



MAKE YOUR OWN CANAL LIFE VIDEO!

a competition for young people

Minutes from the busy centre of Oxford is the hidden world of the Oxford Canal. Built almost 250 years ago, the canal was once a busy route for transporting goods from the Midlands to London.

These days, joggers, walkers and cyclists use the towpath where horses once towed narrowboats laden with coal, timber and grain. Now, the canal is secret place to spot wildlife, a quiet place to watch boats, or a good place to go for a run.

On Saturday, 8 September The Oxford Canal Festival will once again be taking place at the Aristotle Lane Recreation in North Oxford. This year we are launching a special competition for young people. We want you to make a video of the canal using your mobile phone. The winning entry will be shown at a special screening in St Margaret's Institute during the festival.

The idea is that you are world-class documentary film director! You are making a short video about the hidden world of the Oxford Canal and recording it on your 'phone.

It could be about:

- **THE WILDLIFE** – spot ducks, bats, dragonflies and lots of birds around the canal
- **THE BOATS** – look for traditional narrowboats, maintenance barges or little rowing boats
- **CANAL ARCHITECTURE** – look for swing bridges, little brick bridges and deep, narrow locks or
- anything else about the canal that interests you.

Action!

The competition is open to anyone 5–16 years.
The categories are: 5–8 yrs, 9–12 yrs and 13–16 yrs.

Your video should be up to 1 minute in length.

You can post it up online using social media tools such as Facebook/Twitter/Instagram/YouTube.

For more information about how to submit your video please visit:
www.oxfordcanalheritage.org/videocompetition

Deadline

Please submit your entry by Sunday, August 26.

It's a wrap!

The prize-winning entries will be shown in St Margaret's Institute.