



Volunteer positions up for grabs at the Fourth Ajyal Youth Film Festival

Annual cultural event presented by the Doha Film Institute invites 400 volunteers to gain valuable experience in a creative environment

Doha, Qatar; October 15, 2016: The Ajyal Youth Film Festival has called for 400 volunteers to be involved and contribute to the fourth edition of the annual community event, presented by the Doha Film Institute. The Festival, taking place this year from November 30 to December 5, 2016, will provide volunteers an opportunity to go behind the scenes of the cultural event designed to inform and entertain all members of the community.

In addition to opening doors to the excitement associated with the Festival that welcomes guests from around the world, the volunteering opportunity enables participants to learn the diverse operations associated with hosting Qatar's highlight cultural event and gain valuable professional experience. All volunteers will receive a participation certificate. Candidates aged 18 and above can register their interest for volunteering at Doha Film Institute's website, www.dohafilminstitute.com/filmfestival/volunteer from October 10 till positions are filled.

Every year a similar number of people in Qatar volunteer their time and efforts for the festival in a strong demonstration of community spirit. They will have the opportunity to work across key Festival departments including theatre operations, the Ajyal Jury, red carpet management, transportation, marketing, guest registration and accreditation, guest relations and hospitality department, among others.

Fatma Al Remaihi, Festival Director and CEO of the Doha Film Institute, said: "The enthusiastic and committed efforts of our volunteers have played a significant role in the success of the past three editions of the festival. Working on various aspects, they ensured the seamless conduct of the festival, and are indeed our true heroes. Their self-less service is a strong demonstration of the community spirit that Ajyal fosters. We are looking forward to the participation of an enthusiastic team of volunteers this year again to put together one of the most magical events on the city's social calendar."

Volunteers will support Festival events to be held in Katara Cultural Village, and other Ajyal-related activities across other venues, and will serve as ambassadors of the Festival and Doha. They will gain hands-on experience on the working of an international event, interact with Festival guests and jurors, and gain industry experience at the Festival, designed to empower the region's youth and to inspire film enthusiasts of all ages in Qatar and the region.

The six-day Ajyal Youth Film Festival brings generations together ('ajyal' is Arabic for 'generations') through activities and events designed to inspire creative interaction among the various sectors of the community. A highlight is the Ajyal Competition with film entries in three



segments evaluated by young jurors aged 8 to 21 years. The Festival presents daily public screenings, special presentations, Cinema Under the Stars, school screenings and Family Weekend activities.

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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. 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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