

Amber: Hi, and welcome to “Meet the Take One Action Team”. Take One Action are an Edinburgh based independent charity founded by film lovers, cultural activists, and globally concerned citizens who believe that shared cinematic experiences can catalyze lasting change. The highlight of our year is the Take One Action Film Festival, which is a series of events and screenings taking place in Edinburgh, Glasgow, and this year, online. In the run-up to the festival, we'll be releasing these little chats with the Take One Action team to give you the opportunity to meet the team behind the scenes. So today we will be talking to Daisy Crooke. Hiya, Daisy. Would you like to introduce yourself?

Daisy: Hi, Amber. Thanks very much for doing this and for channeling your time and energy into this lovely project. Yes, I'm Daisy. I'm the Festivals and Operations Officer at Take One Action, and I've been here for just over two years now. I'm a food lover with a mild obsession for cryptic crosswords. And I ask a lot of questions.

Amber: Excellent. So what was your journey into take one action?

Daisy: Well, I actually volunteered with Take One Action back in 2014, which feels like a lifetime ago now, and that was the first time that I'd seen the power of film being harnessed in that way. I'd never been to a cinema screening where someone encouraged you to turn around and talk to your neighbour and tell them why you were there. And while that might seem a little bit corny, I think that's really valuable. And that's just something that struck me as really important. And, I kind of thought, oh, this is a really nice festival. And from a volunteer's perspective back then as well, I also remember having met Tamara once and then on my first shift at film house, she remembered my name, which seems like a small thing, but I just remember thinking, oh, these are people who really care about people. Anyway, I volunteered back in 2014, and then I lived away for a little bit and built up an interest in film festivals. And then I joined the team again in 2019 as Festivals Assistant. And I've been here ever since.

Amber: Great. So what are you looking forward to most this year?

Daisy: That's a good question. Aside from the thought of being together with people in a room. I think I'm really looking forward to sharing the film “On The Line” with our audiences. It's a documentary that looks at the stories of three people who have been deported to Tijuana, Mexico, from the States after having lived most of their lives in the US, and it exposes how the inhumanity of deportation is compounded by the fact that all these people are employed by a call center that are selling products and loans to people in the states. And it's just a really powerful documentary and I got really fired up when I watched it. And to frame the film in a UK context, we're also hosting a conversation to explore how to challenge violent borders and centre migrant justice in the UK, so we're inviting Luke de Noronha, who's an author, academic and writer who writes on racism and borders, and also Pinar Aksu, who's a Glasgow based activist and community organizer who campaigns against detention and deportation. And I'm just really excited about seeing those two people in conversation together.

Amber: That sounds really interesting. Well, thank you so much for your time, Daisy. That's all we're talking about this week. Take One Action Film Festival will be taking place across a variety of venues between the 22nd and 26th of September, 2021. For more information, go to www.takeoneaction.org.uk, and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube. That's all for now. Have a good day. Stay safe.