With the generous funding of BAFTSS, the German Screen Studies Network SIG ran a Saturday morning German Film Club in Calderdale, West Yorkshire. Every month, school students were invited from schools across the area to watch and discuss a film thematically linked to the A Level German syllabus:

*Berlin 36* (Kaspar Heidelbach, 2009)  
*Good Bye Lenin!* (Wolfgang Becker, 2003)  
*The Wave* (Dennis Gansel, 2008)  
*Labyrinth of Lies* (Giulio Ricciarelli, 2014)  
*Run Lola Run* (Tom Tykwer, 1999)

The German Film Club ran from January to June 2018 at a local library and was targeted at secondary school students in Years 9 to 12 studying German. Following the film, Dr. Elizabeth Ward (University of Hull) led a discussion of the films’ ideas and themes in English and German.

The German Film Club specifically targeted younger audiences to build the next generation of European film enthusiasts and scholars. It expanded the GSSN’s activities outside London and the South-East to new audiences in the North, and sought to promote audio-visual literacy, film-cultural awareness, and language skills through German-language film. The Film Club provided students with targeted input in film literacy directed to complement their German GCSE and A Level learning outcomes.
Feedback from the sessions

**Berlin 36**: 92% of students “strongly agreed or agreed” that they found the film’s themes interesting

**Good Bye Lenin!**: 72% of students “strongly agreed or agreed” that they would talk to friends and/or family about the film; “it was great to hear different opinions” “loved the discussion”

**The Wave**: 83% of students “strongly agreed or agreed” that the film made them think differently about the theme and Germany; [what I most enjoyed was] “watching the film- it was completely different from what I expected!”

**Labyrinth of Lies**: 100% of students strongly agreed that “the film made me think differently about the themes” “the whole theme and discussion was interesting and engaging” “fantastic”

The film resources will be made available free of charge for teachers and students on the GSSN website.

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