



Press Release

Doha Film Institute Seeks Over 500 Volunteers for Third Edition of Ajyal Youth Film Festival

Doha, Qatar; October 18, 2015: As the countdown to the third edition of the Ajyal Youth Film Festival begins, Doha Film Institute is seeking over 500 volunteers to get involved and contribute to the smooth running of the event that will welcome thousands of Doha cinema lovers along with regional and international film industry guests.

During the week-long event, from 29 November to 5 December, volunteers will be on hand to support different Festival events and venues located within the Cultural Village Foundation - Katara, and help with all aspects of the Festival's operations. Over 400 volunteers lent their support to Ajyal 2014 working with a variety of Festival departments including theatre operations, the Ajyal Jury, red carpet assistance, transportation, marketing, guest registration, accreditation, guest relations, hospitality, and the industry department, among others.

Volunteers will be exposed to the inner workings of a major cultural event, interact with Festival guests and jurors of many nationalities, gain industry experience, and receive a participation certificate to demonstrate their involvement. Interested candidates aged 18 and above can register on the Doha Film Institute website from 14th October at www.dohafilminstitute.com/filmfestival/volunteer

Fatma Al Remaili CEO of Doha Film Institute said: "In the previous two years, our volunteers have played a leading role in the success of the Ajyal Youth Film Festival. This event provides community members with a unique opportunity to make new friends, interact with film industry experts and gain rich insights into the functioning of an international cultural event. We have been fortunate to have such an enthusiastic team of volunteers who have contributed every step of the way, and we once again welcome their involvement for our next edition."

The third edition of the Festival will present daily public screenings of local and international films; special events and exhibitions; the Sandbox, an interactive digital playground; school screenings; Family Weekend; and the Ajyal Competition, comprised of hundreds of young jurors between the ages of 8 and 21 who watch and discuss shorts and features, and decide on Ajyal's winning films.

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collaborative environment where young people can express themselves. Driven with the goal to inspire and create, Ajyal has been designed to empower the region's youth and to inspire film enthusiasts of all ages in Qatar and the region.

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The third annual Ajyal Youth Film Festival is being held from November 29 held until December 5 at Katara Cultural Village. The programme consists of daily public screenings of local and international films; family days; special events and exhibitions; the Sandbox interactive digital playground; school screenings; and the Ajyal Competition.

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About Doha Film Institute:

Doha Film Institute is an independent, not-for-profit cultural organisation. It supports the growth of the local film community through cultivating film appreciation, enhancing industry knowledge and contributing to the development of sustainable creative industries in Qatar. The Institute's platforms include funding and production of local, regional and international films; skills sharing and mentorship programmes; film screenings; the Ajyal Youth Film Festival; and Qumra, the Institute's international film industry forum. With culture, community, learning and entertainment at its foundation, the Institute is committed to supporting Qatar's 2030 vision for the development of a knowledge-based economy.

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