

## The future is ours to see

### What do human rights mean for you and your/our future?

Students Short Film Competition 2024

this human world – International Human Rights Film Festival 2024

#### Project description

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The International Film Festival on Human Rights *this human world* (thw) will hold the **Short Film Competition on Human Rights 2024** under the auspices of the United Nations Information Service (UNIS) Vienna, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Austria and the Chief Executive Office of the City of Vienna for European and International Affairs in cooperation with schools in Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and Türkiye. Those who receive this invitation are welcome to forward it to educational institutions in other countries so as many students as possible can submit entries.

Many rights seem taken for granted by us today, yet at the same time we are confronted with new challenges, inequalities and war. The multitude of conflicts in recent years has shown that cooperation which exceeds borders, sectors, and generations is needed to face them. The link to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights can be found [HERE](#).

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.

**The theme of this year's competition is:**

### **Peace – Respect – Nonviolent Communication** **What do they mean for you and your/our future?**



- **Peace** is not only the absence of conflict, war and persecution, but also a state of inner balance between humans and nations. How can you, through your films, show that peace is not just a distant dream, but something that you can actively establish and promote?
- **Respect** is the recognition of dignity and rights of every individual, independent of gender, skin colour, religion or social status.
- **Nonviolent Communication** is a way to solve conflicts in a constructive and respectful manner by responding to the needs and feeling of all parties involved.

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 an international jury. The short film which is awarded the Jury prize will be shown in the framework of the international film festival ***this human world***, on 4 December 2024 at Vienna City Hall.

After numerous and qualitatively outstanding submissions in the last 14 years, we are looking forward to inspiring and exciting contributions from individual students or group works from school classes again in 2024. The competition will be internationally advertised by the UN partner organizations and announced among local educational institutions in Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and Türkiye.

Framework conditions for the competition:

**The competition is open to children and teenagers aged 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 three 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.

**Registration for the competition is open until 20 September 2024** via email to [schulfilmprojekt@thishumanworld.com](mailto:schulfilmprojekt@thishumanworld.com)

Registration should include:

- \* Name and address of the school
- \* Name and contact details of the contact person 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, City of Vienna, THIS HUMAN WORLD), as well as in social networks.
- \* **Correspondence and registrations in English or German please!**

**The deadline to submit the film entries for the competition is 23 October 2024.**

Submission via email to: [schulfilmprojekt@thishumanworld.com](mailto:schulfilmprojekt@thishumanworld.com)

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