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## Media Release

Actress Abbie Samuel is no stranger to the process of online casting and is warning fellow thespians to make sure adverts are legitimate.

The 25-year-old from London has teamed up with Fixers, the charity giving young people a voice, to create a [film](#) highlighting the dangers of online casting.

Her aim is to promote safety when auditioning and to change the way casting calls are moderated.

'For myself, I haven't had anything happen in person but I've applied for castings it could be something like 'we need a female actress that's 16-99', no further details, no further descriptions,' she explains.

'When you do get further details they contact you again with things like 'the casting's going to be in a hotel', or 'we need someone to do intimate scenes' and stuff like that, so it's quite daunting and people just need to be wary. 'I think it would be good to work with casting websites to try and find ways to make people aware of these things and try and find ways to make people safer.' If something does happen to you, who do you report it to? Who are you supposed to tell and who's actually going to do something about it?'

According to the [Casting Directors' Guild Code of Conduct](#), it is the duty of casting directors to provide all essential information about the audition. This includes the time, venue, sections to prepare if specified and the people who will be attending. Agents should also enquire about the access needs of performers.

Abbie hopes her video will resonate with fellow actors and start a conversation about the dangers they face.

'In terms of staying safe, just knowing what types of things are dodgy is important, so if someone says there's a casting in a hotel or if the address doesn't look right, even if it's just the name of a road, I think those are things you have to be aware of.'

Fixers works with young people aged 16-25 across the UK by providing them with professional resources to help them campaign on issues they feel strongly about.

The charity has helped more than 23,600 youngsters across the UK to have a voice in their community on issues such as cyber-bullying, self-harm, suicide or transphobia.

For more information or to make a donation to fund more Fixer projects, visit [www.fixers.org.uk](http://www.fixers.org.uk)

**Picture attached: Abbie Samuel**

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### **Notes to editors**

#### **About Fixers:**

- Since 2008 more than 23,600 young people have become Fixers and created over 2,400 projects. With a £7.2 million grant from the Big Lottery Fund, Fixers extended from England into Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland as well in 2013.
- There are lots more stories about young people doing great things on the Fixers website, Twitter and Facebook pages:  
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