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Local Youth Share Their Views through Film

The MyView Youth Film Festival promises to be an exciting addition to this year's Dandelion Festival in Kemptville on May 25. Youth ages 12-18 from across Lanark, Leeds and Grenville were busy these past few months capturing their ideas on film. The creativity and insight showcased in the films will amaze all who come out to the festival. A celebrity judging committee has selected the top two films in each of the film categories: My Environment, My Health, My Community, My Culture and My Future. Judges on the nominating committee included: Andrew Hunt from Fire and Neon, Eric Morotti from Blind Witness and Killitorious, Drew Hosick from 97.5 StarFM, Brockville City Counsellor Leigh Bursey, Smiths Falls City Counsellor Dawn Quinn, and Medical Officer of Health Paula Stewart. *"Young people have much to contribute to our community" reports film reviewer, Dr. Paula Stewart. "I hope you can come and see the films which challenge all of us to take a walk in their shoes, and see the world a little differently."*

The nominated films will be showcased at two public screenings where audience members will have a chance to vote for their favourite film. The premier screening will take place at The Branch Restaurant, located at 15 Clothier St in Kemptville, on Tuesday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:45 for refreshments before the show. Film makers from the nominated films will be on hand to participate in an interactive discussion with audience members following the screening.

The grand screenings will be on Saturday, May 25 at the Dandelion Festival in downtown Kemptville. Screenings will be in the Old Fire Hall on Rueben St and will happen every hour on the hour from 12-6 p.m. Admission for either screening is by donation to the Kemptville Youth Centre. After audience votes have been counted the winning films will be announced live on the main stage Saturday night at the Dandelion Festival. The grand prize for the top overall film is \$1000.

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To view nominated films or for more information on the festival please visit www.myviewfilmfest.ca or contact myview@kemptvilleyc.com

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