The future is ours to see: Shaping our future together!

Students Short Film Competition 2020

this human world – International Human Rights Film Festival 2020

Project description

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The annual Film Festival on Human Rights this human world will hold the Short Film Competition on Human Rights 2020 under the auspices of the United Nations Information Service (UNIS) Vienna and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Austria in cooperation with schools in Austria, Hungary, Slovakia and Slovenia.

Students from 10 to 20 years old are invited, as a class or individually, to develop short films inspired by the articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This year the festival would like to join the world’s biggest conversation on the future of our planet, launched by the United Nations in 2020 to mark its 75th anniversary (UN 75). Hence, the theme of this year’s competition is “Shaping our future together”.

In a world of dramatic changes and complex challenges, from global forced displacement to the climate crisis to the unknown course of technology, we need collective action more than ever before. We face risks from growing inequalities, long-running conflicts and new forms of violence. Managing these trends will require cooperation across borders, sectors and generations. So will achieving the shared vision for a safer, fairer and more sustainable world.

The following questions can serve as a starting point:

1. What kind of future do we want to create?
2. Are we on track to achieve the future we want to see?
3. What action is needed to bridge the gap between the world we face now and the future we want to create?
4. How can we jointly address global displacement and avoid people being forced to flee due to conflict or climate change?

The aim of this competition is to bring human rights and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with its 30
articles closer to young people, giving students an opportunity for critical reflection on these issues and offering a platform for young committed filmmakers to present their work.

The film submissions will be reviewed by a prominent international jury. The short film which is awarded the Jury prize, is endowed with a cash prize and will be shown in the framework of a movie night within the international film festival this human world, which will take place from the 3rd until 13th of December 2020 in Vienna. After the numerous and qualitatively outstanding submissions of the last ten years, we are looking forward to inspiring and exciting contributions from individual students or group works from school classes again in 2020. The competition will be internationally advertised by the UN partner organizations and announced among local educational institutions in Austria, Hungary, Slovakia and Slovenia.

Framework conditions for the competition:

The competition is open to children and teenagers between the ages of 10 to 20. The film entries can be submitted by students individually or as school class. The maximum length of the short films should be 3 minutes. The film entries can be produced and edited using any means provided by the schools and/or available to the students. From professional video camera to phone camera everything is welcome and every genre is allowed.

The Registration for the competition should be send via Email to schulfilmprojekt@thishumanworld.com by the 21 June 2020.

Registration should include:

* Name and address of the school,
* Name and contact details of the person of contact in the school (Teacher),
* Age and number of the participating students
* The students and legal guardians of minors, by the submission of film entries by their daughter/son, agree that photo and video material of the award ceremony (photos of the winners/interviews with participants) can be published in media and on websites of the issuing institutions (UNIS, UNHCR, THIS HUMAN WORLD), as well as in social networks.

The deadline to submit the film entries for the competition is 6 November 2020.

Submission via email to: schulfilmprojekt@thishumanworld.com

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