

How to make a Short Film?

Making a short film is simple. If you have access to a computer, a digital camera or phone with a video recorder, and some kind of editing software, you are ready to go! Ask your friends to be actors in your film or you can be the star, write a simple script and you're a filmmaker! :)

Steps:

1. Read the [guidelines](#)
2. Choose a category (health, animals, our planet) you'd like to enter – you can make more than one film and enter in more than one category if you like. :)
3. Research the selected category – read a bit about the topic and decide which aspect you would like focus on. You can start at [our website](#).
4. If you are working with a team, brainstorm ideas for your film. Write down a few key message(s) you would like to get across with your film.
5. Script writing time! Keep it simple and try to stay on topic. Make sure you include your key message(s)
6. Plan. Decide on the filming location, what you need for the scene(s) and choose confident presenter/presenters.
7. Edit the film. You don't need to use an expensive program - a free program can make stunning films.
8. Credits: include the name of the actors, scriptwriters, the photos/videos/music /websites you used in your Film.
9. Upload your film(s) to Vimeo - let us know if you need help, and we will send you step by step instructions

Tips:

- ✓ [View previous year's entries](#), see how others did it.
- ✓ Incorporate some props, such as painted signs, masks or costumes, or add background music or special effects.

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- ✓ If you can, shoot outdoors or in a room with lots of natural light.
- ✓ Try to minimise the noise around you (eg wind, traffic noise), make sure the actor(s) are speaking loudly and clearly (particularly when filming outdoors).
- ✓ When filming either try holding the camera steady, ideally with your arm resting on something solid, or place your camera on a flat surface to avoid camera shake.
- ✓ You can add humour to the film if it fits your message.
- ✓ Practice it a few times before you start filming and time it – if it is too long, think of ways to shorten it or shorten during the editing process.