

# TIPPING POINT FILM FUND

## THE POWER OF PEOPLE AND FILMS

### **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Here are a few key pieces of information that you should know if you have joined or you would like to join our co-operative. We are officially registered as Tipping Point North South Ltd, trading as Tipping Point Film Fund. Tipping Point North South Limited is registered with and regulated by the Financial Services Authority. The organisation is constituted as a Industrial and Provident society

#### **OUR OBJECTIVES**

It states in the articles of constitution that the objects of the co-operative shall be to carry on any trade, business or service in the film and creative industries, and third sector, as principles or agents which may seem to the co-operative to be conducive to its interests generally, and to the interests of the community the co-operative is established to serve, with due regard to global social, economic and environmental justice issues.

#### **NOT A CHARITY**

We are a non profit fund but not a charity. We intend to support challenging films that will tackle - in the widest sense - political issues, we appreciated that while our first instinct was to register as a charity, this would not be appropriate. Hence we felt the next most appropriate model that reflected the ethos of Tipping Point Film Fund was a non-profit co-operative model, which sought to serve the community (in the widest sense e.g. local to global). Each Shareholder has one equal share, no dividend is paid on it and it is non returnable.

#### **GOVERNANCE**

Tipping Point Film Fund is governed by a management committee. The chair of which is Kevin McCullough, the secretary is Deborah Burton and the treasurer is Phil Kemball. The co-founders of the organisation are Deborah Burton, Kevin McCullough and Justin Butcher. Tipping Point Film Fund work is carried out on freelance basis by Deborah Burton, Thea Palmer and other freelancers (funding, projects etc.).

#### **MEETINGS**

Members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting. This can held any time up to 6 months from the end of our financial year. For Tipping Point Film Fund this is November, and we are registered with the Financial Services Authority (FSA). Registration number 30614R. At this very early stage, with such a small membership, we plan to have our first AGM some time early spring. In the meantime our door is open to any member who needs to know more, become more involved.

#### **FUNDRAISING**

Tipping Point Film Fund's fundraising efforts are focused in three key areas:

- Running Costs for the organisation. Currently The Co-operative are the main sponsor covering these costs.
- Building the film fund. This is being done via strategic outreach to key interest groups among the general public.
- Specific project related funding - exploring certain funding possibilities for individual film projects.

#### **FILM PROJECTS**

Tipping Point Film Fund is currently working on 5 plus projects. See details of these here –

<http://www.tippingpointfilmfund.com/films-campaigns/>

#### **MEMBERS VS. DONORS**

Tipping Point Film Fund co-operative members are not necessarily supporting donors, and all donors are not necessarily co-op members. At the moment, it is our priority to grow the donor base, without which we have no fund! In any case, we hope that as we grow, our members will be excited and energised by Tipping Point Film Fund projects and campaigns; and will seek to get involved with the whole process from funding to campaigning. We want to share Tipping Point Film Fund's work and ethos with more and more people so that we can truly create a new funding stream for films that can make change happen.