

More details of what you will learn at First Step

(The structure of the weekend may be subject to change but this gives a good idea)

Session One: To introduce participants to filmmaking concepts and their place in the creative process.
This will include the development of and practical activity in: journals/ideas books, the filmmaking process, bringing ideas to screen, involving learners/artists and the tools you need.

Session two: To develop basic skills in filmmaking and how they apply in other contexts.
This will include the development of and practical activity in: camera operation, audio recording, testing filmmaking activities to 'take away', recording results and a screening opportunity.

Session Three: To refine uses of filmmaking modes for specific needs and how they apply in other contexts.
This will include the development of and practical activity in: editing and consequences, filmmaking modes and how to implement them, archiving and reporting, and outcomes.

Resources for film editing and software needs will be available to take home at the end of the weekend.

Some background on yum productions:

yum productions was created by Erin McCuskey and Michael Gwyther in 1996 in response to requests for unique and innovative approaches to use of images, video, training and learning.

yum productions specialises in e-learning production, online training, image creation, and multimedia and video production. They have a commitment to working in the community and with industry in the promotion of innovative design for corporate e-learning, life-long learning and providing new opportunities for clients and end-users alike.

Some background on Erin McCuskey:

2007

**Executive Director
Company Director**

**Grit Media, Producer No Limits
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2006

**Company Director
Festival Director
Group Director**

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Victoria Festival of Motion Image
Future Films (Filmmakers with intellectual disabilities)**

2005

**Company Director
Festival Director**

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Ballarat Film Festival**

Pre-2005

**Director
Curator
Convenor
Artist in Residence
Artist in Residence
Programmer**

Ballarat Independent Filmmakers – Community Filmmaking
International Women's Day - Exhibition & Celebration
Matrix Theatre Company – Ballarat Women's Theatre
Positive Schools – Ballarat Secondary College
My Diverse Life - Urquhart Park Primary School
3BBB FM - Ballarat Community Radio

Erin has had many exhibitions, screenings and installations; featuring in the Flicker Film Festival in California in 1998 and Ballarat Film Festival in 2005, and the Linden Postcard Show, Linden, St.Kilda in 2006, to name a few. Erin has won various awards for her film making and has collections of works at the University of Ballarat – SMB and Mt Helen Campuses.