

Discover the world of film classification for Irish short films: IFCO and Screen Ireland host Culture Night classification workshop

Thursday, 18th September 2025. This Culture Night (19.09.25), the Irish Film Classification Office (IFCO) and Fís Éireann / Screen Ireland (Screen Ireland) invite members of the public to discover the world of film classification for Irish short films. Audiences are invited to step into IFCO's onsite cinema in Smithfield, Dublin to view and try their hand at classifying a curated selection of Screen Ireland short films with an official IFCO Film Classifier.

The screening of the short films will be followed by a discussion with the audience about the IFCO guidelines that underpin the classification decisions in Ireland today. The event will look at how IFCO comes to a decision on how films are classified, and why a particular age rating would be applied.

Director of Film Classification, Ciarán Kissane said:

"For Culture Night, we are delighted to be working in partnership with Screen Ireland to show a curated selection of Irish short films and guide audiences through the film classification process. Earlier this year we published our new Classification Guidelines. A great deal of consideration goes into each classification decision, and we look forward to giving members of the public a chance to step into our shoes for the evening and experience what's involved."

"At IFCO, we are committed to supporting the availability of diverse audiovisual content to Irish audiences. We continue to engage with Irish filmmakers and festivals, supporting the availability of homegrown content."

The IFCO and Screen Ireland Culture Night event will be held on the hour every hour between 4pm and 7pm, with screenings suitable for different ages from 8 to 15 and over. Each workshop will last approximately 45 minutes.

Director of Film Classification, Ciarán Kissane continued:

"This is IFCO's first Culture Night under the aegis of the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport. The move reflects the evolving nature of our work away from censorship towards age-based classification and advice."

"Film plays a significant role in Irish culture and society, and we look forward to working with the Department, particularly on the implementation of the Periodical Critical Review, in the context of our new Strategy Statement 2026-2028, which is currently being developed."

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Note to editors:

- Director of Film Classification, Dr Ciarán Kissane is available for interview, on request.
- A Periodical Critical Review of IFCO was undertaken by the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration and published earlier this month. Please find the report [here](#).