

GALAXY CASTINGS REEL UBUNTU PROJECT

BIRTHING TOMORROW'S STORYTELLERS

REPORT

From August 2025 to November 2025

CAMP

“ OCTOBER, 2025 ”

You are the energy, the voice,
and the vision of tomorrow

This is a report about the progress of the Reel Ubuntu Project that were sponsored by the NFVF. This project is about 70% in complete and we are working around the clock to see it completed by 15th of December 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A short overview summarizing:

The Reel Ubuntu Project, under Galaxy Castings Productions, was created to empower young people through film, storytelling, and creative expression. Its purpose is to give learners a voice, help them tell their own stories, and inspire pride in their cultural identity while building skills that can open doors to future careers in the film and media industry. The project embraces the true spirit of Ubuntu – “I am because we are” – by uniting schools, communities, and industry professionals in a shared mission of creativity, collaboration, and empowerment. The goal then is to showcase all the Short Films they produce at the Cultral Festival which will be held locally.

Key Milestones Achieved

Since its launch, the Ubuntu Project has successfully achieved several key milestones:

- **Training Camp (Bootcamp):** A foundational training camp was held to equip young participants with essential knowledge in acting, cinematography, scriptwriting, and production.
- **Workshops:** Interactive workshops were conducted at participating schools, focusing on teamwork, creativity, discipline, and technical filmmaking skills.
- **Short Films in Production:** Each school is currently producing its own short film reflecting the unique stories, values, and cultural heritage of their community. These films will be showcased at the upcoming Ubuntu Cultural Film Festival to be held in Humansdorp (Kouga Region)

Impact on Youth and Schools Involved

The project has created a meaningful impact across all participating schools. Learners have gained confidence, leadership, and communication skills while discovering their creative potential. Teachers and school leaders have expressed appreciation for how the project complements classroom learning with practical life skills. Many students have also shown new interest in careers within the arts, media, and storytelling sectors. Beyond skill-building, the Ubuntu Project has fostered unity, discipline, and hope – empowering youth to see themselves as agents of positive change in their communities.

NEXT STEPS MOVING FORWARD

As the Ubuntu Project moves into its next phase, the focus will be on:

- Completing post-production of the 5 schools short films.
- Hosting the Ubuntu Cultural Film Festival, where learners' work will be showcased to the community and potential sponsors.
- Expanding the project to more schools across the Kouga region and beyond.
- Building partnerships with local businesses, SETAs, municipalities, and media houses to sustain and grow the program.
- Establishing an Ubuntu Film Academy, providing ongoing mentorship and advanced training for the most dedicated learners.

OUR MISSION

Date	Activity	Description
August 2025	Ubuntu Film Camp	3-day orientation and training
September 2025	Onset	Visits to 4–6 schools for hands-on training
Oct–Nov 2025	Short Film Shooting	Each school produces its short film
February 2026	Ubuntu Film Festival	Screening and celebration event



ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

The Ubuntu Project 3-day Bootcamp

- We had about 5 schools represented at the Bootcamp. 5 pupils from 4 schools and 7 pupils from another school. These youngsters received training in Directing, Producing, Camera Operating, Acting and Scriptwriting.
- The guest speakers, mentors, and facilitators were non other then the Galaxy Castings team, Mr L Breda(Directing, Cinematography), Mr D Booysen (Acting) and Mr M Geswint Administration).
- Key lessons learned : Teamwork Makes the Vision Work
- Participants discovered the power of collaboration – learning that filmmaking is not a one-person effort. Every role, from acting to camera work and scriptwriting, is vital to bringing a story to life.
- Discipline and Commitment Are the Foundation of Success
- Learners saw how arriving on time, staying focused, and following instructions directly impact the quality of the final production. Discipline became a key takeaway for both film and life.
- Storytelling Is a Tool for Change
- The youth learned that stories have the power to heal, inspire, and bring communities together. By telling their own stories, they began to see themselves as agents of transformation.
- Confidence Through Creativity
- Many participants started shy and unsure but gained confidence through performing, presenting ideas, and working in front of the camera. The camp helped them find their voices.
- Respect and Ubuntu in Action
- The spirit of Ubuntu – “I am because we are” – was evident throughout the camp. Learners experienced firsthand the importance of respecting others, supporting teammates, and celebrating diversity.
- Practical Film Skills and Industry Exposure
- The camp introduced youth to real-world filmmaking techniques: camera handling, lighting, script development, acting, and directing. This exposure opened their eyes to new career paths in the creative industry.
- Leadership and Responsibility
- The bootcamp encouraged leadership by giving learners opportunities to take initiative during group tasks and scenes, showing them that true leaders serve and inspire others.
- The Value of Perseverance
- Technical challenges, retakes, and long hours taught participants that success doesn't come easily – it requires patience, teamwork, and perseverance.

BOOTCAMP POSTER

5 HIGHSCHOOLS
5 SHORTFILMS
1 WINNER

BIRTHING TOMORROWS STORYTELLERS

BTS

THE REEL UBUNTU PROJECT

FILM CAMP & FESTIVAL

6-9 OCTOBER 2025 AT
THE GAMTOOS FERRY HOTEL

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REEL UBUNTU PROJECTS PRESENTS

YOUTH FILM CAMP

OCTOBER, 2025

You are the energy, the voice, and the vision of tomorrow

Reel Ubuntu Projects is giving learners from six schools the chance to step into the world of film. Over six days, participants will be trained by industry professionals, gaining hands-on experience with professional equipment. Each team will create their own short film, which will premiere at our Youth Film Festival. The winning film will be awarded a Filmmaker's Kit packed with cameras and gear to kickstart their creative journey.

FERRY HOTEL & CASTLE CAMPSITE PICTURES

The Ubuntu Bootcamp brought together a vibrant group of 27 young participants, accompanied by five dedicated teachers representing each participating school. The Galaxy Castings team of three facilitated the program, guiding and mentoring the learners throughout the camp. In addition, two professional caterers ensured that everyone was well taken care of with delicious, well-prepared meals each day.

The teachers played an essential role in supporting the Galaxy Castings team – providing assistance, supervision, and encouragement to the learners whenever needed. Their involvement helped create a safe, structured, and positive environment where the youth could fully engage, learn, and express their creativity.

Together, this diverse team worked in unity, reflecting the true spirit of Ubuntu – collaboration, care, and community.



FERRY HOTEL RESTAURANT



FERRY HOTEL CONFERENCE HALL

BOOTCAMP TRAINING PICTURES



Night of Ceremony and Graduation

We gave every participant of the Bootcamp a graduation Certificate just to boost their passion and drive for film making.

5 of the pupils who attended represented a special Needs School for Disabled Kids called Rainbow (Victory Skills Centre)



Training



Backgrounds of the school these kids represented

The Ubuntu Project brought together a diverse and talented group of pupils from various schools across the Kouga region. Each school selected a small team of learners between the ages of 13 and 18, chosen for their creativity, enthusiasm, and willingness to learn. Though they came from different communities and school environments, they shared a common passion for storytelling and self-expression.

Many of these pupils had never been exposed to the world of film and media before. For them, the Ubuntu Project was a life-changing opportunity – their first experience behind a camera, writing scripts, or acting in front of an audience. Some came from rural and under-resourced backgrounds, while others came from urban areas, creating a powerful mix of perspectives and experiences.

FERRY HOTEL OUTDOOR SIGHT

As Galaxy Castings, our goal was to give the learners an unforgettable and life-changing experience. That is why we chose to host the Ubuntu Bootcamp at one of the best venues available, regardless of the cost involved. We firmly believe that the funds allocated to this project should be used purposefully – to create impact, inspire growth, and fulfill the true vision of the Ubuntu Project. Every rand spent was an investment in the development, confidence, and creativity of the youth we serve.



The Ferry Hotel offered a peaceful and inspiring environment for the Ubuntu Bootcamp, featuring comfortable accommodation, spacious training halls, open outdoor areas for team activities, and a scenic riverside setting perfect for reflection, creativity, and group collaboration.

ON-SET TRAINING

- During the filming of the short films, the Ubuntu Project team incorporated practical, hands-on training sessions directly on set. Rather than separating the learning process from the production process, we created an environment where the pupils could learn by doing – gaining real, industry-relevant experience in a live production setting.
- Under the guidance of experienced filmmakers and mentors, the learners were introduced to the various roles and responsibilities within a professional film crew. As a result, many pupils discovered new talents and passions while actively contributing to their school's short film.
- Some participants showed natural leadership and creativity, taking up positions as assistant directors and producers, where they learned how to manage a set, coordinate scenes, and make creative decisions. Others found their strengths in acting, where they refined their performance skills, built confidence, and learned how to take direction in front of the camera.
- A number of learners also gravitated toward technical departments, showing great interest in camera operation, sound recording, and lighting. They learned how to handle equipment, capture clean audio, and frame shots – gaining a deeper understanding of the teamwork required to produce a quality film.
- This on-set experience not only developed the pupils' technical and creative abilities but also taught them essential soft skills such as communication, problem-solving, discipline, and teamwork. It provided them with a realistic view of how a production team operates under real conditions – turning the film set into a dynamic classroom and every scene into a learning opportunity.
- The combination of training and production made the Ubuntu Project more than just a film initiative – it became a transformative experience that ignited passion, built confidence, and revealed future filmmakers, directors, and storytellers among the youth of Kouga.

ON-SET TRAINING PICTURES



SHOOTING OF THE FIRST SHORT FILM

LOCATION :KAREEDOUW

SCHOOL : PAUL SAUER HIGH SCHOOL (BOSBOK PRODUKSIES)

2 NOVEMBER 2025

The day began early, with the team gathering at 6:00 a.m. as the sun rose over Kareedouw. After a hearty breakfast at 7:30, everyone was energized and ready for an exciting day of production. By 8:00 a.m., the crew and twelve enthusiastic learners were on set at the bridge, our first location of the day.

We opened the shoot with aerial drone shots, capturing breathtaking views of the landscape and community – setting a cinematic tone for the story. This was followed by ground camera work, where learners took active roles in filming, acting, and assisting behind the scenes. Their energy and focus reflected the training and teamwork developed during the Ubuntu Bootcamp. After a productive morning, everyone enjoyed a well-deserved lunch provided by Galaxy Castings, creating time for reflection, laughter, and bonding.

The afternoon took us to two more beautiful locations – a local church and later the pastor’s home – both deeply rooted in the Kareedouw community and essential to the film’s storyline. Each setting added authenticity and emotional depth to the production.

By the end of the day, the young filmmakers had not only completed a full day of shooting but also gained real-world experience in professional filmmaking – teamwork, creativity, and storytelling all coming to life under the guidance of Galaxy Castings.



KAREEDOUW SECOND LOCATION PICTURES



The production of the first short film marked a major milestone in the Ubuntu Project journey. It was a moment where creativity met real experience – where the learners' ideas, voices, and teamwork came alive on screen. Guided by the Galaxy Castings team, the young participants took full ownership of the creative process, from developing storylines to performing, directing, and assisting behind the camera. By the end of the shoot, the young filmmakers walked away with more than just film experience – they carried a new sense of purpose, believing that their voices and stories truly matter. This first short film became proof that, when given opportunity and guidance, the youth of Kouga can create something extraordinary.

SHOOTING OF THE SECOND SHORT FILM

LOCATION : HUMANSDORP SCHOOL GROUND

SCHOOL : HUMANSDORP SECONDARY SCHOOL (BUZZING PRODUCTIONS)

8 NOVEMBER 2025

Filming Morning – Humansdorp Secondary School Short Film

The morning of the Humansdorp Secondary School short film shoot began bright and early at 7:00 a.m., filled with excitement and anticipation. The learners (team to be on-set were about 13 and the rest of an amount of 8 were extras) arrived eager and ready, dressed in character and fully prepared to bring their story to life. The Galaxy Castings team conducted a quick briefing session, assigning roles and running through the day's shooting schedule.

As the sun rose over Humansdorp, the set came alive with energy and purpose. Cameras rolled, sound checks echoed through the air, and the learners quickly adapted to the rhythm of professional filmmaking. Under the mentorship of the Galaxy Castings crew, the young participants took on various responsibilities – some behind the camera, others acting in key scenes, while a few assisted with directing and production coordination.

The morning's atmosphere was one of focus, creativity, and teamwork. Despite early nerves, the learners quickly grew in confidence, showing professionalism and enthusiasm beyond their years. Each shot captured reflected not only their hard work but also their growth – the result of the training, mentorship, and encouragement they received through the Ubuntu Project.

By mid-morning, it was clear that this was more than just a film shoot – it was a moment of transformation. The Humansdorp Secondary learners were no longer just participants; they were storytellers, filmmakers, and visionaries in the making.



HUMANSDORP SECONDARY SCHOOL BUZZING PRODUCTIONS



As the final scenes wrapped up, a deep sense of achievement and pride filled the set. The learners, teachers, and Galaxy Castings team gathered together, reflecting on the long hours of hard work, creativity, and teamwork that had gone into the production. What began as a simple school project had grown into a powerful expression of youth talent, discipline, and determination.

The day ended with smiles, laughter, and heartfelt gratitude. The learners celebrated not only the completion of their first short film but also the skills, friendships, and confidence they gained along the way. Teachers commended their dedication and growth, while the Galaxy Castings team expressed pride in seeing how far the students had come since the start of the Ubuntu Bootcamp.

For the young filmmakers, this was more than just the end of a shoot – it was the beginning of a new dream. They left the set inspired, motivated, and eager to pursue more creative opportunities in the future. The Humansdorp Secondary School short film stands as a beautiful reminder of what can be achieved when passion meets purpose – and when young people are given the chance to tell their own stories.

SHOOTING OF THE THIRD SHORT FILM

LOCATION : HANKEY SECONDARY SCHOOL GROUND & COMMUNITY SHOP
SCHOOL : HANKEY SECONDARY SCHOOL (HANKEY'S LENSE PRODUCTIONS)
16 NOVEMBER 2025

Reel Ubuntu Project – BTS Update

Hankey's Lense Productions | Short Film Shoot – 16 November

On Sunday morning, just after 6am, our team hit the road to Hankey for another powerful session with Hankey's Lense Productions as part of the Reel Ubuntu Project.

The day started with light rain, but by afternoon the sun broke through beautifully – perfect for filming. Our actors delivered exceptional performances, and we continued with our On-Set training, working hands-on with the Director, Producer, and the talented Hankey's Lense Production actors.

It was a full and productive day, filled with learning, creativity, and teamwork. We wrapped at around 7pm, tired but proud of the amazing progress and dedication shown on set.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this shoot a success. The Reel Ubuntu Project is growing, and moments like these remind us why we do what we do.



HANKEY SECONDARY SCHOOL

HANKEY'S LENSE PRODUCTIONS



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As the final scenes of the Hankey shoot wrapped up, a deep sense of achievement and pride settled over the entire set. The actors, production team, and the Galaxy Castings crew gathered together, reflecting on the long hours of hard work, creativity, and dedication that shaped this day. What began as a simple community film initiative had grown into a powerful display of talent, discipline, and local storytelling. The evening ended with smiles, laughter, and genuine gratitude. The Hankey's Lense Productions actors celebrated not only the completion of their short film scenes, but also the skills, confidence, and teamwork they had strengthened throughout the process. The Director and Producer commended the cast for their growth and professionalism, while the Galaxy Castings team expressed their pride in seeing how much the group has developed since joining the Reel Ubuntu Project.

For these emerging storytellers, this was more than the end of a shoot – it was the beginning of new ambition. They left the set inspired, motivated, and eager to explore more opportunities within the world of film. The Hankey short film now stands as a beautiful reminder of what can happen when passion meets purpose – and when local communities are given the platform to tell their own stories.

SHOOTING OF THE FOURTH SHORT FILM

LOCATION : VICTORY SKILLS CENTRE
SCHOOL : VICTORY SCHOOL SKILLS CENTRE
28 NOVEMBER 2025

PROMOTION

Reel Ubuntu Project – BTS Update

for All Productions Victory Skills Centre | Short Film Shoot – 21 November 2025

On Friday morning, 21 November 2025, the Reel Ubuntu Project team arrived early at Victory Skills Centre to film their short story. The day started with great energy as the students prepared for their scenes, supported by our filmmaking crew. Despite a long and focused shooting schedule, the learners showed creativity, discipline, and excitement throughout the process. By the end of the day, the team captured powerful visuals that reflect the talent and potential of the young filmmakers at Victory Skills Centre. The shoot was a success and an inspiring step in “Birthing Tomorrow’s Storytellers.”

- Character
- Inventory
- Supply Chain



VICTORY SKILLS CENTRE FOR ALL PRODUCTIONS



What an incredible day at Victory Skills Centre! On Friday, 21 November 2025, our Reel Ubuntu Project team had the privilege of working with a passionate and talented group of young storytellers.

From the early morning call time to the final shot, the learners showed discipline, creativity, and a genuine excitement to learn the world of filmmaking. The energy on set was inspiring – every scene captured showed growth, teamwork, and the power of giving young people a platform to shine.

A big thank you to the staff and students of Victory Skills Centre for welcoming us and giving their best throughout the day. This short film is another beautiful chapter in our mission of "Birthing Tomorrow's Storytellers."

SHOOTING OF THE FIFTH SHORT FILM

LOCATION : KING'S COLLEGE JEFFREYS BAY

SCHOOL : KING'S COLLEGE

1 DECEMBER 2025

Reel Ubuntu Project – Behind the Scenes Update

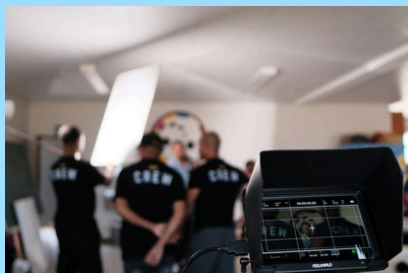
King's College | Short Film Shoot – 1 December 2025

Friday, 21 November 2025, marked another exciting milestone for the Reel Ubuntu Project as our team arrived early at King's College for their short film production. From the moment we stepped onto the school grounds, the atmosphere was alive – students were buzzing with anticipation, preparing props, rehearsing their scenes, and stepping confidently into their roles. What made this shoot truly memorable was the learners' commitment. Even with a full day of filming ahead, they maintained high energy, creativity, and focus from the first shot to the last. Their ideas were fresh, their teamwork impressive, and their passion for storytelling evident in every scene we captured.

This production forms part of the growing momentum of the Reel Ubuntu Project as we continue "Birthing Tomorrow's Storytellers" across schools in the Kouga area. With every shoot, we see more young people discovering their voice, their talent, and their confidence in front of and behind the camera.

As we wrap up the King's College set, we walk away inspired, encouraged, and excited for the powerful stories these young filmmakers are bringing to life.

One school, one story, one future filmmaker at a time



KING'S COLLEGE JEFFREYS BAY



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From the early morning call time to the final shot, the learners showed discipline, creativity, and a genuine excitement to explore the world of filmmaking. The energy on set was inspiring – every scene captured reflected growth, teamwork, and the power of giving young people a platform to shine.

A big thank you to the staff and students of King's College for welcoming us and giving their absolute best throughout the day. This short film stands as another beautiful chapter in our mission of "Birthing Tomorrow's Storytellers."

IMPACT OF THE UBUNTU PROJECT THUS FAR

LEARNERS:

- Participants have grown in confidence, teamwork, creativity, and leadership skills through workshops, the bootcamp, and on-set training during the first short film shoots. They are learning how to collaborate, take initiative, and express themselves through storytelling. With three more short films scheduled — one in Jeffreys Bay, one in Hankey, and another in Humansdorp — even more learners will have the opportunity to develop these skills and discover their potential in directing, acting, camera work, and production management.

SCHOOLS:

- The schools involved have experienced a heightened sense of pride and engagement, as their learners showcase talent and dedication on screen. Each upcoming film shoot will further expose students to the film industry, giving them hands-on experience and encouraging creativity across the region. Teachers continue to play a critical role in mentoring and supporting learners, helping to embed these lessons into the school environment.

COMMUNITY:

- The Ubuntu Project has strengthened community awareness and support for local talent. Filming in familiar locations and highlighting stories from local youth has already sparked interest and excitement. Looking ahead, the Ubuntu Cultural Festival will provide a public platform to celebrate these stories, bring together communities, and showcase the creative work of learners across all participating schools. The festival promises to be a unifying event that highlights culture, creativity, and youth achievement.

GALAXY CASTINGS' VISION:

- For Galaxy Castings, the project continues to reinforce its mission to empower youth and communities while producing meaningful content. The initiative strengthens the company's brand, visibility, and partnerships with schools, community leaders, and stakeholders. By moving forward with the remaining film productions and the Ubuntu Cultural Festival, Galaxy Castings is not only nurturing talent but also creating a lasting cultural impact that inspires and connects communities throughout the Kouga region.
- In summary, the Ubuntu Project is transforming learners, energizing schools, engaging communities, and reinforcing Galaxy Castings' mission, all while building momentum toward the completion of the remaining short films and the highly anticipated Ubuntu Cultural Festival. The journey continues, with exciting opportunities still to come for youth and communities alike.



CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED

Challenges and Lessons Learned

While the Ubuntu Project has made remarkable strides, the journey has not been without challenges. These experiences have provided valuable lessons that will inform the planning and execution of the remaining short films and the Ubuntu Cultural Festival.

Scheduling Around School Activities:

Coordinating film shoots and workshops around the academic calendars of multiple schools proved to be complex. Exams, school events, and extracurricular activities sometimes limited the availability of learners and teachers. This underscored the importance of advance planning, flexible scheduling, and regular communication with school administrators to ensure that the Ubuntu Project complements rather than conflicts with school priorities.

Equipment and Technical Limitations:

On certain shoots, the availability of specialized film equipment, such as drones, lighting kits, and sound recording tools, presented constraints. Limited access occasionally affected the efficiency and creative possibilities on set. This challenge has highlighted the need for better equipment planning, backup solutions, and technical training for learners so that they can maximize whatever resources are available.

Lessons Learned:

Through these challenges, several constructive lessons have emerged:

- **Better Coordination:** Ensuring clear roles, responsibilities, and timelines for team members, learners, and teachers.
- **More Planning Time:** Starting preparations well in advance to accommodate potential delays in funding, permissions, and equipment availability.
- **Improved Communication:** Maintaining consistent and open channels with schools, sponsors, and the project team to manage expectations and address issues proactively.
- **Flexibility and Adaptability:** Learning to adjust schedules, workflows, and creative approaches when faced with unforeseen circumstances.

These lessons have strengthened the Ubuntu Project's operational approach and will be applied to the upcoming short films in Jeffreys Bay, Hankey, and Humansdorp, as well as to the Ubuntu Cultural Festival. By addressing these challenges constructively, the project team is confident in delivering high-quality experiences and impactful outcomes for learners, schools, and the wider community.



NEXT STEPS / WAY FORWARD

□ Outline of what comes next

- Completion of short film editing
- Planning and execution of the Ubuntu Cultural Film Festival
- Continued partnership with schools
- Expansion to more schools in 2026
- Seeking more sponsors and collaborations

□ Our Future Continuation Plan In A Nutshell

- Hosting more Training Bootcamps
- Shoot and edit Short Films
- Screen these short films at a Film Festival organised by Galaxy Castings
- Travel to many different schools and screen these short films and at the same time introduce this project to more schools while charging a small fee at the door of each screening
- Invite more Actors and Producers to the Eastern Cape to for new relationships and Filming Networks for these youth we train.
- Galaxy Castings want to give these trained young people and opportunity to act in our own future Films and Projects.

UPCOMING CULTURAL FILM FESTIVAL IN FEBRUARY 2026



Reel Ubuntu Cultural Film Festival – February 2026

Humansdorp | Jeffreys Bay

In February 2026, the Kouga region will experience one of its most exciting arts and culture moments as Galaxy Castings proudly hosts the Reel Ubuntu Cultural Film Festival – a celebration of storytelling, heritage, and youth development through film.

This landmark event aims to bring together an audience of more than 1,000 people, uniting communities from Humansdorp, Jeffreys Bay, and surrounding areas in a dynamic cultural experience. The festival will showcase 11 exceptional short films:

5 films from emerging filmmakers across the Eastern Cape, each bringing unique voices, local narratives, and fresh cinematic vision; and

6 short films produced under Galaxy Castings and the Reel Ubuntu Project, created by young talents from schools across Kouga as part of our mission to “Birth Tomorrow’s Storytellers.”

A Celebration of Culture, Creativity & Community

The Reel Ubuntu Cultural Film Festival is more than just a screening event – it is a platform dedicated to empowering young creatives, honouring Eastern Cape heritage, and strengthening local film culture. Audiences will experience stories grounded in identity, history, social issues, community life, and the remarkable spirit of Ubuntu that defines our province.

Distinguished Guests & Special Appearances

To elevate the impact of the event, we will be inviting:

- Representatives from the National Film and Video Foundation (NFVF)
- The Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture
- Well-known South African actors (at least two major industry names)
- Local government officials and municipal leaders
- Mayors from different regions of the Eastern Cape
- School principals, educators, and participating learners
- Stakeholders, sponsors, partners, and business leaders

Their presence will not only honour the young filmmakers but also highlight the importance of developing the creative economy within the Eastern Cape.

Uniting Schools & Communities

All schools that participated in the Reel Ubuntu Project will be formally invited to attend, walking the red carpet alongside their actors, film crews, teachers, and families. This is a moment for learners to see their work on the big screen, boosting confidence, leadership, and career aspirations in film and media.

What to Expect at the Festival

- A red carpet experience for filmmakers and guests
- Live entertainment, cultural performances, and music
- Food vendors, exhibitions, and small business stalls supporting local entrepreneurs
- Networking sessions for creatives, producers, and industry partners
- Award presentations celebrating excellence in youth filmmaking
- A safe, family-friendly environment representing the warmth and unity of the Kouga community

A Vision for the Future

The Reel Ubuntu Cultural Film Festival is poised to become an annual flagship event, positioning the Kouga region as a growing centre for youth arts development and film innovation in the Eastern Cape. Through this festival, we hope to inspire future storytellers, open opportunities for filmmaking careers, and show the world the extraordinary talent rising from our communities. This is more than a festival – it is a movement, an investment in young people, and a celebration of the stories that shape us.

Reel Ubuntu Cultural Film Festival 2026

“Where culture meets creativity, and tomorrow’s storytellers take the stage.”