



Dear Respected Superior General,

Cordial greetings to you!

I am glad to share with you about our Don Bosco Global Youth Film Festival, an initiative that will benefit all your young people in all your institutions.

Don Bosco Global Youth Film Festival (DBGYFF) is a first of its kind film festival, aimed at uniting, motivating, and promoting the talents of the young people worldwide, and to accompany them in their creative expression of ideas towards the common good. The theme of this festival is “*Moved by Hope*”, and the young people are encouraged to become “ambassadors of hope”. This festival will be an excellent tool to focus on what matters to the young, to educate and empower them positively, offering authentic entertainment and meaningful engagement, and generating enthusiasm and co-responsibility.

DBGYFF provides three submission categories, namely live-action shorts, animated shorts and music videos. Live-action shorts are further divided in 1 minute and 10 minute shorts. The Animated shorts are divided into 1 minute and 5 minute shorts, while the music video can be up to 5 minutes. The DBGYFF Website and Application automates the whole process of submitting the film entries, quality control, first level of Preliminary Jury, the Grand Jury and Award Selection which ensures maximum objectivity, transparency and professionalism. More than 400 film enthusiasts, film makers and experts will be part of the preliminary jury, while the grand jury panel will comprise 15 outstanding experts, comprising the best of the best of the film world and the world of the young.

Attractive awards await the winners. 36 grand awards await the winners and they include: Global bests, Category bests, Young bests, Continental bests and Jury’s choice awards, under the three submission categories, namely live-action shorts, animated shorts and music videos. Awards totaling a sum of 100,00 euros will be given to the winners of this festival.

Some unique features of DBGYFF

- A unique film festival that will connect the youth all over the world
- First time, a festival to be organized concurrently in 134 countries, and in multiple locations in each country.
- Only platform that can be easily and freely accessed by young people.
- Festival organized by the youth, for the youth. The audience and the creators are the youth.
- It is the first technologically driven film festival not limited to geographical boundaries, where filmmakers, jury and widespread audience can unite through the online platform, breaking all barriers.
- One of the first festivals where there is online submission, streamlining of those entries by the Jury from any part of the world, decision of final awards also takes place online.
- The festival provides online streaming, through which the audience from any part of the world can watch the festival live for two days in their own geographical zones, even if they are not able to go to the venue.

Some guidelines that can help you to diffuse information about the festival:

- 1) All the information, resources, posters and videos regarding the festival are readily available on the website <https://www.dbgyff.com/>.

- 2) The school headmasters, principals and heads of the various institutions could speak to the students about the festival, and encourage them to participate and submit entries.
- 3) All your institutions can mark the dates, 18th & 19th November 2021 as the days dedicated to this film festival. Before those days the videos and the guidelines to organize the festival in your venues will be provided.
- 4) This festival can be unique occasion to connect with all our young people, and can be very well proposed to all our other Catholic, Secular institutions irrespective of religion or creed. Please do pass on the required information to them concerning this film festival, so that their students can also participate in this celebration of hope.

I warmly request you, to share this initiative with the members of your congregation, so that it can positively benefit your young people. Your collaboration can make our initiative more meaningful and fruitful.

It is our fervent hope and dream that this film festival will positively unite our young people and guide them to contribute to the common good. Your precious support and kind collaboration will definitely contribute towards the meaningful realization of DBGYFF. Praying for God's blessings upon you and your Congregation.

with warm regards,


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