

Supporting Information



Signals was established as a film and video workshop in 1988. It has since developed into a centre for filmmaking and digital learning.

Signals aims to have a positive impact on people's lives by encouraging creativity, developing skills and raising aspirations through digital production and education. Signals seeks to increase understanding of film and digital arts, and encourage participation. Signals also promotes diversity, creativity, experimentation and achievement in media arts, as well as working in partnership with other organisations.

Signals core value is that it breaks down social barriers. The creative digital environments can offer a non-threatening place for people to deal with all sorts of issues, from personal confidence to learning vital life skills and receiving training to raise career aspirations, whatever their age. Signals is also committed to work with all communities across the region.

Signals works with a number of clients to produce a wide range of media productions. Signals runs courses and outreach projects in Colchester and across the region. Approximately 80% of Signals work is with young people and children, many from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Signals is an established award-winning organisation that is recognised for its successful work with disadvantaged young people and children. Signals works directly with around 2,000 people per year, but its work is seen by thousands more around the world.

Activities

- Public holiday workshops for children, young people and adults
- Space hire
- Equipment hire
- Skills hire

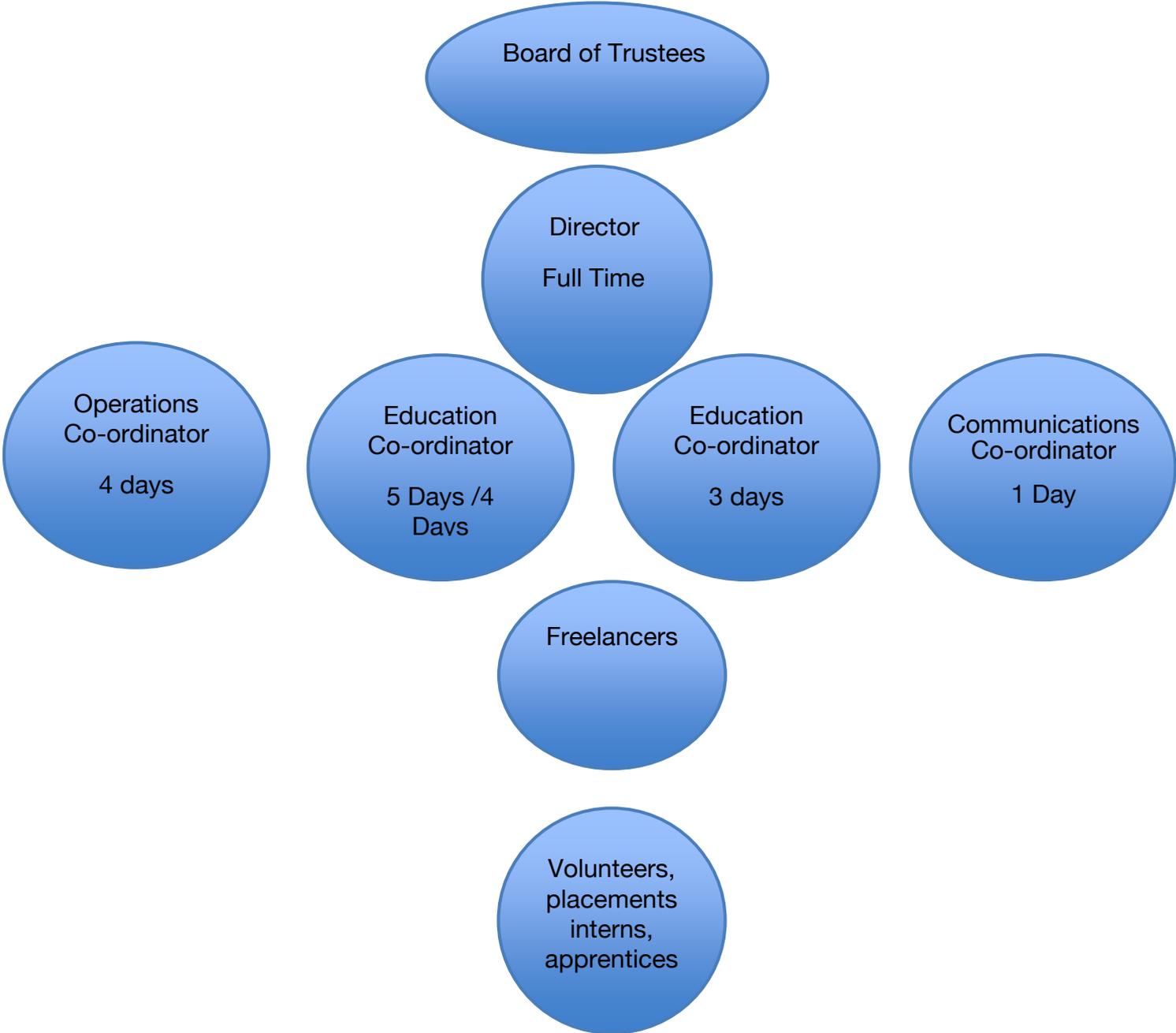
Recent projects include:

- 'Dig Deeper' an HLF funded project, engaging young people with the Roman heritage of Colchester.
- 'Essex Girls' a documentary project made by local young people about the history of Essex woman, including the Dagenham strikes and the C16th witch trials.
- BFI Film Academy – part of a national initiative to develop young talent and inspire young filmmakers (16 to 19 yr olds).
- Providing Continuing Professional Development for teachers.
- 'Bounce' a production project with excluded children and young people.

Signals is largely project funded but also receives funding from Essex County Council through its Cultural Development Strategic Grant and generates income through sales and commissions.

Signals is a small team and has recently undergone a restructure – with more emphasis on education.

Signals Structure



Colchester

Colchester is a fast growing town with a lot of history; Colchester is the oldest recorded town in Britain and was once the capital of Roman Britain. Colchester Castle Museum is on the site of the Temple of Claudius.

Essex is a largely rural county with no major cities. Colchester town provides easy access to parks and countryside and is a short trip from the coast. It is home to the University of Essex and has plenty of shops, bars and places to eat.

Colchester is the cultural centre for the county with <http://www.firstsite.uk.net/>, a theatre <https://www.mercurytheatre.co.uk> and arts centre <http://www.colchesterartscentre.com/> along with many other arts and cultural organisations – including Signals.

Colchester is less the one hour from London Liverpool Street by train.

<http://www.visitcolchester.com>

Signals is situated in the centre of town, just off the high street. The office space is above our fully accessible studio/ teaching space.

