

Phone Film Making and Editing Tips

Phone Filming Tips

- 1. Horizontal filming-** Don't shoot vertical footage, only horizontal
- 2. Stable filming -** Use a tripod or rest your elbows on a stationary object to get rid of wobbles.
- 3. Zoom-** Do not use the zoom on your phone as it will make poor quality film
- 4. Light-** Be aware of the light, use a light if inside, face people to the sun, make sure people's eyes can be seen, use a piece of white or silver cardboard to light up someone's face if there are too many shadows.
- 5. Automatic features-** If you use the automatic detect and exposure, lock these in so all filming has the same appearance
- 6. Sound-** stand close to the subject to catch the sound, be aware of wind on the phone's microphone
- 7. Slow motion and time lapse-** don't overuse these. Use for short interesting bits only
- 8. Permission-** make sure everyone has given permission to be in the shot.
- 9. Background-** have a look around and check what is in the background of your shot. For example, is there a toilet in the background, a personal document, a dead animal etc
- 10. Length of shot-** make sure you hold a shot for a minimum of 3 to 4 seconds.
- 11. Panning-** If you make a panning shot using your camera, make sure the camera is stable, focus on one person or item, pan slowly and carefully following that person or item, position yourself so you can complete the pan from start to finish without moving.
- 12. Shoot lots of footage-** shoot lots and lots more footage than you think you will need.
- 13. People-** Provide a mirror for people you are going to film- do they need to wipe a sweaty face, fold a shirt collar out, brush hair off their face, tuck in a bra strap, lift their head up more so you can see their eyes? Help people present themselves well as they will be shown on a big screen at the competition.

Phone Editing: Mojo (mobile journalism)

There are a number of phone editing apps available to use. Below are links to some. Here is a manual about mobile journalism <http://www.mojo-manual.org>

1. LumaTouch: <https://luma-touch.com/lumafusion-for-ios/>
2. iMovie: <https://www.apple.com/lae/imovie/>
- 3 Cinemaker: <https://www.cinemaker.com>
4. Filmora (free app): <https://filmora.wondershare.com/filmorago-video-editing-app/>