

WELCOME TO THE NETWORK 2019

Well, this is it. After jumping through every hoop we put out for you - you're here.

This week will be busy and it will be tough. It may be overwhelming. It is, in many ways, like an unholy combination of Freshers' Week and a really long job interview. But it will also, hopefully, be inspiring and (dare I say) life changing. Between you, you'll produce three new documentary shorts, pull off a live magazine show, write a script for *River City* and pitch ideas for four brand new TV shows to a real life commissioner.

Make sure you turn up on time, stay hydrated and bring your A game to everything you do. But most importantly, enjoy yourself. You were picked as one of our 60 because we wholeheartedly believe you have the talent and tenacity to forge a career in television. Believe you deserve to be here, and squeeze everything you can out of it.

Sarah Vignoles - Talent Schemes Producer

USEFUL LOCATIONS

Tuesday and Friday sessions: The EICC, The Exchange, 150 Morrison St, Edinburgh EH3 8EE

From Wednesday, workshop groups as follows:

Live Production: Cromdale Hall, The EICC

Drama, Development, Docs: The Sheraton Hotel, 1 Festival Square, Edinburgh EH3 9SR

A+E Opening Night Drinks (Wednesday): The National Museum of Scotland, Chambers St, Edinburgh EH1 1JF

The Farm BBQ (Thursday): Akva, 129 Fountainbridge, Edinburgh EH3 9QG

Audio Network: Secret Sessions Party (Thursday): Tigerlily & Lulu, 125 George St., Edinburgh EH2 4JN

Accommodation: Craiglockhart Hill House, 2 Bainfield Drive, Edinburgh EH11 1AR - more information on your accommodation will be sent separately.

DAY ONE: TUESDAY 20 AUGUST

All events today take place in Cromdale Hall, downstairs at the EICC. You've got a packed day of activities and sessions so make sure to bring lunch and snacks along with you, to eat throughout the rest of the day as you need, as well as plenty of water.

11:30- 12:00 REGISTRATION OPEN (CROMDALE)

Come down to the Cromdale to collect your pass and delegate bag. There will also be an area to leave luggage during the day's activities.

12:00 - 12:30 WELCOME

A quick introduction to your time in Edinburgh from the Talent Schemes team plus a welcome to the festival from BBC Director of Content Charlotte Moore.

12:30 - 13:30 HOUNSLOW DIARIES MASTERCLASS

Writer and actress Ambreen Razia and producer Charlie Coombes talk through the process of getting their award-winning BBC3 pilot, *Hounslow Diaries*, developed, commissioned and produced. They will discuss the show's journey from one woman stage show to full blown TV pilot and all the ups and downs along the way!

SPEAKERS: Charlie Coombes, Development Producer, CPL Productions; Ambreen Razia, writer and actress, *Hounslow Diaries*

13:45 - 15:15 NETWORKING: A MASTERCLASS

Over the last 23 years, Tazeen Ahmad has worked for all the major broadcasters, and her work as an investigative reporter for *Dispatches* led to a BAFTA nomination and an RTS win. She is a former foreign-correspondent, an author, a regular contributor to national newspapers and regularly sits on a number of juries.

Tazeen is the Founding Director of [EQ Matters](#), which helps individuals and organisations develop emotional intelligence and works as an EQ & Leadership Consultant & Coach. She is also faculty member at The School of Life. She will be running a fun, interactive masterclass that teaches the key to successful networking and building relationships.

SPEAKER: Tazeen Ahmad, journalist, writer, EQ consultant

15:30 - 16:30 WORKSHOP INTRODUCTIONS

Meet your workshop leaders and learn what you'll be doing for the next few days, ahead of the main day of workshops tomorrow. Workshop leaders will advise on start times and locations for the next day.

17:00 - 18:00 SECRET SPEAKER

A completely off-the-record session, as a Network favourite returns for a very special session. This person isn't speaking at the main TV Festival, so we're keeping their name under wraps for now...

SPEAKER: To be announced.

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18:00 - 20:00 FREE TIME

After your last session of the day, find your Alumni Liaison to collect the key to your room. Then you're free to go to your accommodation and get settled in before the evening event kicks off.

20:00 - 22:00 TALENT SCHEMES OPENING NIGHT QUIZ

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After checking in to your accommodation and grabbing some dinner, round off your first day in Edinburgh by joining your Ones to Watch mentors and the wider Talent Schemes family for a good-old-fashioned pub quiz. Put your TV and general knowledge to the test and take this opportunity to make some more connections before the festival proper begins.

DAY TWO: WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST

WORKSHOPS ALL DAY

Your workshop leaders will have told you what time you'll be needed from and where you will be based. If in doubt, please check with your workshop's alumni liaison

All workshops will finish in time for you to attend the MacTaggart Lecture.

18:00 - 19:00 THE JAMES MACTAGGART MEMORIAL LECTURE, WITH DOROTHY BYRNE (THE LENNOX SUITE)

The must-attend session of the Festival: you'll have prime seats to hear Dorothy Byrne deliver Edinburgh's biggest keynote. Seats have been reserved for The Network - your group's Alumni Liaisons will help you find them.

19:00 COACHES LEAVE FOR NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SCOTLAND

Free coaches are available for all delegates to travel to the Opening Night Drinks Reception. These will be leaving from outside the EICC after the MacTaggart. You won't have time to return to Bainfield, so if you want to get changed for the drinks, bring a change of clothes with you.

19:30 - 21:30 A+E NETWORKS OPENING NIGHT DRINKS RECEPTION (NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SCOTLAND)

Put your new networking skills into practice and mingle with Festival delegates in the magnificent surroundings of Scotland's National Museum. You will have an early start tomorrow, so don't go too heavy on the free wines!

DAY THREE: THURSDAY 22 AUGUST

WORKSHOPS CONTINUE

As yesterday, your workshop leaders and alumni liaison are the best points of contact for your schedule for today

12:20 - 12:50 THE ETF REVIEW SHOW

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The final showcase for the Live Studio Production groups as they create a special edition of The ETF Review Show, the Network's own live magazine show. This will also be the debut of the Documentary Skills group's films.

14:05 - 14:35 THE NETWORK/ SKY LIVE PITCH

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It's the big moment for the Development Skills group, as they pitch their programme ideas live to a panel of Sky commissioners.

14:45 - 15:45 WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE WANT - E4 LIVE PITCH

You'll be the guests of honour at this festival panel hosted by Humza Arshad. E4 controller Karl Warner has £5k development funding for an idea that appeals to their key 16-24 demographic, but does he know what young people really want?

16:00 - 16:30 THE NETWORK/ BBC SCOTLAND: RIVER CITY LIVE READTHROUGH

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Find out what the Scripted Skills group have been up to at this live readthrough of a very special River City script.

16:30 - 18:00 EDINBURGH TV AWARDS 2019

Hosted by stand-up comedian Mo Gilligan, the TV Awards are now in their 18th year and are bigger and better than ever. With the addition of three new categories and a celebration of the hugely talented creatives, both on and off screen, this year's TV awards form one of the highlights in the Festival calendar.

18:15 - 20:30 - THE FARM BBQ

Celebrate the triumphant end to your workshops with some grilled food at this special BBQ sponsored by The Farm Group.

22:30 - AUDIO NETWORK: SECRET SESSIONS PARTY

Dance and drink with Festival delegates as you celebrate your final evening on The Network.

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DAY FOUR: FRIDAY 23 AUGUST

You'll need to check out of your flats before heading over to the EICC today. Please make sure you bring your luggage with you (it can be stored at the back of the Cromdale) and leave your flats in good order. Keys need to be returned to Bainfield reception.

Unreturned keys will incur a charge which we will pass on to you.

10:00 - 11:00 FREE TIME AT THE FESTIVAL

With all the workshops now finished, everyone is free to attend their choice of Festival sessions throughout the rest of the day.

Alongside these sessions, you'll also have two CV Clinic meetings scheduled at various points today.

11:00 - 13:30 SPEED MEETINGS (CROMDALE)

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Join our team of talent managers at the Speed Meetings, and let the team give your CV a once over, as well as career tips and ideas to get a headstart on the job hunt once you've left Edinburgh.

Your Speed Meeting times will be sent to you separately. Please be in the Cromdale 5 minutes before your scheduled meeting time. You're free to come and go from the Cromdale in-between, but it is non-negotiable that you attend these meetings, even if it means missing some of a Festival session.

The talent manager you meet may not work in the region and/ or genre you want to work in, but they all have years of experience in TV and can give you one-to-one practical advice on how to best present yourself to land that dream job in TV. This is a money-can't-buy opportunity so make sure you ask loads of questions!

13:30 - 14:15 FREE TIME AT THE FESTIVAL

Attend your choice of Festival sessions in the final slot of the day, including Paul Feig's Worldview Address.

14:15 - 15:15 TALENT SCHEMES FAREWELL DRINKS (STRATHBLANE HALL)

If you've got time to spare before you head off home, we'd love to say goodbye over one last drink. All Festival delegates are invited to these drinks too, so it's a chance to do a final bit of Edinburgh networking
