



Bedford Borough Council and Bedford Film Festival press release

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Bedford Film Festival first to use Higgins Bedford's new cinema facilities

Following a successful first year at the Higgins Bedford, [Bedford Film Festival](#) will be the first to use brand new permanent cinema facilities when it launches its second festival at the venue this week. The facilities which have been installed by Bedford Borough Council include a projector platform and window for anyone wanting to screen films at the venue.

The new facilities have been installed in the William Harpur Gallery, allowing any group to host a screening with a professional cinema feel. The idea to make the enhancement was first discussed after Bedford Film Festival's inaugural event when it became clear The Higgins Bedford was a great place for film screenings.

Paul Hutchinson of Bedford Film Festival says it's great to see investment in cinema being made in the town: "We've supported and advised The Higgins and Bedford Borough Council to help the idea of independent cinema at The Higgins Bedford become a permanent reality. Coupling this with the high quality digital cinema equipment we provide, film fans can now access the best cinema has to offer in this stunning cultural venue."

Mayor of Bedford Borough Dave Hodgson said: "We're delighted to be welcoming Bedford Film Festival back to The Higgins Bedford this year for another exciting programme of films and events. The new facilities we've installed will make for an even better experience for everyone coming along to enjoy the eclectic range of titles on offer."

The William Harpur Gallery can be booked for workshops, art exhibitions, conferences and now film screenings via www.thehigginsbedford.org.uk/venue_hire

You can purchase tickets for the screenings and get the latest information about Bedford Film Festival at www.BedfordFilmFestival.org

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About Bedford Film Festival

Bedford Film Festival was set up to help bring films to Bedford that are not available in town anywhere else. While developing the ethos to #SupportVariety, the organisers also wanted to establish a programme of encouraging a new generation of film makers in the town with high quality industry workshops. Bedford Film Festival also actively encourages other local organisations to host their own film screenings, offering screening collaboration opportunities and support.

About Bedford Borough Council's cultural commitment

The Higgins Bedford is a Bedford Borough Council cultural facility. Bedford Borough values cultural provision as a vital component in making Bedford a better place to live, work and visit. In particular The Higgins contributes to making Bedford an Inclusive Borough - where people, whatever their background, feel part of the wider community and are proud to celebrate its rich diversity; where inequalities are reduced and all people are able to participate in the sporting, artistic and civic life of the Borough.

About The Higgins Bedford

The Higgins Bedford reopened on June 21st 2013 following a major, £5.8million redevelopment project that unites on one site three previous cultural venues: Cecil Higgins Art Gallery, Bedford Museum and Bedford Gallery.

The Higgins is based around the historic buildings of the Castle Brewery and a Victorian family home, both built by the Higgins family in the mid-19th century. It is located in attractive gardens by the riverside in the centre of town, on the site once occupied by Bedford Castle.