



Course details

Course title

Film & Media: The Women Who Built The Film Industry

Course code

Q00020845

Course date

Start: 25/02/25

End: 18/03/25

Number of classes

4 sessions

Timetable

Tue 25th Feb, 10:00 to 12:00

Tue 4th Mar, 10:00 to 12:00

Tue 11th Mar, 10:00 to 12:00

Tue 18th Mar, 10:00 to 12:00

Tutor

Christopher Budd

Fee range

Free to £33.60

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

In venue

Venue

Royston Town Hall (Royston)
Melbourn Street
Royston
SG8 7BS

Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

This course aims to introduce learners to the stories of some pioneering women from early cinema history who were hugely important to the development of the art, craft, and business of film, but who modern movie goers may not know. We'll look at the unique challenges they faced as women in their times, their contributions – in some cases – deliberately overlooked, but also the immense possibilities of the emerging cinema industry. With a wealth of clips and background material.

Course description

Despite the classic image of the all-male cigar-chomping Hollywood moguls of yesteryear, many of the true early pioneers of the art and science of film were women. Actors, technicians, stunt performers, directors, writers, producers – even studio heads – they played a huge role in creating the most important global industry of the twentieth century, without ever getting their names on the door. Over five weeks we'll take a look at a series of these important pioneering women from America and Europe; Actors Theda Bara, Florence Lawrence, and Olive Borden; stunt performer Florence LaBadie; directors Lois Weber and Alice Guy-Blaché; technicians and inventors Élizabeth and Marie-Berthe Thullier, Julienne Mathieu, and Natalie Kalmus; powerful British industrial figure Esther Harris, and Hollywood's first fitness guru Sylvia Ulback . No previous knowledge is required.

What financial support is available?

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

What other support is available?

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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