

UCC Staff Profile

Name:

Julien Mery

Job title/role:

Lecturer in Film Production

Subjects taught/administrative responsibilities:

Julien teaches the following modules: Marketing & Distribution, Collaborative Film Project, Final Major Project, Screen Production Skills.

**Qualifications and Membership of Professional bodies:**

Current PhD student with University of Birmingham

PG Cert. in Education (University of Huddersfield)

PG Cert. Film Production, (Staffordshire University)

BA (Hons) TV & Film Production (Southampton Solent University)

Danish Teacher Training

Experience in Education:

Julien has experience teaching across a range of educational settings, and countries. He undertook his initial teacher training in Denmark and worked in a range of schools in Europe and the UK. He also worked as a freelance media trainer for number of global and UK charities including the United Nations.

Julien currently lectures at Colchester Institute and University Centre Colchester.

Biography and personal interests:

After living for 20 years in France, Germany, and Denmark, Julien moved to the UK to pursue a career in film. It has been his lifelong ambition to combine his teaching skills with his passion for filmmaking. After several years teaching in the SEN sector, he switched to teaching in Further and Higher Education.

Professional practice / research interests:

As a film producer Julien has worked on a variety of commercial and drama projects over the last 15 years in the UK and abroad.

Past commercial projects include:

- 37 videos for an EU-funded arts projects in the UK and France
- 20 mini-dramas for Visit Suffolk marketing campaign
- Film commissions for The British Museum, BFI,

Feature film drama:

- Feature film With Love from Suffolk (2016)
- Feature film The Haunted Hotel (2018)

Since 2017, he is a regular contractor for the United Nations (UNHCR) delivering media training in Europe and West Africa.

In 2014 he founded the not-for-profit organisation FILM Suffolk, which supports local content producers and film productions coming to the regions. FILM Suffolk has supported many international feature-film productions, commercials, TV content and local drama. FILM Suffolk now hold a database of over 1500 local crew and talent and has referred hundreds of local professionals to work on productions in the region in the last year. Through these

connections, many of his current students at UCC have been able to gain work experience locally.

His research interests lie in collaborative media production models and innovative production methods.

Link to personal (professional) website:

www.filmsuffolk.org.uk

Current projects:

A part of his PhD, Julien is developing a crowdsourced production model of filmmaking across many countries.