

2026 Drama Commissioning Round Deck

Phil Dodds, Drama Commissioner



How to Apply?

- Check your eligibility – see ‘ADDITIONAL INFORMATION’ page at the end of this document.
- If you are eligible, complete the submission form and send it to commissioning@lumotv.co.uk by Friday 13th November 2026.
- If your idea is shortlisted, you will be invited to meet our Drama Commissioner and our Production Executive during January 2027 to answer further questions.

How to Apply in BSL?

If you want to submit your idea in BSL, then you can! Here are the steps to follow:

- 1) Make sure you download the submission form
- 2) Answer the questions on the submission form in a BSL video
- 3) Send the video via WeTransfer to commissioning@lumotv.co.uk by Friday 13th November 2026.

If you want the submission form to be translated into BSL or if you need help with creating the video then please email commissioning@lumotv.co.uk for support.

What's the Budget?

- Short Film (14 mins)

Circa 50-70K (excluding development costs)

- Half hour (28 mins)

Circa 150-180K per ep (exc. development costs)

- 1 hour (54 - 58 mins)

Circa 250-320K per episode (exc. development costs)

*Pls note –we are also happy to explore co-production & co-financing, tax credit and screen agency funding opportunities on a project-by-project basis.



Want to Talk?

If you want to talk through your idea,
do contact

commissioning@lumotv.co.uk

to set up a chat with our Drama
Commissioner, Philip Dodds.



Additional Information

- 1) Your idea must be accessible to deaf BSL users.
- 2) Your idea must reflect diversity on screen and adhere to the vision and values of LumoTV.
- 3) The Programme and Programme makers must also adhere to LumoTV's vision and values and ensure there is a diverse array of representation; both onscreen and off.
- 4) These drama rounds are aimed at deaf creatives (you can co-create with a hearing person). It is not essential to have a production company attached as we can pair you with a suitable production company.

Statement

By taking part in this process, you:

- Confirm that you are over the age of 18, live in the UK and have the right to work in the UK.
- Confirm that you are the sole and exclusive owner of the proposal and you are formally submitting it to this LumoTV 2026 Drama Commissioning Round.
- Understand that LumoTV may already be exploring programme proposals and/or ideas which are similar to your proposal and that, in some cases, similar or identical ideas may be generated independently.
- Agree that LumoTV may discuss your proposals with staff and Board members.
- Confirm that you have read and understood the Privacy Notice for Programme Proposal Submissions.
- Understand that programme ideas will be assessed and considered by LumoTV's Commissioning team and the Board.
- Acknowledge that LumoTV reserves the right to change the Commissioning process/timetable at any time.



Thank you!

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