

# SAVE THE DATE

The current corona pandemic has exacerbated and highlighted social inequalities, the consequences of climate change and human rights issues. In light of these developments and in spite of all the challenges, we have decided to let the Human Rights Film Festival Berlin 2020 take place as a hybrid on- and offline event.

With our selection of films, we will once again draw attention to stories from all over the world that deal with fundamental questions of democracy, justice, freedom, environment, war and conflict. The festival by Action against Hunger will once again be organized in cooperation with Save the Children and NRC Germany. With an own selection of movies, the three organizing NGOs will set own focus areas: humanitarian assistance, children's rights and stories of displacement. For the first time, the festival will be accompanied by a Human Rights Film Forum, which offers a discussion platform for various actors on topics related to empowerment, populism and fake news, the climate crisis and the Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations.

We would like to invite you to mark the dates of the festival in your calendar and to discuss these pressing issues with us from 30 September to 10 October 2020.



# Human Rights Film Festival Berlin 2020

30 Sep – 10 Oct 2020

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# Programme HRFFB 2020



We hope to welcome you to this year's Human Rights Film Festival Berlin and would be pleased if you would mark the dates in your calendar. Details on registration and accreditation will follow in an official invitation in August.

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## **30 September 2020 - Opening Gala**

Opening speech by former UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, Keynote by Nobel Laureate and Honorary Patron of HRFFB 2020 Nadia Murad as well as introductory remarks by Dr. Bärbel Kofler, Federal Government Commissioner for Human Rights Policy and Humanitarian Aid.

## **01 October – 10 October 2020: Film Programme**

As part of the Human Rights Film Festival Berlin, we are showing 40 documentaries: in the cinema, at our festival centre (Berlin Union-Film / BUFA) and via online-streaming. We will hold Q&A sessions for selected films with the filmmakers and / or experts.

## **10 October 2020 - Award ceremony and closing gala**

An international jury awards the Willy Brandt Documentary Film Prize for Freedom and Human Rights to a film for its outstanding artistic and conceptual achievement.

## **HUMAN RIGHTS FILM FORUM**

### **01 October 2020: Storytelling as Empowerment**

In cooperation with the Art Works Project (Chicago), a symposium on storytelling as empowerment for survivors of (conflict-based) sexualised and gender-based violence will take place.

Stories can be an effective tool to highlight injustice, combat stigmatisation and encourage others. This makes it even more important for storytellers to think about how to support survivors in telling their stories.

### **02 October 2020: Storytelling as Resistance**

The second symposium will focus on how storytelling can be used as resistance to populism and fake news.

We will explore how disinformation works with technical means, how secret troll factories work and what role large data companies play. Together we will analyse the influence that agitation or the dissemination of fake news have on our political perception.

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### **05 October 2020 – SDG Conference**

The interdisciplinary conference „10 years to reach the Sustainable Development Goals“ will focus on the following questions: What has been achieved in the first five years since the adoption of Agenda 2030? What challenges remain? Which innovative approaches can be used to achieve the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the future?

Together with representatives from politics, business and academia, civil society, media and film, these questions will be discussed to develop innovative approaches to achieve the SDGs and identify options for action. The conference will focus on three closely linked sustainability goals: SDG 2 Zero Hunger, SDG 6 Water and Sanitation for all and SDG 13 Combat Climate Change and its impacts. As cross-cutting issues, the COVID-19 pandemic, gender equality, climate change, conflict and displacement, and the existing North-South divide will be considered throughout. The interconnection of the topics shows the interconnectedness of all 17 SDGs and emphasises the need for an interdisciplinary approach to their implementation by 2030.

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### **06 – 09 October 2020 – Climate Story Lab**

Climate communication is more important than ever: We need the best storytelling to point out the causes and solutions of the climate crisis and to reach an audience that demands sustainable change. The Climate Story Lab will bring this conviction to Berlin and will work with experts to develop innovative sustainable storytelling on the climate crisis. The result will be concrete communication concepts that inspire and motivate civil society to get involved and encourage politicians and decision-makers to address the major solutions and mitigation to climate change.

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### **Human Rights Film Festival Berlin in times of Corona:**

The health of our visitors, speakers and forum participants is our top priority. Hence, we have developed appropriate hygiene and distancing concepts according to the currently valid Covid-19 regulations. In addition, we are flexible and can switch to an exclusive online festival quickly at any time.

Our festival centre – the studios of our partner, the Berliner Film Union – is the oldest film studio in Berlin and not only provides us with a wonderful setting, but also with its spacious rooms, which allow us to stage the events of the Film Forum as well as the regular film programme for a limited number of participants with a safe distance.

Furthermore, thanks to the digital accreditation and ticketing system, queues and unnecessary physical contact in the entrance area will be avoided.

All films, panels and workshops will be streamed and can therefore be followed live on the Internet. In addition, participants can also take part in virtual discussions, as there will be a separate moderator for the online transmission.