

Amber: Hello, 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 will be releasing these little chats with the Take One Action Team to give you the opportunity to meet the team behind the scenes. For our first chat, we'll be talking to Fibi Cowley. Hi, Fibi. Would you like to introduce yourself?

Fibi: Hi, I'm Fibi. I'm the Festivals and Marketing Assistant for Take One Action. I'm an artist and organiser, and with Take One Action, I'm basically getting the chance to extend my organisational skills, assisting Tamara and Daisy, who are the core members of the team, with marketing operations, that's social media communications, as well as organizational activities. I'm also helping to coordinate the volunteer actions, communicate with them and everything they assist us with, which is a really fulfilling part of the role. I've come to this role from the point of view of artist-organized events. So it's a really exciting chance for me to kind of move from these behind the scenes roles in arts venues and front of house roles in arts venues and come to the festival landscape, which I'm super excited about.

Amber: So what was your journey into Take One Action. How did you first get involved?

Fibi: I actually started my journey with Take One Action as a volunteer. A friend recommended that I get involved and she's been volunteering for a few years now. That's one thing that Take One Action is really good at is creating this atmosphere of family amongst the volunteers and making sure that it's a really fulfilling experience for them as well. And so I was assisting with the short film programming this year, and I was really inspired by the organisation's really progressive empowerment of audiences without diluting concepts or underestimating them. So I'm really, really excited to be joining the team for a few months to be helping with this year's festival.

Amber: What are you looking forward to specifically this year?

Fibi: Well, in the past few years, I've been really interested in indigenous rights, indigenous wisdom and indigenous stories. So I'm super looking forward to the Last Forest film screening, which is a really beautiful documentary almost with an experimental slant where some of the scenes have been staged to bring to life some of the mythology and thinking of this community. So I'm really excited for people to be able to see this really beautiful film. And one of the initiatives that I'm really looking forward to seeing come to fruition is Daisy's collaboration with a book shop called Lighthouse Books, which is based in Edinburgh. It's called Watch, Read, Think, Act, and Lighthouse Books are going to be putting together a reading list for selected feature films. And one of the films they will be putting a reading list together for is actually ***The Last Forest***. So I'm really looking forward to seeing what they put together for that, and also hopefully

diving into some of them. One book I've really enjoyed in the past few years on this kind of topic is 'Braiding Sweet Grass', which is written by a native American botanical scientist. So I'm really excited for the discourse and discussion that's going to arise around these topics as a result of these initiatives.

Amber: That sounds great, it sounds really interesting. Thank you so much for your time, Fibi. So that's all we have time for this week. Take One Action Film Festival will be taking place across a variety of venues between the 22nd and the 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 this week. Have a good day and stay safe.