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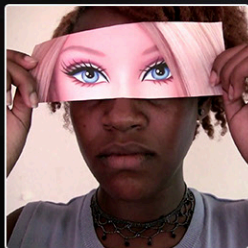
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November 9, 2017 | from 6:30 to 8:30 pm
United Nations Headquarters, New York City

PLURAL+ is a youth video festival on the themes of migration, diversity, social inclusion and the prevention of xenophobia. A joint initiative between the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), with the support of many international partners, PLURAL+ seeks to raise the voices of youth around the globe to address challenges and opportunities in their communities.

Every year, young people are invited to submit short videos addressing PLURAL+ related topics. The international Jury and PLURAL+ Partners select videos among the participating entries, providing them with awards and professional opportunities. Winning videos are distributed through a variety of platforms and networks worldwide.

In 2017, PLURAL+ received 320 video entries from 67 countries. 29 videos have been selected for awards. Award winning videos are from: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Finland, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Spain, South Africa, Syria, Turkey, UK and USA.

For more information, please visit pluralplus.unaoc.org

UNAOC — United Nations Alliance of Civilizations

The **United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)** is a political initiative of the United Nations Secretary-General. Established in 2005, UNAOC is co-sponsored by the Governments of Spain and Turkey. On March 1st, 2013, Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser assumed the leadership of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations as High Representative. Guided by the principles of the U.N. Charter and the priorities of the Secretary-General, UNAOC works towards a more peaceful, more diverse and socially inclusive world, by building mutual respect among peoples of different cultural, ethnic and religious identities.

65 YEARS
IOM-THE UNITED NATIONS MIGRATION AGENCY

Established in 1951, the **International Organization for Migration (IOM)** is the leading intergovernmental organization in the field of migration and is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society. IOM works with its partners in the international community to assist in meeting the growing operational challenges of migration, advance understanding of migration issues, encourage social and economic development through migration and uphold the well-being and human rights of migrants.

PROGRAMME

Tonight's Awards Ceremony will be hosted by
Ahmed M. Badr, *writer, poet, social entrepreneur and former refugee from Iraq*

Opening Remarks by:

H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations

H.E. Mr. William Lacy Swing, Director General of the International Organization for Migration

Presentation and Screening of International Jury Awards and Special Award for Xenophobia:

"Eliminate Hate, Eliminate Borders" (Mexico)
PLURAL+ 2017 International Jury Award (Up to 12) and PLURAL+ 2017 CHINH India Award

"Aibek" (Kazakhstan)
PLURAL+ 2017 International Jury Award (13-17)

"Child of All Nations" (Indonesia)
PLURAL+ 2017 International Jury Award (18-25)

"The True Impact" (Nepal)
PLURAL+ Award for the Prevention of Xenophobia

Keynote speech by Ms. Alison Smale, UN Undersecretary-General for Global Communications

Presentation and Screening of PLURAL+ Special Awards

"Twighead" (Philippines)
PLURAL+ 2017 TOGETHER Award, PLURAL+ 2017 IOM Migration Research & Training Centre Award,
and PLURAL+ 2017 Peacemaker Corps Award

"We Are Enough" (Poland)
PLURAL+ 2017 UN Video Award and PLURAL+ 2017 Nexos Award

Video message by Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, UN Envoy on Youth

Presentation and Screening of PLURAL+ Partner Awards

"Hope" (Syria)
PLURAL+ 2017 The Future is Feminist Award, PLURAL+ 2017 UFPFF Award,
and PLURAL+ 2017 Reza Visual Academy Award

"Flowers to the Sea" (Brazil)
PLURAL+ 2017 AFS Intercultural Award, and PLURAL+ 2017 Television America Latina Award

"Peace Bombs" (Spain)
PLURAL+ 2017 Reza Visual Academy Award

"See Actions, Not Colors" (Portugal)
PLURAL+ 2017 DANUBE Award

"Xenophobia" (Mexico)
PLURAL+ 2017 Reza Visual Academy Award

"When Words Fail" (USA)
PLURAL+ 2017 Peacemaker Corps Award

"Skins" (Spain)
PLURAL+ 2017 WADADA News for Kids Youth Prize

"Can You See the Future?" (Turkey)
PLURAL+ 2017 Paley Center for Media Award, PLURAL+ 2017 Children's Film Festival Seattle Award,
PLURAL+ 2017 SIGNIS Award, PLURAL+ 2017 BALKANS Award, and PLURAL+ 2017 COPEAM Award

"We are Human" (South Africa)
PLURAL+ 2017 I am a Migrant Award

Closing Remarks by:

Rahma Soliman, IOM Migration Officer (Media and Communications)

Jordi Torrent, UNAOC Project Manager for Media Literacy Education

FEATURED AWARD-WINNING VIDEOS

Eliminate Hate, Eliminate Borders

Age Category up to 12 | Mexico

By Adrian Vega and 5th Grade Class of Instituto Pedagógico para Problemas del Lenguaje I.A.P., Mexico City

- **PLURAL+ 2017 International Jury Award**
- **PLURAL+ 2017 CHINH India Award**

This video encourages countries to build bridges, not walls. Many problems can be solved and people from both countries – Mexico and the US – can learn from each other.

Aibek

Age Category 13-17 | Kazakhstan

By Aisha Salimgereyeva, Aldan Baimakhano, Alihan Smagulov, and Aray Altayeva

- **PLURAL+ 2017 International Jury Award**

Aibek struggles to come to terms with his sexual identity in a challenging society.

Child of All Nations

Age Category 18-25 | Indonesia

By Hariz Ghifari, Ashari Ariya, Hari Songko, Shiela M. Larasati, and Achmad Farizi

- **PLURAL+ 2017 International Jury Award**

A West Papuan teenager moves to Yogyakarta, a metropolitan Indonesian city, and faces bitter discrimination and exclusion. This forces him to reassess his identity as to what it means to be a West Papuan, an Indonesian and a citizen of the world.

The True Impact

Age Category 18-25 | Nepal

By Babar Ali and Sarah Randolph

- **PLURAL+ 2017 Award for the Prevention of Xenophobia**

This video invites the viewer to reflect on the fundamental impact that violence has on individuals and on humanity as a whole.

Twighead

Age Category up to 12 | Philippines

By Precious Mika Elnah Quilaton, Ace John Quintos, Reuben Perez, and Lohan Povenyca Parcon / Produced by Alexandrite Pictures

- **PLURAL+ 2017 TOGETHER Award**
- **PLURAL+ 2017 IOM Migration Research and Training Centre Award**
- **PLURAL+ 2017 Peacemaker Corps Award**

An elf finds refuge in a town far away from her war-ravaged home. She tries to integrate but her peculiar looks bring additional struggle and tragedy.

We Are Enough

Age Category 13-17 | Poland

By Michalina Brzuska, Sara Gaździak and Karolina Stróżyk. Produced by Zenadix Studio

- **PLURAL+ 2017 UN Video Award**
- **PLURAL+ 2017 NEXOS Award**

A series of short stories celebrating differences of race, religion, and sexuality, while bringing to the fore one's own individuality.

FEATURED AWARD-WINNING VIDEOS

Hope

Age Category 18-25 | Syria

By Mohamad Salih Hasnawi and Youssef Olaby

• **PLURAL+ 2017 United For Peace Film Festival Award**
• **PLURAL+ 2017 The Future is Feminist Award**
• **PLURAL+ 2017 Reza Visual Academy Awards**

Through the eyes of Amal, a small Syrian girl, the film summarizes some of the many aspects of the daily horrors Syrian children are going through.

Peace Bombs

Age Category up to 12 | Spain

Lucas Ruiz Orellana, Inés Labrador Candón, Cristina Labrador Candón, and Anna Casal Durán

• **PLURAL+ 2017 Reza Visual Academy Award**

This is the story of a group of children who decide to stop being passive observers sitting in their comfortable homes and watching the news about the war in Syria. Instead, they plot a magic plan to bring peace to the country.

Xenophobia

Age Category 13-17 | Mexico

By Carol Baur School; Cynthia Polo Quiroz, Fernando Mendoza Quezada, Natalia Luna Elizondo, Diego Kareem Marín Barrera, María José Cepeda Lisci, Emilio Caudillo Gispert, José Manuel Cuevas Arámbula, and Alejandro Taber Boyer

• **PLURAL+ 2017 Reza Visual Academy Awards**

The video describes several experiences and views of foreigners living, visiting or passing through Mexico, exploring the way they are perceived by Mexicans.

Can You See the Future?

Age Category 18-25 | Turkey

By Ismet Kale

• **PLURAL+ 2017 Paley Center for Media Award**
• **PLURAL+ 2017 Children's Film Festival Seattle Award**
• **PLURAL+ 2017 SIGNIS Award**
• **PLURAL+ 2017 BALKANS Award**
• **PLURAL+ 2017 COPEAM Award**

Child refugees from Syria dream of what they want to be when they grow up.

Flowers to the Sea

Age Category 18-25 | Brazil

By Bruno Tarpani

• **PLURAL+ 2017 AFS Intercultural Award**
• **PLURAL+ 2017 Television America Latina Award**

After volunteering with refugees in Lesbos, Greece, a young Brazilian girl decides, with her mother's support, to create an initiative to raise funds for refugees.

See Actions, Not Colors

Age Category 18-25 | Portugal

By Joana Maria Sousa, Rita Laranjeira and Joana Vieira

• **PLURAL+ 2017 DANUBE Award**

Shot from the perspective of our four-legged, furry friends, this video reminds us to judge people by their actions, and not by the color of their skin.

When Words Fail

Age Category Up to 12 | USA

Zain Lokhandwalla, Cali Dutta, Audrey Loverro, Mairéad O'Neill, Imogen Roche, Aeden Zinzell, Oscar Henk, Miles Pietsch, and Duncan Occhiogrosso. Produced by Manhattan Youth

• **PLURAL+ 2017 Peacemaker Corps Award**

A young female middle school student struggles with self-image.

Skins

Age Category 13-17 | Spain

By María Muñoz Varo, Gloria Espert, Salvador Moreno, María Torres, Djihad Miziri, Steven Borges, Sonia Pons, Paula Sanchis, Antonio Chulvi

• **PLURAL+ 2017 WADADA News for Kids Youth Prize**

An emotional account from the point of view of a refugee showing how migrants and refugees feel leaving their homes and arriving to a new, unfamiliar country.

We are Human

Age Category 18-25 | South Africa

By Sophie Kanza, Louise Kanza, and Stuart Williams

• **PLURAL+ 2017 I am a Migrant Award**

African Immigrant youth, living in South Africa, recite common Afrophobic slurs and stereotypes associated with their different nationalities. The video ends with a message calling for African unity.

PLURAL+ 2017 INTERNATIONAL JURY

Reza Deghati
Photojournalist, Philantropist
and humanist

**Ana Yamel
Rodriguez-Cuervo**
Filmmaker

Denis Pato
Co-Founder and Director,
Vijana Corps & Acumen 2016 Fellow

Tey Cottingham
Education Advisor at National Film
Board of Canada (NFB)

Rezhiar Fakhir
Human rights activist,
peacebuilder and blogger

Visra Vichit-Vadakan
Filmmaker, co-founder of the Southeast
Asian Fiction Film Lab and Purin Pictures

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- "PLURAL+ 2017 International Jury Award"

The True Impact | Age Category 18-25 | Nepal
Babar Ali, Sarah Randolph, Mahesh Kushwaha, Jomana Madieh
- "PLURAL+ Award for the Prevention of Xenophobia"

Can you see the future? | Age Category 18-25 | Turkey
By Ismet Kale, Serdal Altun, Ali Ozgur Guner
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- "PLURAL+ 2017 Paley Center for Media Award"
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- "PLURAL+ 2017 SIGNIS Award"
- "PLURAL+ BALKANS 2017 Award"
- "PLURAL+ 2017 COPEAM Award"

Hope | Age Category 18-25 | Syria
Mohamad Salih Hasnawi, Youssef Olaby
- "PLURAL+ 2017 The Future is Feminist Award"
- "PLURAL+ 2017 UFPFF Award"
- "PLURAL+ 2017 Reza Visual Academy Awards"

Migration vs Tourism | Age Category 13-17 | India
By Salil Gokhale
- "PLURAL+ 2017 IOM Migration Research & Training Centre Award"
- "PLURAL+ 2017 SIMN Award"
- "PLURAL+ 2017 Balobeshayi Award"

Twighead | Age Category up to 12 | Philippines
By Precious Mika Elnah Quilaton, Ace John Quintos, Reuben Perez, Lohan Povenyca Parcon
Produced by Alexandrite Pictures
- "PLURAL+ 2017 Together Award"
- "PLURAL+ 2017 IOM Migration Research & Training Centre Award"
- "PLURAL+ 2017 Peacemaker Corps Award"

Flowers to the Sea | Age Category 18-25 | Brazil
By Bruno Tarpani
- "PLURAL+ 2017 AFS Intercultural Award"
- "PLURAL+ 2017 Television America Latina Award"

Refugee | Age Category 18-25 | Turkey
Ramazan Kilic, Usame Skizkardes, Humeyra Husmen
- "PLURAL+ 2017 The Future is Feminist Award"
- "PLURAL+ UN Video Award against Xenophobia"

Shipu | Age Category 18-25 | Canada
By Shanice Mollen-Picard and Uapukun Mestokosho Mckenzie
Produced by Wapikoni Mobile
- "PLURAL+ 2017 Paley Center for Media Award"
- "PLURAL+ 2017 Tribeca Award"

We are Enough | Age Category 13-17 | Poland
By Michalina Brzuska, Sara Gaździak & Karolina Stróżyk
Produced by Zenadix Studio
- "PLURAL+ UN Video Award"
- "PLURAL+ 2017 Nexos Award"

Acceptance | Age Category 13-17 | New Zealand
By Quinn Dacre
- "PLURAL+ 2017 Balobeshayi Award"

Afghan but Sikh | Age Category 18-25 | Afghanistan
Naseer Ahmad Tabish, Bushra Habibullah, Samehullah Salehzada, Shabeer Ahmad, Nadeem Ahmadi
- "PLURAL+ 2017 Honorary Award"

Be a Champion for Social Inclusion | Age Category 13-17 | UK
By Gabriel Brown
- "PLURAL+ 2017 FERA LUCERO Award"

Chik Pik and Tip Tip| Age Category 18-25 | India
Shruti Rai (director and writer); Achint Bhatnagar (animation director and editor)
- "PLURAL+ 2017 CHINH India Award"

I am Limitless | Age Category 18-25 | Jordan
By Lina Abojaradeh
- "PLURAL+ 2017 Barcelona Forum Award" (Fundacio Forum Universal de les Cultures)

It's not me, It's You| Age Category 13-17 | Canada
Zavia Forrest and Whitney French
producer: Reel Youth and Ella Cooper Creative
- "PLURAL+ 2017 CHINH India Award"

My Story | Age Category 18-25 | Pakistan
By Moiz Khan, Breech Asher Harani, Hasnain Khan
- "PLURAL+ 2017 Balobeshayi Award"

Peace Bombs | Age Category up to 12 | Spain
Lucas Ruiz Orellana, Inés Labrador Candón, Cristina Labrador Candón, Anna Casal Durán
- "PLURAL+ 2017 Reza Visual Academy Awards"

Prototype of a Perfect Girl | Age Category 13-17 | Spain
By Quique Ferrando Climent, Paula Royo del Moral, Lucía Giménez Giménez, Núria Gómez Vernet, Irene Martos Minguet
- "PLURAL+ 2017 CDI Award"

Reflections | Age Category 18-25 | Finland
By Saara Miira Kokkonen & Heta Laiho
- "PLURAL+ GLOBAL Kids for Kids Award 2017" (Media Education Centre, Belgrade)

See actions, Not Colors | Age Category 18-25 | Portugal
Joana Vieira, Joana Maria Sousa, Rita Laranjeira
- "PLURAL+ DANUBE 2017 Award"

Skins | Age Category 13-17 | Spain
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- "PLURAL+ 2017 WADADA News for Kids Youth Prize"

Stop | Age Category Up to 12 | Spain
Judith Morales, Yousef Rabouz, Tom Ybarguengoitia, Julia Gavin, Victoria Collazos, Martín Sanz, Daneli Gaurilov, Abril Perez
- "PLURAL+ 2017 Peacemaker Corps Award"

To the Children of Palestine | Age Category 13-17 | Bangladesh
Chowdhury Mohammad Sayedul Abrar, Samar Marwan, Salman Sakib Shahryar, Shahed Ahmed Rafi
- "PLURAL+ 2017 Honorary Award"

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