**Programme Information**

**Industry. Innovation. Change.**

The northern landscape is one that has been shaped by a constant sense of motion. From Manchester to Teesside, and from rural to urban, all locations included in this wide-ranging bracket have been a locus for social and political upheaval; its roots run deep. However, a combined population of 14.9 million, a collective, singular sense of identity is no longer reflective of the area’s complexities. Its locality is spreading, and its influence is perpetually evolving – entering new realms, crossing borders and inspiring the next generation. Film is a mechanism through which to connect, engage and celebrate with all things northern. From narratives based in inner-city neighbourhoods, to stories that draw parallels with other countries, these unique screenings offer personal perspectives in a universal world. Be inspired by the breadth of emotions, be humbled by each film’s cultural resonance and leave with the notion that land is more than a geographical location; it’s a hive of activity, a platform of creativity and a state of mind. The question arises: what does it mean to be Northern in a globalised world?