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Childcare blueprint forged by campaigners

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Raising Films publishes inclusive production resource



BBC2's Babies: Their Wonderful World

Job sharing, on-set childcare and accommodation for families are among the guidelines set out by Raising Films to ensure productions are inclusive for parents and carers.

The campaign group felt compelled to act after a survey found almost 80% of parents and carers in the industry said their responsibilities have a negative impact.

The guidelines, which cover all stages of a production's lifespan, have been published as part of Raising Films' Creating Inclusive Productions Resource.

According to the resource, crew should be asked about their requirements during recruitment and pre-production; funders should be asked if childcare costs can be added to a show's budget and opportunities for on-set creche or education facilities must be considered.

The organisation has launched an accreditation scheme, rewarding family inclusive productions with a Raising Films Ribbon to add to the credits.

Raising Films was set up five years ago by five female filmmakers who felt they had no help on how to manage being a parent and a filmmaker. The founders are So Mayer, Hope Dickson Leach, Nicky Bentham, Jessica Levick and Line Lagnebek.

Creating Inclusive Productions Resource: guidelines

- · Production staff should be given time off for ante-natal care
- · Job roles should be assessed to look at job-sharing opportunities
- · Schedule shoots to be either 10 hours a day or five days per week
- · Provide accommodation to anyone who has to travel with members of their family
- · Consider offering on-set childcare
- · Provide suitable space for breastfeeding if required
- · Carve out time once a week for children to come to set and see their parents working

Separately, Peaky Blinders star Charlotte Riley and Mark Radcliffe – supporters of Raising Films - have set up an Ofsted-registered nurse based at Warner Bros. Leavesden Park.