



## MyView Film Festival Awards a Celebration for Youth!

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual MyView Youth Film Festival Awards Ceremony was a huge success on June 2nd at the Urbandale Arts Centre Theatre in Kemptville. Film-makers, friends, family and the media were all in eager attendance to celebrate youth film-making.

Upon arrival, film-makers got to walk the red carpet to be interviewed in front of a gamut of cameras. TVCogeco and HomeTown TV from Brockville as well as Peet Dukes (The Professor) and Eleuthville Media from Kemptville were among the media present to capture this celebration of youth voices in our community. **Seven films were nominated this year, in two categories. Nominees hailed from all corners of the tri-counties, including Brockville, Perth, Lanark, Lombardy and Kemptville.**

The first award to be presented was for Best in Age Category 10-13. Luke Gardiner and Russell Melville from Brockville received this award along with a GoPro camera donated by TVCogeco for their inspirational film **Keep Moving Forward**. The next award of an iPad Air from TVCogeco went to Kemptville's Theresa Graham for her film **You Heart You** for Best in Age Category 14-17. It was a poignant look at self-image and very professionally filmed. The last award for the evening was presented to a group of students from Brockville Collegiate Institute who made the film **You Are Not Alone** for a media arts project. Alexa Waycik, Reiley Birt, Holly Trottier, Geneva Ferguson and Moira Joyce were thrilled with their win and the exciting grand prize of \$1000 cash provided by C.J. Cochrane and Video Communications. The serious topic of anxiety and mental health was presented in a moving and relatable dynamic.

Festival organizers were delighted with the participation and quality of the films this year. Each year it grows in both reach and film quality. For more information on the MyView Youth Film Festival, visit the website at [www.myviewfilmfest.ca](http://www.myviewfilmfest.ca)

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