film titles dating back to 1896, available online at www.itnsource.com.

ITN Source has offices in London, New York, Paris, Sydney, Singapore and Tokyo as well as numerous agents across the globe. More information can be found at www.itnsource.com

About Audio Network

Audio Network is an independent music company, breaking down boundaries to deliver authentic and creative music solutions to content creators in every industry, all around the world. The company collaborates with over 750 talented composers and artists, and has over 100,000 tracks in its catalogue, carefully curated into albums and playlists in every imaginable genre, all easily discoverable via its website www.audionetwork.com

The company continuously invests in its people, its music and its clients with offices in London, LA, New York, Toronto, Amsterdam, Sydney, Munich and Manchester.