

Action! Teacher Video

As part of the continuing Action! Teacher Video Project, produced by Cornucopia Productions for Teachers TV we are inviting teachers to submit proposals to make their own short videos. These can be about teaching and learning or pastoral matters and may be put forward for screening on the Teachers TV channel and associated website.

The aim of the Action! Teacher Video project is to gain unique insights into classroom practice; taking advantage of the availability of Digital Video recording to capture key moments, highlight creativity and innovation in teaching and observe the learning process over time.

In the first instance we are asking interested schools and teachers to register their interest in joining the Action! Teacher Video project and put their ideas forward by submitting a proposal. At this stage we ask you to obtain permission from your Headteacher, then, if your idea is accepted the contracts will be drawn up and signatures from both the Teacher Producer and the Headteacher will be required.

If selected, once you have produced and delivered your video, a small production unit will visit your school for a day and film some interviews and a discussion with you, any other colleagues and your Headteacher. The aim is to engage in analytical discussion about the knowledge you have gained and explore the potential for professional development of other teachers.

Content

The purpose of the videos produced by teachers should be to highlight creativity and innovation in teaching and learning. We're interested in teachers using video to capture both the key moments and the process of teaching and learning over time. An additional area of interest is in pastoral matters where teachers can offer a unique perspective. The relationship of the teacher with the students should enable more intimate and authentic recording. The videos should be filmed and edited by the teacher on Digital Video using any quality domestic camcorder and computer-based editing package. The videos should be freshly shot and reflect current practice. If a teacher has a story to tell and doesn't have the expertise to make the film, we're happy for a colleague to handle a camera and help edit the film. We're also happy for the teacher to involve pupils.

Payment and Support

Some small grants representing an allowance for a few days supply cover are available and some money for expenses.

We will be keeping in touch during the production period to offer help where we can in terms of content problems, contractual questions, schedule difficulties, clearance issues etc and in most cases we will visit

the school to check progress and assist where we can. However the content will be the responsibility of the Teacher Producer and she/he will be given appropriate credit.

Obtaining permissions

The Teacher Producer will be responsible for obtaining all necessary rights and clearances for all participants in their video for example, signed release forms from parents of all the children featured in their programme. The necessary forms will be supplied in the Guidance Notes to enable teachers to fulfil this requirement. These will need to be sent along with the finished film on delivery.

Format

All videos should be shot and edited on Digital Video using a quality domestic DV camcorder and computer-based editing package. Please note that while we are not looking for slick professional videos they will still need to be of high enough standard to view and insert into a broadcast production. It is particularly important that the audio is acceptable and pupils can be heard clearly.

Contract

You will be required to sign a contract which licences us to use the videos on the Teachers TV channel and the associated website. Schools will retain the right to use the material for their own purposes including showing to parents and external agencies but not for broadcast or other public performance.

If you are interested in being consider for the next round of Action! Teacher Video then please fill in the attached proposal form with your ideas and send it to Daniella Wilson at daniella@cornucop.co.uk

To see some examples of previous Teacher Videos and an example of the whole finished programme please visit;
<http://www.teachers.tv/search/node/Action%21+Teacher+Video>

Proposal

In the boxes below please write a synopsis of the intended content of the video. This should include details of the selected age group, the classroom aims and objectives, plans for involvement of pupils, estimated timescale and any other relevant information. We would be particularly interested in the conceptual framework for your classroom innovation and any references to existing research. We are also keen on videos that focus on a few pupils and track their progress over time. Please include a current phone number and e-mail address as most of our correspondence will be done via e-mail.

Please send this proposal to daniella@cornucop.co.uk

<p><u>Contact Details</u></p> <p>Name: School: e-mail: School Address and tel:</p> <p>Home address and tel:</p> <p>Type of Camera: Editing Software:</p>
<p>Title:</p>
<p>Summary/billing (40 words max):</p>
<p>Proposal (250 words max):</p>