Unscripted TV

What jobs are needed to make unscripted TV?
The learning objective
To understand the wide variety of roles and jobs available in unscripted TV
What is unscripted TV?

Unscripted television is non-fiction TV. Programmes can be on any subject, from natural history, to music or learning a skill.

You can watch unscripted programmes on television, including children’s TV, or on streaming platforms like Netflix and YouTube. It uses presenters, but not actors.
Watch some unscripted TV

Click the play button to open the CBBC website in a browser window
Ideas for a documentary

- your school through the decades
- history of the area near your school
- why the school is haunted
- focus on a local hero
Pitch your idea

What is your documentary about?
Decide on your roles

- Researcher
- Archive producer
- Camera operator
- Presenter or journalist
- Edit producer
- Producer
Plan your documentary

Planning a PowerPoint presentation

What information do you already have that you can use?

Do you need any further information? Research?

How are you going to organise and present your PowerPoint presentation?

What information do you want to include in your PowerPoint presentation?

Planning a video documentary

What is going to be the final outcome of your report?

What information do you need to find out to use in your documentary?

Is there anyone available you can interview? If so, what are you going to ask them?
Capture your documentary
Edit your documentary
Show your documentary

Our story
Evaluation

• How do you feel about your documentary?

• Did it help you to understand the wide variety of job roles available as a career in unscripted TV?

• Did anything unexpected happen?

• Are there any changes or improvements you could make in the future?
Plenary

Learning objective: To understand the wide variety of roles and jobs available in film and TV drama

• How important was your role to the final product?

• Did you enjoy your role?

• Was there a role you would rather have been doing and why?

• Were there any roles missing? (refer back to sticky notes)

• How effective was your team?