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## **South West Screen backs Writers competition**

**Wendy Mitchell in Cannes**

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In addition to its work with the Screenwriters' Festival, South West Screen is also launching a new Screenwriter Development Competition.

Oscar-nominated writer William Nicholson (*Gladiator*), will mentor the winner of the award, who will also receive about \$6,000. The competition will be open to writers in the South West region of the UK.

"Through the scheme, South West Screen is looking to develop a feature-length screenplay with mainstream appeal from a screenwriter based in the South West of England," said the regional agency's head, Caroline Norbury. "We are looking for a feature length screenplay with commercial potential to take to the next stage."

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