

## Hypixel Studios launches relocation initiative with support from Northern Ireland Screen

**April 13 2021** -- Hypixel Studios is announcing the launch of a set of relocation packages aimed at supporting international candidates - including former residents of Northern Ireland seeking to move back to the country in order to continue their careers in the games industry.

This initiative has been supported by Northern Ireland Screen to help further its mission to position Northern Ireland as a great place to make games.

The international relocation package will provide assistance and financial support to candidates relocating to Derry~Londonderry for a role in Hypixel Studios' headquarters, located in the city centre. Two further packages - titled "Mon' Home" and "Mon' Up" - provide additional support to former NI residents and residents of Ireland who are looking to relocate.

The relocation package covers all costs for any required work permits or visas, as well as support of up to £8,000 to cover relocation costs including transit for partners and dependents, airport pickup, and accommodation for up to six weeks. Hypixel Studios will provide home search assistance and help with National Insurance, banking and health care registration.

The optional "Mon' Home" is aimed at ex-NI residents living internationally, and provides a £3,000 signing-on bonus in addition to the support provided by the international relocation package. "Mon' Up" is aimed at residents of Ireland relocating to Derry~Londonderry and provides a £1,500 signing-on bonus in addition to the support provided by the international relocation package.

Sean McCafferty, Chief Operating Officer of Hypixel Studios said:

"All too often, local developers find themselves moving abroad to find opportunities in games. Opening our office in Derry~Londonderry lets us offer an alternative to emigration, and this relocation package is intended to provide Northern Irish developers abroad with a chance to move home."

Richard Williams, Chief Executive of Northern Ireland Screen said:

"The video games industry is going through an exciting period of growth and development. The number of gamers across the world is expected to surpass 3Bn by 2023, with that in mind there has never been a better time to support a company like Hypixel. Together we can try to reverse the brain-drain and lure our talented expats back to Northern Ireland. These packages will allow them to live and work at home while still accessing the opportunities the global games industry offers."

## **About Hypixel Studios**

Founded in 2018, Hypixel Studios is a team of more than 70 developers. Hytale is the studio's first project. The company's goal is to apply years of collective experience in the modding and minigame server scenes to independent game development, providing community-oriented games that meet the needs of players and content creators alike.

## **About Hytale**

Embark on a journey of adventure and creativity! Hytale combines the scope of a sandbox with the depth of a roleplaying game, immersing players in a procedurally generated world where teetering towers and deep dungeons promise rich rewards. Designed with creative players in mind, Hytale's engine supports everything from block-by-block castle construction to scripting and customization delivered using easy to use and powerful tools.

## **Hytale features:**

- An open-world adventure mode featuring combat, crafting and construction for both solo players and groups.
- A wide variety of online minigames including the power for players to create and share their own.
- An accessible suite of tools that spans block-based construction, in-game scripting and moviemaking, and the Hytale Model Maker - a fully collaborative modeling and animation toolkit.

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