FACES 2017: African Student Cellphone Film Competition

Students from all countries in Africa are invited to participate in the FACES 2017: African student Cellphone Film Competition. The Competition is part of the 26th African Human Rights Moot Court Competition, due to be held in Mauritius from 18 - 23 September 2017. The winning entries will be screened at the Moot Court Competition.

The closing date for FACES 2017 is 30 June 2017.

The purpose of the Competition is to encourage students from Africa to express themselves and to engage with issues of relevance to Africa, using available cellphone technology, and to enhance the Moot Court experience.

One student from the University of Pretoria, and one student from another university in Africa, will win a trip to screen their video at the Moot Court Competition in Mauritius.

Official Rules

1) Those who make the film must be registered as students at a university or college in Africa during 2017. Group work, especially on an inter-disciplinary basis, is encouraged.

2) Each film must be a maximum of 5 minutes long, and filmed on a smart phone, ideally one supporting HD. It may be edited on a computer or other device, using any software available to you. Please pay particular attention to sound during and after filming to ensure that all dialogue and sound effects are audible.

3) The words FACES 2017: African student Cellphone Film Competition must appear at the start of the film. Crew and crew information (including university or college affiliation) must appear in the end credits.
4) The film must be original and be made specifically for the Competition. You may not submit your film to any other competition or festival.

5) The film must contain the words ‘human’ and ‘rights’ and ‘wrongs’, in any order, in the dialogue, or in written form.

6) The final cut of the film must be uploaded on YouTube or Vimeo. Please use this form to submit your entry: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDiUCfprzyjvhd7Py2s59Kv7xSFGia2KGB3yWvDr15zj6yig/viewform

7) The closing date for submissions is 30 June 2017. No films may be uploaded after this date.

8) The film must be in fictional form. Animation and special effects may be used.

9) The film may be in any language. The use of indigenous African languages is encouraged. Where dialogue is not in English, English subtitles must be provided.

10) Participants who use music must use stock music or create their own if they cannot obtain copyright permission for the music of others.

11) The winners will be selected by an independent panel of experts. The panel of experts will evaluate each film according to its own creative and technical merits. Overall, the winning film will demonstrate not simply technical competence and creative flair, but also show an innovative approach to human rights issues on the African continent.

12) Only the director of the winning film is eligible for the prize. It can however be transferred to one other member of the production team. If the winners are unable to attend the Moot Court Competition in 2017, they will forfeit the prize. Prizes cannot be deferred to the next year or paid out in cash.

13) By submitting an entry, participants indemnify the organisers from any claims related to the material used, for example any music used in the film. Participants also agree to the organisers posting the film or parts of it online and screening it in public.

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