

Procedure for entry

- The Festival is open to all film makers across the globe, from professionals to students who aspire to exhibit their creative talent.
- Only short films of duration upto 20 minutes are eligible for the competition.
- Films above 20 mins and within 45 minutes can also be submitted, which will fall under non-competitive category and best among them will become eligible for special screening.
- The film can either be a docudrama, documentary or an animated film
- The films sent for competition should have been released within last five years and should have been produced with the own idea of the director.
- The entries should be sent in DVD format (2 copies) along with the filled in Submission Form.
- The films can be in any of the Indian / foreign languages with English subtitle.
- A filmmaker can send in any number of entries.
- The details of awards won by the films and a copy of press releases about the film can be attached with the submission form.
- The director, producer or sponsoring organisation can send in their products. The films must be sent only in DVD format. Kindly ensure that the films you send is without technical errors while playing.
- The original copy of the film need not be sent and received films will not be returned.
- Each film should be sent with the filled in submission form. (Please make photocopies of the form if needed). The brochure and submission form can also be downloaded from the website www.dhan.org/dff Complete the form making sure that the information is accurate and complete.
- Decision of the selection panel is the final.
- The film makers whose productions are selected will be invited to take part in the Festival and Dialogue sessions. The Festival is open for the public.
- No film selected can be withdrawn from the festival after being confirmed

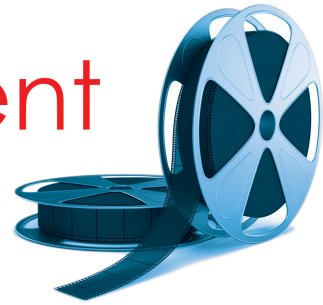
Films and submission forms must reach us by 05th September, 2013

Send Two copies of the films with filled in submission forms to



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9th Development Film Festival



YOUTH *for* CHANGE

11-15 September, 2013

Thamukkam Ground, Madurai



About the Festival

The Development Film Festival is organised by Centre for Development Communication of DHAN Foundation, a development organization based at Madurai, India. This festival provides a creative platform for those who wish to bring a positive change in the world by focusing on development issues and themes through short films. The target audiences for the festivals are professionals in the field, development workers and students. The centre has been organizing film festivals for the past eight years since 2005, each edition focused on a specific development issue. The past festivals had an overwhelming response from filmmakers across the globe. The 9th Development film festival planned during September 11-15, 2013, in Madurai is on the theme "Youth for Change". Read more about the past festivals at www.dhan.org/dff

Ninth Development Film Festival: Youth for Change

O fortunate youth, recognize this great duty. Feel this wonderful privilege. Take up this adventure. I wish you to be great. The world has put its faith in you. Your elders keep their hopes in you. Now youth means to place your firm confidence in yourself and exercise your hopeful determination and resolution and willing good intentions in this beautiful task of self-culture. This will truly bring supreme satisfaction and fulfillment not only to you, but also to all concerned. The shaping of your life is indeed in your own hands. – Swami Vivekananda

The youth today is more urbanized and better educated and constitute the most creative and vibrant segment of the society. They can become a driving force of development, provided their strength is directed in a constructive way. Unfortunately not all youth, get good education and skill development and live in a better environment that facilitates self-growth. Educated youth, can really transform the society. But how far the education today serves the purpose of making a citizen a dignified person is a million dollar question. The world has come under one roof and the technological advancement no doubt has widened the knowledge of today's youth. But this access to knowledge and information is still not within the reach of all youth, especially in the developing countries. The formal education system which can provide 'quality education' is a distant dream for the youth from poor households. The education, knowledge and skills that the youth acquire should transform them into a change agent who can contribute to build a better society. Considering the indispensable role of the youth in building a better world for the present and future, the ninth edition of Development Film Festival focuses on the theme "Youth for Change"

Madurai Symposium 2013 as a Platform

The ninth edition of the Development Festival is organised alongside the Madurai Symposium 2013, which is a unique development platform that attracts over 15000 participants from all over the country. It brings together various stakeholders – people institutions, civil societies, Government, NGOs, banks, donors and academia to share, learn from each other's experiences and practices, and throw opportunities for collaborative endeavors. In addition to this assured audience, the Festival will also be attended by the general public including students from schools and colleges. Read more about the Symposium at www.maduraisymposium.net

Objective of the Festival

- To provide a platform for filmmakers, professionals, students and youths to exhibit their creative skills in film making.
- To recognize the efforts of film makers through selection for screening, special screening and awards
- To create awareness on the issues and possible solutions related to Youth and Education by creating opportunities to view a wide range of films made on the relevant themes
- To involve youth in debate and meaningful action around the issues affecting their development.

What films you can send

The Center is placed to invite filmmakers to take part in the 9th Development Film festival on "Youth for Change" to be held at Madurai, India from September 11-15, 2013. The film makers are invited to showcase their documentaries, short films and animation films made on any of the following themes

- Youth, poverty and development
- Youth and the society
- Issues and challenges to youth
- Youth and Education
- Education and Development
- Youth and health
- Education and Poverty
- Youth for change