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BFI ANNOUNCES UK FILM COUNCIL STAFF TRANSFER

The BFI and UK Film Council today announced which staff will be transferring from the UK Film Council to join the BFI from 1 April 2011. As the BFI prepares to become the lead body for film in the UK the new roles will ensure a seamless transition and continuity for the new activities, including applications for film funding, tax credit certification and general industry engagement.

A total of 44 UK Film Council posts (including vacancies) will transfer on 1 April to the BFI through a formal TUPE* process. These positions include Tanya Seghatchian, the Head of the UK Film Council's Film Fund, Peter Buckingham, Head of Distribution and Exhibition, and Will Evans, Head of Business Affairs.

The new staff will be based at the BFI's central London location, moving from 1 April and over the following months.

Both organisations have been working closely together to integrate as seamlessly as possible since it was announced last November that the BFI would take over a number of the UK Film Council's current activities. Along with practical transition work the BFI is implementing a programme for both new and existing staff to develop an understanding of the scope of the BFI and the new roles and responsibilities that the BFI will have as a Non-Departmental Public Body and Lottery distributor for film.

Amanda Nevill, Director, BFI said *'From April we will be bringing together the BFI and UKFC to start a new chapter for film in the UK. We welcome our new colleagues who are among the most talented people in the film industry, and look forward to building on the UK Film Council's incredible legacy. I'm confident that our*

shared passion for – and dedication to – film will ensure that it flourishes in the UK for the benefit of the public, the film industry and our economy.'

The BFI is in the process of recruiting five new Trustees (including a deputy chair) to its Governing Board and will start to announce appointees at the end of March. The BFI is a registered charity and all Board positions are unremunerated. The current Chair is Greg Dyke.

The first UK Film Council staff to be moving to their new BFI London office locations on 1 April will be coming from the Strategic Development Unit, MEDIA Desk UK, UK Partnerships, Monitoring Unit, Certification Unit, and the Chief Accountant. The remainder of the transferring staff are from the Film Fund, Distribution and Exhibition Department, Business Affairs, Production Finance and the Research and Statistics Unit and are expected to follow in the summer.

The new BFI will continue to lead in the arena of film preservation and conservation, as well as the distribution and exhibition of the widest diversity of world cinema in the UK. With its new responsibilities the BFI will become a Lottery distributor: investing in film production, distribution and exhibition; developing career skills and education; and providing a clear focus internationally to promote British film and talent to the world.

For more information on the transition of responsibilities from the UK Film Council to the BFI please visit

<http://www.bfi.org.uk/about/policy/bfi-ukfc-transfer.html>

*(Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006)

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