

FOCUS ON ABILITY SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

MEDIA KIT

Stories that shift perspectives

Focus on Ability is a global short film festival built around the lives, talents and achievements of people with disability. Free to enter. Free to watch. Filmmakers everywhere are invited to tell the story — and everyone is invited to watch it.

3.2M+

Views worldwide

66+

Countries reached

3,000+

Films published

2008

Running since

About the festival

A five-minute film can change how someone sees disability faster than a policy paper or a campaign ever could. That's the premise Focus on Ability was built on: give filmmakers around the world — professionals, students, and first-timers alike — a reason to put people with disability at the centre of the frame, and give audiences a reason to watch.

Every entry is free. Every screening is free. The only barrier to entry is a story worth telling.

Now in its 19th year, the festival has published more than 3,000 films from more than 66 countries, and films in its library have been watched more than 3.2M times. Entry is free and every film is free to watch.

Categories and prizes

\$100K+ in prizes and filmmaker opportunities across 11 award categories in 4 competitions.

Nova Employment Choice Award

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Australian Open Section

- Judges Choice - Short Film
- Judges Choice - Documentary
- Most Online Votes - Short Film or Documentary
- Best Actor in Short Film

Australian & New Zealand School Section

- Judges Choice - Short Film
- Judges Choice - Documentary
- Most Online Votes - Short Film or Documentary

International Section (Outside of Australia)

- Judges Choice - Short Film

- Judges Choice - Documentary
- Most International Online Votes

Winning films from 2025

The 2026 winners have not been announced yet. The films below won in 2025.

- **Sight Unseen - Thomas Coysh** — Judges Choice – Documentary International
- **Where the World is Quiet** — Judges Choice – Documentary Open
- **As You Are** — Most Online Votes School
- **Dropkicks** — Judges Choice – Short Film School
- **Pieced Together** — Judges Choice – Short Film Open
- **I Choose Happiness** — Most Online Votes Open

Every winning film: <https://focusonability.com.au/films/search/winners/only>

Screenings

Screening dates are omitted from this document pending confirmation. The list currently published spans 18 Oct 2026 to 24 Mar 2027, which does not look like one festival season, and a date in a media kit cannot be corrected once it has been acted on. The live list is at <https://focusonability.com.au/screenings>.

Press resources

All of these are on <https://focusonability.com.au/media-kit>:

- **Logo pack** — vector and raster, SVG / EPS / PNG
- **Photography** — event and film stills, high resolution
- **Festival trailer** — watch or embed from YouTube
- **Media release** — issued when the winners are announced

About NOVA Employment

Focus on Ability Short Film Festival is a free, global short film competition run by NOVA Employment, giving filmmakers everywhere a platform to tell stories about the lives, talents and achievements of people with disability.

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Language guidance available on request.

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