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Filmmaking Resources

Essential Equipment

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- **Camera** - any kind that you have!
- **Editing software** – the most suitable for whatever you are editing on and the level of your class. (And there's nothing wrong with good old iMovie!)

HANDY BUT NOT ESSENTIAL

- **Microphones** improve the sound of distance shots and eliminate white noise.
- **Tripods** keep shots stable. Improvise by holding the camera close to your body.
- **Lights** and coloured gels can add mood and atmosphere.
 - Oscar winner [Roger Deakins, ASC, BSC, CBE - Cinematographer](#) himself says, *“There is no reason to use artificial light just for the sake of doing so. Choose your locations and your time of day to take advantage of natural light.”*
- **Dollies** allow for smooth camera movement – but a wheely chair can work too!

Filmmaking Apps

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- [Film Maker Pro](#) has great features like double exposure effects, green screen and picture-in-picture.
- [FiLMiC Pro](#) is excellent for filmmaking projects, particularly for documentaries.
- [iRig Recorder](#) is a free app for audio recording.
- [Reflector](#) mirrors what you have on your phone on a computer screen – very handy for demonstrating skills to a class!
- [Shot Lister](#) lets you organise shoots and make shooting scripts to a professional standard.
- [Stop Motion Studio](#) is excellent for younger and/or less confident users.
- [Storyboarder](#) lets you draw straight into the app or make storyboards from still images.
- [Sun Surveyor](#) allows you to plan exact times for those gorgeous sunrise or sunset shots!
- [Time-Lapse Calculator](#) helps you to make professional-looking time-lapse sequences.

Editing Apps and Programmes



- [InShot](#) is basic but can still add filters and effects, music, sound effects, voiceovers, stickers and text.
- [Kapwing](#)'s free package is basic, but if you're willing to subscribe, you'll get a lot of brilliant features.
- [KineMaster](#) is popular, with impressive features and a YouTube channel for guidance (KineMaster – YouTube), although you need a subscription to remove the watermark.
- [PowerDirector](#)[®] is a professional-quality free video editing app for Android.
- [Shotcut](#) is free and one of the best editing programmes for PCs.
- [WeVideo](#) is easy to use and has a huge supply of stock media. (Apparently it's also free to teachers in Fife!)

Copyright-Free!

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Remember – if you want to put films online or enter competitions, you need to use copyright-free images and music.

- [Pexels](#) provides free stock photos and videos.
- [Pixabay](#) has over 2.3 million free images, videos and music available.
- [Scotland on Screen](#) has a huge bank of downloadable archive films from Scotland's history.
- [Videvo](#) has thousands of free stock videos, motion graphics, music tracks and sound effects.
- [YouTube | Free To Use Music](#) is an excellent source of copyright-free music.

Guides to Exporting Video Files

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A frustrating step for beginners is how to export and share videos. The Internet is your best friend here, with plenty of visual and written guides available.

Here is a round up of some of these guides.

- [How to transfer files from an iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch to a PC](#)
- [How to transfer large video files from an iPhone to a PC](#)
- [How to export a video on iMovie](#)
- [How to export and share video in Adobe Premiere Pro](#)
- [How to export a video in Movie Maker](#)
- [How to export movies in Stop Motion Studio](#)

Screening Shorts

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You'll find more filmmaking tips - as well as short films, resources and useful links - on Screen Scotland's website [Screening Shorts](#).

Find news about upcoming film education events and filmmaking competitions via Screen Scotland's [Glow Expressive Arts PLC | Film and Moving Image Education](#).

If you'd like to discuss setting up a film education project in your school or organisation, send an email to filmeducationpartnership@creativescotland.com.

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Credits

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For more information on Film Education resources and opportunities, go to [Home | Screen Scotland](#).