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### Local youth film contest offers a chance to win \$1000

The MyView Youth Film Festival offers youth, aged 12 to 21, from Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Counties with an opportunity to express themselves through film for a chance to win \$1000. Prizes will be awarded during the Dandelion Festival in Kemptville on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Participants are encouraged to create a video highlighting an important issue in their community, along with ideas for how to make it better.

"I was blown away by the creativity and impactful messages captured in the 2013 films" says MyView committee member and Public Health Nurse, Diana Steadman. In its debut year, the 2013 MyView Youth Film Festival received entries from youth across Lanark, Leeds and Grenville counties. Film makers highlighted subject matter including teen suicide, the environment, healthy living, and relationships. The use of humour and drama in many of the films captivated audiences during screenings at the 2013 Dandelion Festival where the favourites were selected. Along with the large crowds at the festival, films received thousands of views on YouTube.

The MyView Youth Film Fest came together from a joint partnership of the Kemptville Youth Centre, the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit and local video production company Triune Productions. "It is important for communities to pay attention to what young people have to say and to recognize the contributions they make to the positive development of the community" says MyView committee member and Public Health Nurse, Erika Kall. Entering for a chance to win is easy with the online entry form and no entry fee required. To help budding filmmakers, workshops around the area will offer tips and tricks for film production. Get updates by liking us on Facebook.

Contest entry details and submission instructions are available at [www.myviewfilmfest.ca](http://www.myviewfilmfest.ca). Film submission deadline is April 11.

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