

# FLYCHEESE X AARDMAN 2023

## Immersive Animation workshops for Autistic people on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

### Course outline:

Are you passionate about animation? Are you an autistic young adult finding it difficult to get into the industry? Do you want to meet the fantastic teams of FlyCheese and Aardman Studios? This course is for you – read information and apply below!

During our FREE 2-day workshop on 14th and 15th November 2023, participants will engage in activities with armatures, puppets and animation. Participants will also have the opportunity to meet industry professionals and present their portfolios.

There aren't enough courses designed for autistic people, we decided to change that!

### Meet the Teams:



*“We specialise in animation and digital art of all kinds. We work with people with Autism or who need support to live their lives and run workshops and accredited courses for everyone. We pay or include our students in the Pro work we do.”*



*“For over 40 years, Aardman has entertained and charmed the world, creating much loved characters and bringing unforgettable stories to life. We live and breathe the values that underpin our creative processes and culture – integrity, excellence, humour, independence, collaboration and openness. We are committed to providing a workplace where people and ideas can truly thrive, and strive to have a positive impact on our local community.”*

### Is this course for you?

This course is ideal for young adults aged between 18 and 35 years old who are autistic and have a passion for animation. You do need to have some experience to attend this workshop, even if your experience is from self-teaching as there will be networking and portfolio sharing opportunities. We want to open doors to people who might not have had such opportunities. The course is led by industry professionals from Aardman and Flycheese.

We aim to make the workshop as tailored as possible to the participants' needs, to create the most encouraging, safe, comfortable, and nurturing place to learn, focus and enjoy.

## Logistics:

The course takes place in person at Aardman – Gas Ferry Road, Bristol.

Hours are 9.45am-5pm with a lunchbreak at 12.30 and various comforts breaks throughout the day. An accessibility handbook is available.

Each participant will get 1-1 (online) time before the start of the course to discuss needs and desired outcomes, with Pauline Mallam (EDI Manager).

## Course structure:

### Day 1:

Arrival & welcome.

Tour of the building & Studio (subject to conditions such as confidentiality)

Break

Practical activities

Lunch break

Practical activities

Break

Activity: The importance of networking and overcoming barriers

Meet & Greet with Aardman professionals

End of Day 1

### Day 2:

Practical activities

Lunch break

Practical activities

Break

Activity: What does a good portfolio look like?

Portfolio presentation and feedback from industry professionals

End of Day 2 and course

## How to apply:

Please fill out this online form to register your interest: <https://forms.office.com/e/u5jf3W8fK2>

Deadline for applications is Sunday 8th October 2023 at 8pm.

Applicants will be notified by email if they have been granted a space by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

Please contact Pauline if you have any questions about the course: [Pauline.mallam@aardman.com](mailto:Pauline.mallam@aardman.com)

**Thank you for wanting to join us at Aardman!**