

DFC Board Election Pack 2024

The Documentary Film Council (DFC) is a democratic umbrella organisation designed to represent UK independent documentary film. Launched as a [co-operative](#) at Sheffield DocFest in 2023, the DFC is independent and run by and for its members by an elected board.

The DFC's mission is to:

- Enable effective, coordinated action to address the key issues facing the independent documentary industry.
- Facilitate transparent communication within the documentary community, both between different sub-sectors in the industry and across the nations and regions of the UK.
- Build a democratic member-led organisation with the remit and resources to represent the UK's independent documentary film sector within the wider screen industries at home and abroad.

An important part of the DFC's remit is to work with colleagues across the sector to develop a set of collectively-held policy priorities for UK independent documentary. You can read more about what we have achieved so far [here](#).

This is the first time in UK documentary history that our community has been able to elect its own representatives, and there's never been a more important time to stand up for documentary. Having an elected board ensures the DFC is led by and for its members, and that the organisation remains accountable to the community it is designed to represent. Serving on the DFC's board is therefore an opportunity to represent the UK documentary community and work with colleagues across the industry to improve conditions in our sector for everyone.

It's vital that the DFC's board includes both new and established people in the industry, and people from historically marginalised backgrounds are especially welcome to stand. It is also essential that the board consists of producers, directors and other precariously employed people as well as salaried representatives from different parts of the industry. Because the DFC is currently a volunteer-run organisation, we are unfortunately unable to pay freelance board members for their time at present. However, this remains our intention as soon as we have the resources to do so.

Full training will be provided so if you haven't served on a board before, this will not be a barrier and you are encouraged to stand.

As this is the first-ever DFC election, all interim board members are all required to stand down, which means that we have 8 member-only board positions that are up for election.



Summary of roles and responsibilities

The Board of Directors provides accountable leadership by setting the strategic direction of the DFC and ensuring the organisation adheres to its charitable aims and objectives in the best interests of the documentary community. The Board is expected to safeguard the name and values of the DFC and to comply with the [Code of Conduct](#) for Directors.

More information about the function and responsibilities of the Board is available in [Board of Directors: Roles and Responsibilities](#).

Time commitments and capacity

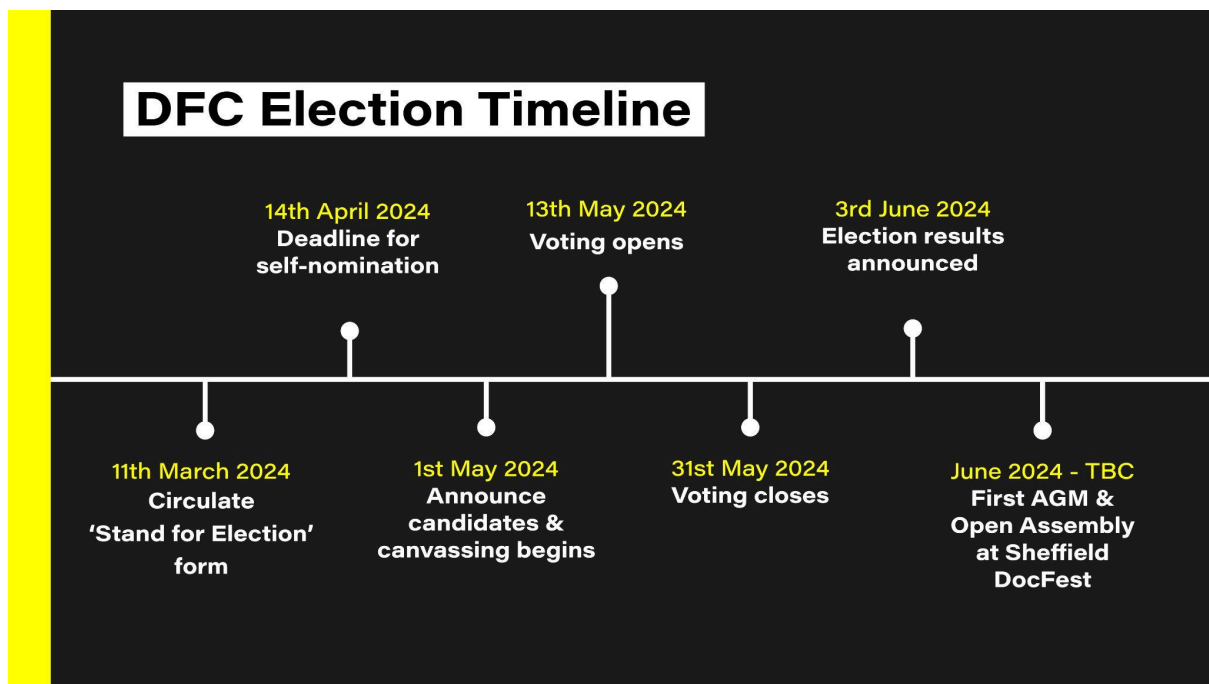
- The Board prepares for and participates in regular Board meetings (5 per annum each lasting 1.5 hours) and may be asked to serve on a sub-committee.
- Board members can expect to invest up to 1 day per month for DFC duties.
- The role is unpaid at present, but we intend to pay the freelance members of our board as soon as we have the resources to do so.
- Board members can only serve for a term of 3 years. After 3 years they can be re-elected.

Preliminary dates for our 2024/2025 Board & Members' Meetings are as follows:

- Monday 3 June 2024, 4-5pm BST - DFC Board Welcome Meeting
- Wednesday 10 July 2024, 4-5:30pm BST - DFC Board Meeting 1
- Wednesday 18 September 2024, 4-5:30pm BST - DFC Board Meeting 2
- Wednesday 13 November 2024, 4-5:30pm GMT - DFC Board Meeting 3
- Wednesday 4 December 2024, Time TBC - End of Year Members' Meeting
- Wednesday 22 January 2025, 4-5:30pm GMT - DFC Board Meeting 4
- Wednesday 11 March 2025, 4-5:30pm GMT - DFC Board Meeting 5

If this sounds like something you would like to be involved in, please consider nominating yourself for the board elections - see 'Stand for election' form below.

The deadline for receiving nominations is 11:59 GMT on 14 April 2024 and voting will open on 13 May 2024.



Please read the [Board of Directors: Roles and Responsibilities](#), [Board of Directors: Code of Conduct](#) and [Board of Directors: Election & Appointment Policy](#) before submitting your 'Stand for Election' form.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us at info@documentaryfilmcouncil.co.uk.

[Fill out the 'Stand for Election' form here.](#)