PLURAL+

YOUTH VIDEO FESTIVAL ON MIGRATION
CELEBRATING DIVERSITY & SOCIAL INCLUSION

2017 AWARDS CEREMONY

9 November 2017, United Nations HQ New York
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.

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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 Nexus 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
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 Gazdziak and Karolina Strózyk. 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

[Image] 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.

[Image] 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.

[Image] 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.

[Image] 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.

[Image] When Words Fail
Age Category Up to 12 | USA
Zain Lokhandwalla, Cali Dutta, Audrey Loverro, Mairead 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.

[Image] Skins
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.
Reza Deghati
Photojournalist, Philanthropist 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

PLURAL+2017 Pre-Selection Committee
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**PLURAL+ 2017 AWARD-WINNING VIDEOS**

**Eliminate Hate, Eliminate Borders | Age Category up to 12 | Mexico**
By Adrian Vega and 5th Grade Class of Instituto Pedagógico para
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and Achmad Farizzi
- “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, Serdem Altun, Ali Ozgur Guner
Bahcesehir University/Fatads Adiloglu
- “PLURAL+: 2017 Paley Center for Media Award”
- “PLURAL+: 2017 Paley Children’s Film Festival Seattle Award”
- “PLURAL+: 2017 SIGNIS Award”
- “PLURAL+: BALKANS 2017 Award”
- “PLURAL+: 2017 COPEAM Award”

**Hope | Age Category 18-25 | Syria**
Mohamad Salih Hasnawi, Youssef Olaby
By Saleh Gokhaled
- “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”

**Twisthead | Age Category up to 12 | Philippines**
By Precious Mika Elnah Quilaton, Ace John Quintos, Reuben Perez,
Lohan Povenyca Parcon
Produced by Alexandre 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 Tarpiani
- “PLURAL+: 2017 AFS Intercultural Award”
- “PLURAL+: 2017 Television America Latina Award”

**Refugee | Age Category 18-25 | Turkey**
Ramazan Kılıç, 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-Picken and Uapukun Mestokosh 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 Nexo 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 Ahmad
- “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)

**Stop | Age Category Up to 12 | Spain**
By Maria Muñoz Varo, Gloria Espert, Salvador Moreno, Maria Torres, Dijhad Miziri, Steven Borges, Sonia Pons, Paula Sanchis, Antonio Chulvi
- “PLURAL+: 2017 WADADA News for Kids Award 2017” (Media Education Centre, Belgrade)

**Reflections | Age Category 18-25 | Finland**
By Saara Miira Kokkonen & Heta Lahio
- “PLURAL+: GLOBAL Kids for Kids Award”
- “PLURAL+: DANUBE Award”

**Skins | Age Category 13-17 | Spain**
By Maria Collazos, Martín Sanz, Daniela Gaurilov,Abril Perez
- “PLURAL+: 2017 Peacemaker Corps Award”

**The Children of Palestine | Age Category 13-17 | Bangladesh**
Chowdhury Mohammad Sayedul Abar, Samar Marwan, Saliman Sakib Shaharyar, Shahed Ahmed Rafi
- “PLURAL+: 2017 Honorary Award”

**We are Human | Age Category 18-25 | South Africa**
By Sophie Kanza, Louise Kanza, Stuart Williams, Wezi
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- “PLURAL+: 2017 Reza Visual Academy Awards”
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