

the future is ours to see

Youth and student short film competition 2025

Project description:

The international film festival this human world (thw) is organizing a short film competition for young people and students in 2025 under the joint patronage of the City of Vienna's Department of Cultural Affairs (MA 7) and the Federal Ministry of Housing, Arts, Culture, Media and Sport (BMWKMS). The competition will be announced to schools nationally and internationally as well as via social media. Forwarding to educational institutions in Austria and abroad as well as on social media is encouraged. Anyone who fulfills the requirements (see "General conditions of the competition" below) and is reached by this call for entries may submit an entry.

The many conflicts of recent years clearly show that cooperation, solidarity and cooperation across borders, sectors and generations are needed to meet the challenges of our time.

We therefore invite young people and pupils aged 10-25 to make short films on the following topic, either as a class or individually:

MOVE TO CONNECT – MOVEMENT AS A PRACTICE OF UNDERSTANDING

forget countries, borders, languages, colours... we got souls



Dance, sport, body language, performance, protest... movement as a practice of communication and expression can take many different forms. In a world full of different perspectives, how can these (or similar) forms of movement encourage and promote “wordless” interpersonal relationships?

We invite you to explore how movement can act as a form of communication as part of a short film project. Show us how movement becomes a dialog. What experiences, questions or stories do you bring with you? How can movement bring people into resonance beyond language, origin or reality of life?

Let your bodies speak. Let movement become a common language.

General conditions of the competition:

- Students and young people between the ages of 10 and 25 are invited.
- The focus is on a contemporary and sensitive approach - free of clichés, critical of discrimination and free of colonial images.
- Your film should be between 1 and 6 minutes long.
- Solo or group work is possible.
- All filmic means are permitted: documentary, performative, experimental, narrative or hybrid.
- The films can be produced using the resources available to the schools and/or students. From professional video cameras to handycams, everything is welcome and every genre is permitted.
- Please take care not to infringe any copyrights (e.g. by using music – here, for example, license-free pieces or your own compositions can be used)!
- **Registration** is possible until **September 22, 2025** at the latest by e-mail to schulfilmprojekt@thishumanworld.com
- **Closing date: October 24, 2025**

The aim of this competition is to motivate young people to deal with questions of international and intercultural communication, with questions about the commonality of human existence while respecting cultural differences and overcoming prejudices. At the same time, the fun and joy of artistic creation should not be neglected and may also be in the foreground. The work may also inspire the young people to engage with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. “The future is ours to see” offers young filmmakers a platform to present their work.

The works will be reviewed by a jury. The short films that receive jury prizes will be screened and awarded prizes at the ***this human world international film festival* in a Viennese cinema between December 5 and 10.**

Please be sure to mention this in your registration (until September 22, 2025):

- * Name and address (also of the school if applicable)
- * Name and contact details of the contact person (teacher, legal guardian, if applicable)
- * Age and number of young people taking part
- * By submitting the work (of their daughter/son), the students and legal guardians of underage participants agree that the visual material produced at the award ceremony (photos of the winners/interviews with participants) may be published in the media, on the websites of the awarding institutions (BMW KMS, City of Vienna, this human world) and in social networks.
- * **Correspondence and registrations in German or English please!**

Submissions can be made via filmfreeway.com (register → add project (please specify format) → upload film → search festival (this human world) → click on “Submit now” → category: Youth and student short film competition → Add to Cart (submission is free of charge)).

We look forward to your submissions!

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