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Local youth share their views through film

The MyView Youth Film Festival has had a very successful second year and will be showcasing creative and insightful videos at this year's Dandelion Festival in Kemptville on May 24th. Youth ages 12-21 from across Leeds, Grenville and Lanark counties have worked hard to bring important issues to life through film. The use of humour, drama, and creative film techniques will delight audiences who come out to the festival. A panel of judges from different communities have selected the top twelve films in age categories 12-15, 16-18, and 19-21. Film submissions have come from across the Tri-County, including entries from Smiths Falls, Gananoque, Prescott, Carleton Place, Kemptville, Spencerville, and Oxford Station. The festival gives youth a chance to express themselves and be heard by their community. Communities where youth are engaged are more likely to support resiliency and successful transitions into adulthood.

The nominated films will be screened during the Dandelion Festival at the North Grenville Public Library on Saturday, May 24th with screenings beginning at 1:00pm, 2:00pm, and 3:00pm. The public are invited to view the films and vote for their favourite. Audience votes will be counted and combined with judges' scores to determine the winners. The top films in each age category and the top overall film will be announced live on the main stage at the Dandelion Festival at 6:00pm Saturday night. Age category prizes include GoPro cameras or an iPad mini, and the grand prize for the top overall film is \$1000.

The MyView planning committee wishes to thank the following sponsors and partners for their generous contributions that have helped make the second annual film festival a success: Triune Video Productions The Kemptville Youth Centre, The Leeds Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit, The Dandelion Festival, The North Grenville Public Library, Rob Thompson Realty Corp., and TV Cogeco.

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

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