

Cherish Shirley

Writer

Biography

Cherish Shirley is a screenwriter and producer whose star is rapidly on the rise. She is currently working with Sid Gentle Films as the lead writer on the TV adaptation of TAKING UP SPACE: THE BLACK GIRL'S MANIFESTO FOR CHANGE which is in development with a UK broadcaster. Cherish recently took part in the writers' room for Dolly Alderton's EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT LOVE, as well as Afua Hirsh's BRIT(ISH) and a story conference for Netflix. As a creator, Cherish's original coming-of-age drama series BUTTERFLIES is in development with Clerkenwell Films, and she is also developing projects with Mermade and Sugar Films. Additional credits include setting up and joining the writers' room for Netflix's TURN UP CHARLIE produced by Idris Elba's company, and working as a writer's assistant and storyliner on the hit ITV sitcom VICIOUS starring Sir Ian McKellan and Sir Derek Jacobi. Cherish has worked in scripted development at Big Talk and Film4. She has a BA in English Language and Literature from Oxford University and a PG Certificate with Distinction in Creative Media Leadership

Film & Television

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| 2026 | Boarders S3
Episodic Writer (Episode 2) & Co-Ep
Studio Lambert / BBC |
| 2023 | Truelove
Episodic Writer (Episode 4)
Original Drama Series created by Charlie Covell and Iain Wetherby
Clerkenwell/Channel 4 |
| 2023 | Jane Austen Film4/Brightstar Project
<i>In Development</i>
(Writer) Feature Adaptation
Brightstar/Film4 |
| 2023 | Butterflies
<i>In Development</i>
(Writer) Original Feature
Clerkenwell Films /Film4 |
| 2023 | Untitled
<i>In Development</i>
(Writer) Original Drama Treatment
RAW/Sky |
| 2022 | Untitled Working Title Tv Project
<i>In Development</i>
(Writer) Original Drama Series
Working Title |

- 2021 **BAME**
In Development
(Writer) Original Comedy Drama Series
Mermade
- 2020-21 **Taking Up Space: The Black Girl's Manifesto For Change**
In Development
(Lead Writer) TV Adaptation of *Taking Up Space: The Black Girl's Manifesto For Change*
Sid Gentle Films (in development with a UK broadcaster)
- 2020-21 **Effed Up**
In Development
(Writer) Original Comedy Drama Series
Sugar Films
- 2021 **Everything I Know About Love**
Episodic Writer (Co-writer Episode 6) and Writers' Room
TV Adaptation of Dolly Alderton's *Everything I Know About Love*
Working Title
- 2020 **Brit(Ish)**
Writers' Room & Treatment Commission
TV Adaptation of Afua Hirsch's *Brit(ish)*
- 2020 **Untitled Sci-Fi Series**
Story Conference
Netflix
- 2019 **Turn Up Charlie**
Writers' Room
Green Door Pictures for Netflix
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