

Virtual Reality Filming for Doncaster Children's Services Trust Project

ACTORS REQUIRED

Background

Peel Interactive (<http://www.peelinteractive.co.uk/>) is producing a Virtual Reality film for Doncaster Children's Services Trust, funded by NESTA. This film tells the gritty story of how easy it is for young teenagers to be recruited by organised crime groups into drug running, gang membership, sexual exploitation and county lines. The film is set around the towns of South Yorkshire and is based in some of the most deprived areas of the region.

This is highly naturalistic drama, involving challenging themes, strong language, incidences of violence and the authentic portrayal of those involved in and at risk from criminal activity. The final product will be a critical learning tool, viewed by school children across South Yorkshire, using VR headsets.

The shoot will take place in West and South Yorkshire around the week commencing January 6th 2020.

Applicants should detail the part(s) they wish to apply for and either provide a photo and CV or a link to a Spotlight profile.

Please email all applications to laura.thompson@peelinteractive.co.uk - closing date **Friday 6th December 2019**.

Applications are invited from professional, Yorkshire-based actors, (minimum age 16) to play the following roles.

LIAM

Gender: Male

Playing age: Early 20s

Build: Medium-slim

Ethnicity: White

South Yorkshire accent essential.

Fee: £130 for full day (8hrs) / £75 for half day (4hrs). Travel expenses paid at £15 per day maximum.

Approximate number of days required for this role: 3 full days (4 scenes) + script readthrough. Number of days may be subject to change depending on the needs of the filming schedule.

Liam is a criminal gang leader who befriends our viewer and draws him into the crime gang. He should therefore present an attractive character at first but be able to transform into a ruthless gang leader as the story progresses.

FINN

Gender: Male

Playing age: 14/15

Build: Open

Ethnicity: White

South Yorkshire accent essential.

Fee: £650 set fee for 6 full days (7 scenes) at 8hrs per day. Travel expenses paid at £15 per day maximum.

Number of days may be subject to change depending on the needs of the filming schedule- if the number of required days increases or decreases, the fee will be altered as appropriate.

Finn is a 'younger' in Liam's gang. A little rough round the edges. At the beginning of the story he's friendly enough but as things start to go wrong for him, he emulates his leaders' ruthlessness and bullies those around him.

SAM

Gender: Female

Playing age: 14/15

Build: Open

Ethnicity: Mixed

South Yorkshire accent essential.

Fee: £650 set fee for 6 full days (7 scenes) at 8hrs per day. Travel expenses paid at £15 per day maximum.

Number of days may be subject to change depending on the needs of the filming schedule- if the number of required days increases or decreases, the fee will be altered as appropriate.

Sam is a 'younger' in Liam's gang. Friendly and upbeat at the beginning of the story, her life begins to spiral out of control. She becomes a victim of sexual grooming by other gang members and begins to self-harm and increase her use of drugs.

REECE

Gender: Male.

Playing age: 18.

Build: Tall and well-built

Ethnicity: Open

South Yorkshire/Yorkshire accent essential.

Fee: £130 for full day (8hrs) / £75 for half day (4hrs). Travel expenses paid at £15 per day maximum.

Approximate number of days required for this role: 2 half days and 1 full day (3 scenes) + script readthrough. Number of days may be subject to change depending on the needs of the filming schedule.

Reece is a senior member of the gang. Tough, ruthless and violent at times. He is used by Liam to enforce the gang's rule.

JOSH

Gender: Male

Playing age: 18

Build: Medium to well-built

Ethnicity: Open

Northern accent essential.

Fee: £130 for full day (8hrs) / £75 for half day (4hrs). Travel expenses paid at £15 per day maximum.

Approximate number of days required for this role: 2 half days and 1 full day (3 scenes) + script readthrough. Number of days may be subject to change depending on the needs of the filming schedule.

Josh is a senior member of the gang. Tough, ruthless and violent at times. He is used by Liam to enforce the gang's rule.

MUM

Gender: Female

Playing age: 40

Ethnicity: White

Build: Open

South Yorkshire accent essential.

Fee: £130 for full day (8hrs) / £75 for half day (4hrs). Travel expenses paid at £15 per day maximum.

Approximate number of days required for this role: 1 half day (1 scene) + script readthrough. Number of days may be subject to change depending on the needs of the filming schedule.

Mum is our viewer's mother. A working-class single mum with a teenage child, she struggles to balance her working life with the challenges of keeping her child out of trouble.

CALLUM

Gender: Male

Playing age: 16

Build: Open

Ethnicity: White or mixed

South Yorkshire accent essential.

Fee: £130 for full day (8hrs) / £75 for half day (4hrs). Travel expenses paid at £15 per day maximum.

Approximate number of days required for this role: 3 full days (4 scenes) + script readthrough. Number of days may be subject to change depending on the needs of the filming schedule.

Callum's character is mysterious at first. Apparently a gang member, it transpires that he has in fact been through the gang and got out at the end. He delivers a poignant speech to our viewer at the close of the film.

TEACHER

Gender: Male

Playing age: 30

Build: Open

Ethnicity: Black African/Caribbean

Northern accent preferred.

Fee: £130 for full day (8hrs) / £75 for half day (4hrs). Travel expenses paid at £15 per day maximum.

Approximate number of days required for this role: 1 full day (1 scene) + script readthrough. Number of days may be subject to change depending on the needs of the filming schedule.

A maths teacher in a secondary school. Our teacher is a warm, charismatic character who leads a maths lesson and then sympathetically challenges our viewer when he/she is suspected of running drugs.

LUKE**Gender:** Male**Playing age:** 14/15**Build:** Slight/medium**Ethnicity:** White

South Yorkshire accent essential.

Fee: £130 for full day (8hrs) / £75 for half day (4hrs). Travel expenses paid at £15 per day maximum.

Approximate number of days required for this role: 1 half day and 1 full day (2 scenes) + script readthrough. Number of days may be subject to change depending on the needs of the filming schedule.

Luke is one of our viewer's school friends and a recent recruit to the gang. A little out of his depth, in one scene he is violently treated for losing money.

JADE**Gender:** Female**Playing age:** 40**Build:** Open**Ethnicity:** Asian or Black

South Yorkshire accent essential.

Fee: £130 for full day (8hrs) / £75 for half day (4hrs). Travel expenses paid at £15 per day maximum.

Approximate number of days required for this role: 2 half days (2 scenes) + script readthrough. Number of days may be subject to change depending on the needs of the filming schedule.

Jade is a local woman. In one scene she is (possibly) the victim of a racially motivated attack (not violent). In another scene we meet her attempting to buy drugs on the street. Essentially friendly she displays a fit of temper when she doesn't get her fix.

MARY**Gender:** Female**Playing age:** 70**Build:** Open**Ethnicity:** Open

Yorkshire accent essential.

Fee: £130 for full day (8hrs) / £75 for half day (4hrs). Travel expenses paid at £15 per day maximum.

Approximate number of days required for this role: 1 full day (1 scene) + script readthrough. Number of days may be subject to change depending on the needs of the filming schedule.

Mary is a frail, partially sighted woman, whose house has been taken over by the criminal gang.

KEIRON**Gender:** Male**Playing age:** Late 20/30s**Build:** Open**Ethnicity:** Open

South Yorkshire accent essential.

Fee: £130 for full day (8hrs) / £75 for half day (4hrs). Travel expenses paid at £15 per day maximum.

Approximate number of days required for this role: 1 half day (1 scene) + script readthrough. Number of days may be subject to change depending on the needs of the filming schedule.

*Keiron is a local man buying drugs.***CLOWN (Non-speaking role)****Gender:** Male**Playing age:** Open**Build:** Open**Ethnicity:** Open**Fee:** £130 for full day (8hrs) / £75 for half day (4hrs). Travel expenses paid at £15 per day maximum.

Approximate number of days required for this role: 4 full days (5 scenes) + script readthrough. Number of days may be subject to change depending on the needs of the filming schedule.

*Fully costumed clown with physical clown capabilities including juggling.***BEZ (Non-speaking role)****Gender:** Male**Playing age:** 16**Build:** Open**Ethnicity:** Open**Fee:** £130 for full day (8hrs) / £75 for half day (4hrs). Travel expenses paid at £15 per day maximum.

Approximate number of days required for this role: 1 full day (1 scene) + script readthrough. Number of days may be subject to change depending on the needs of the filming schedule.

Bez is a gang member who we see fixing phones and handling cash in the gang's flat.