

NWFA and BFI Viewing Pods at Archives+



The North West Film Archive and the BFI Mediatheque have stylish and comfortable new viewing Pods in Archives+ on the Ground Floor in Manchester Central Library. Most of these round booths are equipped with back-to back screens so that up to four people can sit each side to explore the collections and to watch some amazing films. And it's all FREE!

There are 10 screens in total, within six Pods. Three screens offer NWFA content (one with wheelchair access), and seven screens offer BFI Mediatheque content (one with wheelchair access).

The collections of film available from the NWFA and the BFI are separately presented, and drawn from their own collections.

Using the Pods is very simple – just turn up and ask at the Information Point for a ticket – this is your activation code which you enter when prompted on the screen. Special noise-cancelling headphones are tethered behind the seats. Then go ahead and explore the collections through easy-to-use search and browse facilities. Sessions can be from 30 minutes to two and a half hours (which is the maximum daily limit per user). There is no advance booking other than in person for the same day.

North West Film Archive Pods currently offer over 500 complete titles and new content will be added regularly. You now can [search our online catalogue for only the films which appear in the Pods](#) so that you know in advance they will be available there. Or we can check for you at the NWFA Information Point when you drop in. In the Pods, you can explore and browse the films by themes, counties, decades, filmmakers, and Staff have all picked their Top Ten to help you get started. Or use the easy search facility for more specific subjects, places and years.

BFI Mediatheque Pods offer access to over 2,500 complete titles from the BFI National Archive. Revisit the classics of British film and TV while making new discoveries – many titles are unavailable to watch anywhere else and the Mediatheque's collections grow regularly. A complete list of titles available is on the BFI website at bfi.org.uk/mediatheque, and of course you can search when you are in the Pod. A new collection has been created to mark the opening of the BFI Mediatheque in Manchester Central Library – **Once Upon a Time in the North West** is devoted to Manchester and the North West on the big and small screen across the past century. This collection has been brought together in association with the NWFA and is a great introduction to the Mediatheque. It includes classics such as *Hell is a City* (1959) and *24 Hour Party People* (2004), and many many more... Other collections include the family-friendly **The Kids are Alright**, **Soap Bubbles** for TV fans, and **This Working Life** which looks into Britain's industrial heritage.

BFI Mediatheques are situated in other towns and cities across the UK, as well as at BFI Southbank – see the website for their locations bfi.org.uk/mediatheque.