

Call for proposals

Below ZERO

Documentary projects on life above the Arctic Circle

Tromsø, Norway, January 14-17, 2009

Deadline: November 14, 2008

Below ZERO is a new international pitching session for documentary projects focusing on life above the Arctic Circle. This event is initiated in order to bring together filmmakers, producers, financiers and organisations whose common interest is documentaries thematically rooted in the Northern Polar region. Below Zero is set in Tromsø, Northern Norway, during the last days of the polar night.

Below ZERO seeks a wide range of documentary projects on all subjects related to life above the Arctic Circle. These can be projects focusing on culture, environment, resources, politics, climate changes and indigenous peoples as well as general human stories.

Filmmakers from all over the World are welcome to submit projects for Below ZERO. Stories with a broad international market appeal are preferred. From the submitted project proposals a maximum of 12 projects will be selected for participation. The working language will be English.

The programme for Below ZERO will consist of:

- **a pre-pitching workshop** where the selected projects will be developed under guidance from experienced international experts from the documentary business. The workshop will focus on how the projects can be developed in the best possible direction and how the presentation of the project can be optimized
- **a pitching session** where each project will be pitched in seven minutes for a panel of international financiers and possible future collaborators. The pitch will be followed by a brief round of feedback from the panel
- **a key note speech** from a business leader focusing on related topics and industry aspects
- **networking events** to encourage future collaborations between organisations, financiers, producers and filmmakers.

How to Participate

In order to apply for Below ZERO please submit a 2-page presentation of your project including the following elements:

- title, name of producer, production company and director, length, format & production plan/time of delivery
- short synopsis
- treatment with visual approach & reflections on the narrative
- the total budget amount and a brief financing plan
- short CV & filmography of company and director

Submissions are now open and must be sent digitally by email **no later than November 14th**. Please submit your 2-page presentation to EDN Film Consultant Cecilia Lidin on cecilia@edn.dk.

We prefer getting applications accompanied by visual material either in the form of a short promo/trailer on the submitted project, previous films made or photographs illustrating the project proposal. Visual material will be accepted if it is sent by post no later than November 14th, 2008. Please post visual material to:

EDN
Att: Cecilia Lidin
Vognmagergade 10, 1 floor
1120 Copenhagen K
Denmark

Participation Fee

Each selected project pays a participation fee of 300 Euro, which includes one participating person. Every other member of the pitching team pays an individual fee of 200 Euro.

Participating as Observer

For Below ZERO a number of observer seats will be available. When participating as an observer you will take part in all sessions on equal terms with the pitching participants. Only exception is not having a concrete project developed and pitched. Observers pay 200 Euro for participating.

If you want to have further information or submit a project for Below ZERO, please get in contact with:

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