



Press Release

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**Directors UK Partners with Televisual for Panel Session For  
The Televisual Factual Festival 2016**

Directors UK is delighted to announce it will be closing this year's Televisual Factual Festival with an exclusive session on directing factual entertainment.

Directors UK, the professional association for British screen directors, will be hosting a panel session exploring the directors' role when shooting a television show.

The session will look at the creative leadership of the director when making factual entertainment, and examine the various aspects of a director's input and responsibilities when planning a shoot; such as negotiating access and casting, how to get the best from people in front of the camera and the time spent structuring the show in the cutting room.

Taking part in the panel will be three of the UK's most in demand directors in television; **Alice Wheeler** (*The Undateables*, *Kitchen Impossible with Michel Roux Jr*), **Heenan Bhatti** (*Derren Brown Investigates*, *Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares*) and **Barnaby Coughlin** (*Posh People: Inside Tatler*, *Seven Dwarves*). They will share their experiences of working on some of the biggest factual entertainment programmes, including the way they approach a new project, and how they are able to give voice to an idea and create a definitive tone for a programme. The session will be moderated by Directors UK Factual Chair **Nic Guttridge** (*Rich Kids of Instagram*, *The People's Medal & Wife Swap*).

Laura Adams, Head of Member Services at Directors UK said: "We're pleased to be working with Televisual and The Factual Festival to offer such a distinctive session to UK filmmakers. The festival is a great opportunity for our members and filmmakers to network, learn about new developments and trends, and gain an insight into other areas of the industry. As well as gaining vital knowledge from the sessions and events, directors have an opportunity to create and build connections with production companies and commissioners, which we hope will lead to new opportunities in the future."

Taking place on **Thursday 10th November 2016**, at **16:00**, as part of Televisual Factual Festival. This session will be followed by a drinks reception to close the festival.

The Televisual Factual Festival is the UK's leading business forum for factual television producers and film-makers, on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th November 2016.

Passes for the whole festival are available to purchase from the Televisual Factual Festival site, [www.televisual.com/festival](http://www.televisual.com/festival)

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# DIRECTORS UK

## Notes to Editors:

- **DIRECTORS UK** is the single voice of British screen directors representing the creative, economic and contractual interests of over 6,400 members – the overwhelming majority of working film and television directors in the UK. Directors UK campaigns for the rights, working conditions and status of directors in the industry and works closely with fellow organisations in the UK, Europe and around the world to represent directors’ rights and concerns. It also promotes excellence in the craft of direction both nationally and internationally, and champions change to the current landscape to create an equal opportunity industry for all.
- Further information can be found at [www.directors.uk.com](http://www.directors.uk.com)

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