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Film Office Launches Feature Film Initiative

The Northern Territory Film Office (NTFO) has launched *IGNITE*, a new initiative aimed at nurturing the development of feature films in the Territory.

NTFO Director Penelope McDonald said applications are open for proposals for feature screenplays from writers in the Northern Territory.

“*IGNITE* is an accelerated feature development process that will take place over a six month period, mixing high intensity residential workshops with distance learning and online consultation,” Ms McDonald said.

“The result will be well developed stories and energised creative teams ready to push feature projects on with an increased change of success.”

Territory writers with projects in the early stage of development will be considered in addition to teams that include producers and directors.

“Applicants should have some writing experience and possibly have written a completed feature script previously,” Ms McDonald said.

Four Territorian feature film projects will be developed through *IGNITE* with an additional four projects offered to other states including South Australia and Tasmania to take part in the NTFO *IGNITE* initiative.

Ms McDonald said the NTFO *IGNITE* initiative will be boosted by the tremendous knowledge and expertise of the European based company Arista Development, with workshops designed and led by their international story development consultant Stephen Cleary and supported by international script consultant Simon van der Borgh.

Applicants are required to submit an outline and treatment of their film proposal.

IGNITE's first intensive residential workshop will be held from Sunday 1 March to Friday 6 March 2009 at a resort in the inspiring and spectacular West MacDonnell Ranges, west of Alice Springs with the second workshop also scheduled for Alice Springs over three days in June 2009.

Applications close COB Friday 13 February, for further information or to apply contact NTFO on 8952 5222 or go to www.nt.gov.au/ntfo

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