

## Black Youth in Motion

**Black youth in Europe are going places**—moving at their own pace (*Run Like We*), finding love and joy where others see only stereotypes (*Essex Girls*), uncovering roots in family archives or on the streets of Dublin (*Villa Madjo* and *Pediment*), harnessing their superpowers to stand up to bullies (*Blackwool*), and riding through the mysteries of a Finnish night (*The Night Stop*).

Join us for a free short film program celebrating the vibrant and diverse stories of global Black youth, followed by a virtual Q&A with the directors and talents of these films.

### Film Lineup

#### Run Like We

*Synopsis:* Alvin, a 14-year-old Jamaican boy in London, finds himself forced to participate in school sports day during the 2012 Olympics, an event that redefines his strained relationship with his father.

*Director:* Rhys Aaron Lewis

*Runtime:* 13 minutes

*Country:* United Kingdom

#### Essex Girls

*Synopsis:* Bisola, a British-Nigerian teenager in Essex, explores her cultural identity and finds sisterhood in her friendship with another Black girl in her small town.

*Director:* Yero Timi-Biu

*Runtime:* 15 minutes

*Country:* United Kingdom

#### Villa Madjo

*Synopsis:* Starting from the observation that her father, who is white—was born in Africa, and that her mother—who is black—was born in Europe, the director reveals the complex history of her family, from Colonialism to their experience of the interracial couple in Europe in the 1950's and 70's.

*Director:* Elen Sylla Grollimund

*Runtime:* 13 minutes

*Country:* Belgium

#### Pediment

*Synopsis:* A young Black man in Dublin navigates identity and belonging while uncovering his family's roots and heritage in the city's vibrant streets.

*Director:* Derek Ugochukwu

*Runtime:* 14 minutes

*Country:* Ireland

#### Blackwool

*Synopsis:* Naomi, a teenager with afro hair, taps into her inner strength to confront bullies in her new rural Scottish school.

*Director:* Eubha Akilade

*Runtime:* 15 minutes

*Country:* Scotland

#### The Night Stop

*Synopsis:* On a quiet Finnish highway, a teenage boy encounters a mysterious woman when his bike breaks down, leading to a night of suspense and connection.

*Director:* Khadar Ayderus Ahmed

*Runtime:* 13 minutes

*Country:* Somalia/Finland