



2023 BRIEF

The audio drama space is *exploding* right now. Audible, Spotify, the BBC and other independent distributors are clamouring to bring exciting new audio experiences to their audiences. We're talking about ambitious, unforgettable, genre-busting drama that captures the attention and imagination of millions of people.

We're looking for writers with an idea that has the potential to blow the doors off the audio drama space. We're interested in all genres, everything from YA through to horror and sci-fi.

Your idea needs to be original to you, not based on any existing IP (unless you own all of it), nor should it simply be a dramatisation of real-life events in the public domain.

In particular, we're looking for ideas that reflect **modern day society**. Don't let this limit you only to real-to-life storylines, or restrict where the arc of the story goes, just so long as the story touches on modern society, people, culture or issues. We're not looking for period or historical drama and your story doesn't need to be based in or refer to the North of England specifically.

Feel free to play with existing audio drama formats. We're interested in ideas that come to life in audio and can live on the big streaming platforms, but would be excited to see ideas that break the mould of current audio dramas.

Your idea should be capable of sustaining a storyline of around 5 hours. We're not looking for short stories, nor are we looking for multiple series. It needs to fit in one series of between 5 and 8 episodes, ranging from 30 minutes to an hour per episode.

Your Initial Treatment

To apply, we require a treatment of your story, up to 2 pages in length. This should include the *Name*, a *Logline* (the elevator pitch), a short *Synopsis* (no more than 400 words) and an overview of the main *Characters* and their role. Please also specify how long you think each episode should be and any other background we need to understand the concept (for example, if the location needs explanation).

If you have any questions, either join our Live Q&A on Wednesday 19th April at 2pm, details are on the website, or send an email to loop@freeturn.co and we'll get back to you as soon as possible. Please note we can only accept applications through the Screen Yorkshire website.