

## **Film Support for Learning at Brunton**

ELC Arts Service and the Brunton Theatre continue to develop education based screening events to support learners of all ages in either formal or informal learning.

You will see that the film programme proposed covers exploration of a very wide range of subject areas, topics and issues in addition to providing a stimulus for creative writing, discussion and analysis.

Tickets for educational film events are £3.50

Free teacher place per group of 10 students where appropriate

'Freedom Writers' S2-S5 Mon 13<sup>th</sup> September 9.45 – 12.30pm  
Certificate PG –13

Curriculum Links: English, Drama, Modern Studies, RME, Media Studies.

'Freedom Fighters' is inspired by a true story and the diaries of real Long Beach teenagers after the L.A. riots, during the worst outbreak of interracial gang warfare. Two-time Academy award winner Hillary Swank stars as Erin Gruwell, whose passion to become a teacher is soon challenged by a group of Black, Latino and Asian gangbangers who hate her even more than each other. When Erin begins to listen to them in a way no adult has ever done, she begins to understand that for these kids, getting through the day alive is enough – they are not delinquents but teenagers fighting 'a war of the streets' that began long before they were born. Erin gives them something they never had from a teacher before – respect. For the first time, these teens experience a hope that maybe, they might show the world that their lives matter and they have something to say.

### **Additional Support:**

Professional writer, Mary Ellis – Paulson, will lead post-screening talk and Q&A.

A teacher's resource pack is available for pre and post-event classroom study

The Counterfeiters      **FREE**      Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 9.30 – 12.30pm

**Suitable for:**

**Cert 15**

German, History, RME, Media Studies and Drama

This film can raise discussion on statements such as:

The lessons of the past have been lost. With more people participating in reality TV phone-ins than elections, how can we say we live in a democracy?

It was the biggest counterfeit money scam of all time. Over 130 million pounds sterling were printed, under conditions that couldn't have been more tragic or spectacular. During the last years of the war, as the German Reich saw that the end of the war was near, the authorities decided to produce their own banknotes in the currencies of their major war enemies. They hoped to use the duds to flood the enemy economy and fill the empty war coffers. At the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, two barracks were separated from the rest of the camp and the outside world, and transformed into a fully equipped counterfeiter's workshop. 'Operation Bernhard' was born. Prisoners were brought to Sachsenhausen from other camps to implement the plan: professional printers, fastidious bank officials and simple craftsmen all became members of the top-secret counterfeit commando. They had the choice; if they cooperated with the enemy, they had a chance to survive, as first-class prisoners in a 'golden cage' with enough to eat and a bed to sleep in. If they sabotaged the operation, a sure death awaited them. For The Counterfeiters, it was not only a question of saving their own lives, but also about saving their consciences as well...



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Post-screening talk to be lead by representative from the Aegis Trust