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### **YOUNG FILM MAKERS BORDERLINES PREMIERE!**

Four young film makers from Herefordshire are getting the taste of the limelight when they premiere their films at **The Borderlines Film Festival**.

Ruben Robinson, Freya Ernsting, Flo Silver and Dieter Mittleholzer (aged 17-18) all successfully applied to be part of the **First Light Filmmaking Partners scheme** run by **The Rural Media Company**. The second year of this Film Council scheme enabled a bursary to be given to the four young people, enabling them to further develop their writing and directing skills and take charge of their very own production. The two films that have been produced, **Question Mark** and **Dealt**, will be premiered at The Courtyard on **March 28<sup>th</sup> at 5pm** as part of **The Borderlines Film Festival**.

"Although I have taken part in two previous film productions with The Rural Media Company before, this was a lot more intense", explains 17 year old Ruben Robinson, "the responsibility for the production lay entirely on our shoulders, not just the creation of the screenplay and the direction, but also the scheduling, organising and prop buying, there has been an incredible amount to do!"

The group started work on their productions last October and its taken 20 weeks of hard work to finally bring the films to an audience. "I think the group have learnt a hell of lot" say's Producer of the films Adrian Lambert, "when you go to the cinema or switch on your TV you only ever see the finished article, these four young people have had the opportunity to participate in every stage of the film making process, from the mundane to the dramatic. It's important that they realise the amount of hard work that goes into making even a short film, I think the results are incredible".

The two films couldn't be more different! **Question Mark** is a surreal look at life in an office where Mark knows anything about anyone, but there is one question that even he finds impossible to answer! **Dealt** involves 3 people, a pack of cards and a dilemma, but just who is out to get who? They will be shown along with **Restless** and **The Vigil**, young people's productions that explore the myths behind Herefordshire's mysterious rural heritage.

**Release Ends**

## **Note to Editors**

- This project has been supported by the Lottery through the UK Film Council's First Light initiative.
- Magic, Movies and Myths (Restless and The Vigil) DVD's are available from The Rural Media Company, along with an 8 page booklet, detailing the process behind the films.
- The *four* films from The First Light Partnership Scheme will be available on DVD.

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