

Driving Change in Scotland

Talent Directory

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Introduction

TripleC, in collaboration with Sara Harkins, have been awarded funding by Screen Scotland to undertake a year-long programme which seeks to support deaf, disabled and/or neurodivergent (DDN) talent across Scotland.

Amongst our in-person and online events and other work, this programme is building an online talent directory to support the industry to find and hire Scotland-based DDN talent at all career levels.

This resource is free to access. It is a live document that will be added to as more DDN talent sign up.

If you would like to be included in this directory, please answer the questions on this <u>form</u>.

Alternatively, you can email your answers to triplecscotland@gmail.com.

Access Coordinators

Emilia Beatriz



Filmmaker & Access Worker emilixbeatrizstudio@gmail.com <u>Project</u> | <u>Instagram</u>

Daniel Leckerman



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Helen McEwan



ScreenSkills-trained Access Coordinator | Hair & Makeup Artist helen_mcewan@hotmail.com LinkedIn | IMDB

Rhona McKenzie Lang



Access Coordinator | Actor | Comedian | Producer | Writer rhonamckenzie@gmail.com

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Michelle Rolfe



ScreenSkills-trained Access Coordinator | Producer | Access Consultant michellerolfeuk@gmail.com Linktree

Alison Smith

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Crew

Chris Aitken



Producer | Director | Writer | Editor chris.aitken@restlessnativeproductions.org <u>Own website</u> Neurodivergent multi-hyphenate that specialises in comedy running two film festivals.

Caz Armstrong



VFX Coordinator | Dept Coordinator cazarmstrong27@gmail.com IMDB

VFX Coordinator with a career history in organisational and coordination roles. Experience managing large amounts of complex information in both shoot and postproduction. Experience using Excel, Sheets, Shotgrid, Aspera, Anchor, Syncsketch. Previous career in investment finance, in business management and budgeting roles. I have a hidden disability which has variable effects.

Deborah Dow



Production Runner | Production Secretary debsdow@live.co.uk Worked as green room host and runner for BBC Scotland Edinburgh festival. TV credit obtained for working as Production runner - The Big Scottish Book Club series 6. BA Hons TV graduate (Napier University). Qualified First Aider and Scottish mental health first aid.

Tirzah Ellen



Post-Production Runner | Edit Trainee ellentirzah@gmail.com <u>Own website</u>

Nigel G Honey



Editor | Avid & Premiere Trainer honeynigel@gmail.com Own website

I have 27 years' experience as an editor in TV and Film and live with bi polar, and set up Ability Academy - the first UK accessible, affordable and inclusive film editing academy teaching to BBC, ITV scripted Emmerdale and Coronation St.

Stephanie Johnstone



Assistant Production Accountant stephanie_johnstone@outlook.com

Paul Daniel Lucas



Sound Designer | Composer | Dubbing Mixer info@audiodromedesign.com <u>Own website</u> | <u>IMDB</u>

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Neale Mcintosh



Factual Casting | Shooting | Archive researcher | Camera Trainee Nealemc5@outlook.com <u>Talent Manager</u> | <u>LinkedIn</u>

Ash Mills



Trainee Edit Assistant Ashsolomonmills@gmail.com LinkedIn Cohort of TRC rad Scotland 24/25

Hazel Palmer



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Rhianonne Stone



Art Department | Set Dec Department rhianonnestone@gmail.com <u>Own website</u>

Sam J Thomson



Edit Assistant | Assistant Editor | Editor samjamesthomsonfilms@gmail.com <u>Own website</u>

SJ Thomson



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David Twyman



Script Editor, Television Drama davidjtwyman@yahoo.co.uk LinkedIn

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Jack Goessens



Writer | Director | Drama Editor jackgoessens@gmail.com <u>Own website</u> | <u>Agent (Editor)</u> | <u>Agent (Director)</u>

Kate Hammer



Writer | Director katehammerwriter@gmail.com <u>Own website</u> I am a neurodivergent writer, director, and stand-up comedian who is passionate about queer stories.

Craig Lowe



Performer | director | actor | writer | critic Craig437lowe@gmail.com <u>Own website</u>

I've been working in amateur theatre for over 30 years, and would be keen to develop professionally. I have ME and use a walking stick to help me get about.

Tony McCaffery



Actor | Presenter | Theatre Director | Writer tony@diversityscotland.co.uk <u>LinkedIn</u> My pronouns are They/Them

Martin Smith



BAFTA winning TV Director | Screenwriter martin@martinsmithonline.co.uk <u>Own website</u> | <u>Agent</u>

Stephanie Symington-Kurth



Producer | Director Stephaniesymington@hotmail.co.uk

Own website

Open to scripted and unscripted work. Shooting and non-shooting roles. AP, PD and producer roles.

Drew Taylor-Wilson



Writer | Director Drew_taylor@hotmail.co.uk <u>Own website</u>

Maria Zani



Director | producer | actor | writer | development producer | disability consultant mariazani00@gmail.com LinkedIn | IMDB

On-screen Talent

Marc Brew



Actor | Dancer | Choreographer | Voice artist marc@marcbrew.com Own website | Vimeo | Youtube

Marc was presented with a Centenary Medal for Outstanding Contribution as a dancer and choreographer. His solo Remember When was nominated for an Isadora Duncan Dance Award for Best Performance (individual) and his solo work For Now, I am... was listed in the Guardians Top 10 Dance Shows for 2016. His new work an Accident / a Life in collaboration with Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui was in The Guardian Observer's Top 5 of Dance Review 2024. He was listed No. 6 in The List Hot 100, was named a National Lottery Game Changer for Arts and was winner of the Disability Power 100 in Performing Arts, Television, Radio sponsored by Channel 4.

Abigail Brydon



Actor | Associate Artist with Cutting Edge Theatre cuttingedge21@btinternet.com

<u>Website</u>

I have been trained as a Facilitator with Graeae and 1623 Theatre companies on their Let Me Be [Exploring Shakespeare] course and can deliver Shakespeare and drama workshops.

Joseph Brown



Actor joseph.brown01@hotmail.co.uk <u>Spotlight</u> Physical Disability: Cerebral Palsy

Akaisha Butler

Singer butlerakaisha@ymail.com Singing of the world

Amy Conachan



Actor amyconachan@yahoo.com <u>Spotlight</u>

Chris Dalgliesh



Screenwriter | Actor c.j.dalgliesh@gmail.com Spec scripts

Michele Gallagher



Actor | Trainee Intimacy Coordinator (NFTS) michelefrances@googlemail.com <u>Spotlight</u>

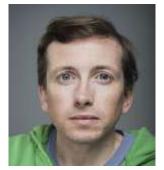
I have ADHD. I've been a professional actor for 24 years and I'm currently training to be an Intimacy Coordinator for Film and TV at the NFTS in Leeds.

Jack Hunter



Actor | Writer jackhunter2697@gmail.com <u>Spotlight</u>

Michael Keane



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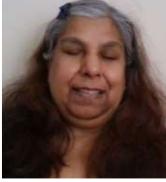
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Bodhrán Mullan



Writer | Performer HaylzMullan@outlook.com <u>Spotlight</u> Represented by The Production Exchange Doric speaker Pronouns he/they

Kirin Saeed



Actor | Writer kirin.saeed@btinternet.com <u>Spotlight</u> Kirin is visually impaired.

Neil Skene



Entertainer | Stand Up Comedian | After Dinner Speaker | Actor neil.skene@sky.com I don't have clips, but testimonials are available on request

Ciaran Stewart



Actor ciaranastewart@icloud.com <u>Spotlight</u>

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Tamara Al-Bassam



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I have a skillset accredited MA in Playwriting from City University London and have been writing for independent film and theatre organisations since 2014. My work with Keychain Productions has won numerous awards and I debuted a monologue about my disability in 2022, which I was invited to perform again in.

Toni 'Bones' Benedetti



Script writer | editor lookingfortoni@gmail.com <u>Own website</u>

Chris Dalgliesh



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Rosanagh Griffiths



Writer | Filmmaker rosanagh@spinsterfilms.com Youtube

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Writer of short stories and screenplays o.timpson80@yahoo.com <u>Spec script</u>

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Michael Kelly



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Playwright | musician | songwriter | poet | community artist canweplay@brokendavid.com <u>Own website</u>

Philip Moore



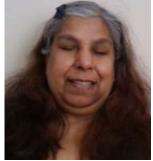
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Zoe Swann



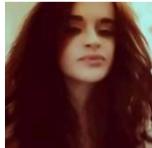
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