

Mapping Mentoring in the Local Media Ecosystem in UCL's neighbouring east London boroughs

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Background

East London's creative media industry is growing rapidly, but young talent—especially from disadvantaged backgrounds often face barriers. Mentorship programs help bridge the gap, providing one to one training and support. This research explores media mentorship opportunities in Newham, Tower Hamlets, Hackney, and Waltham Forest to assess their impact and challenges they face.

Objectives

- Map the existing media mentorship programs in East London's boroughs
- Figure out the mentorship ecosystem and its key stakeholders
- Identify key challenges faced by mentorship programs and provide recommendations for improvement.

Methodology

The research is based on in-depth interviews with professionals from four boroughs in east London, representing sectors such as media companies, educational institutions, CICs, and local government initiatives. Each 30-minute semi-structured interview encouraged reflective discussions. They shared firsthand stories about the programmes.

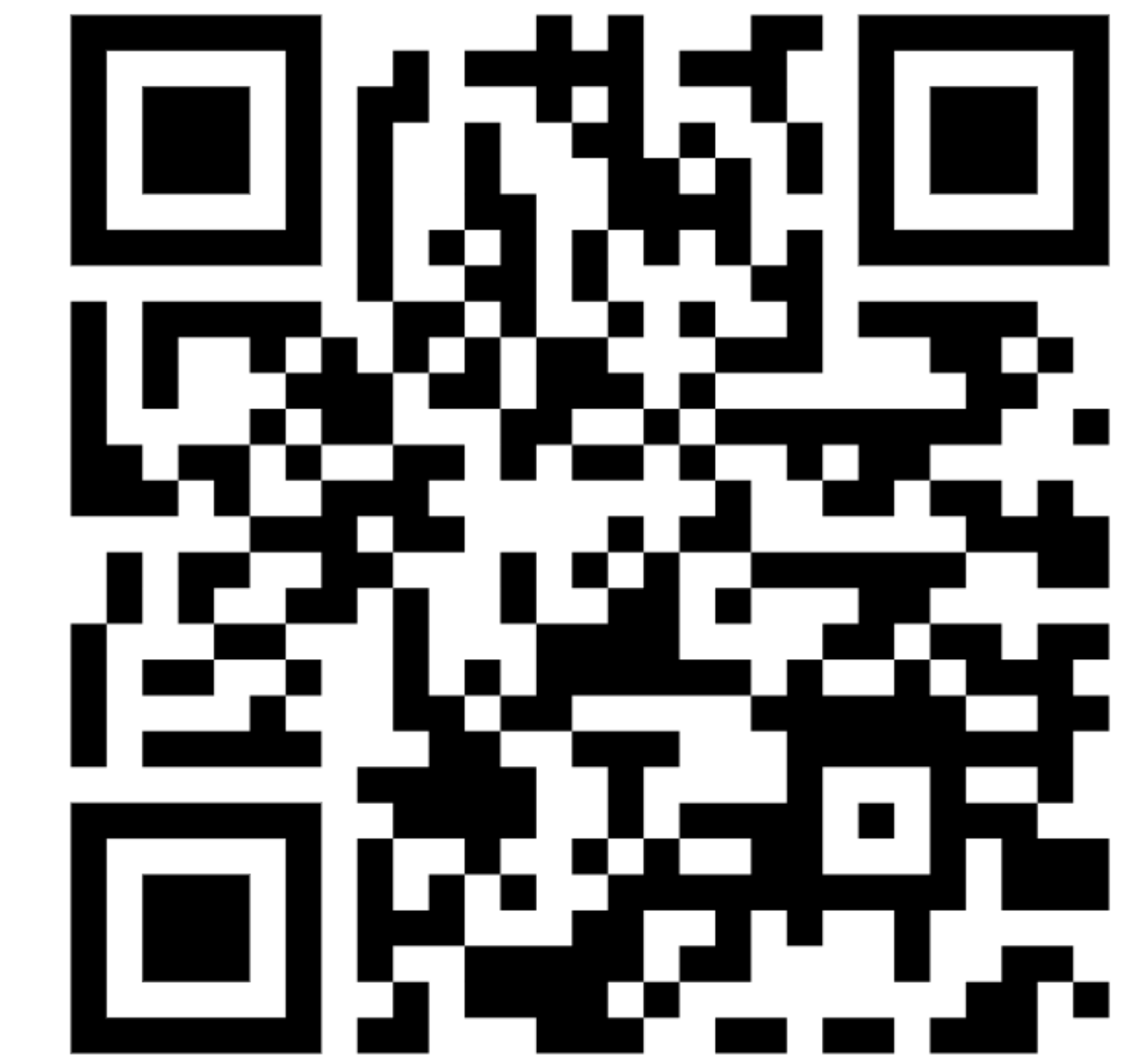
The Challenge

- Funding limitations
- Inclusivity barriers
- Discrimination based on race or socioeconomic background

Next Steps & Recommendation

- Expand Funding Sources: Seek government grants, private sponsorships, etc.
- Remove Bias: Remove unnecessary barriers like degree requirements to make programs more accessible to underrepresented groups.
- Promote Inclusivity: Mentors should participate regular workshops and training sessions on (DEI).

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The New Black Film Collective

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About: At The New Black Film Collective (TNBFC), our mission is to build and sustain a dynamic Black ecosystem within the UK screen industries. They are dedicated to empowering Black voices by leading the charge in Black-led film production/young programmers course offers essential mentorship and training for individuals aged 18-24, equipping them with the skills needed to launch successful careers in film programming and exhibition.

Age: 18-24

Duration: Depend on programmes

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Future Formed

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About: Future Formed is dedicated to supporting Waltham Forest residents by providing mentorship that offers insight and guidance in the creative industries. The program pairs participants with experienced mentors who help them navigate their career paths, offering personalized advice and support tailored to individual needs.