

# PLURAL+ AUSTRIA YOUTH VIDEO FESTIVAL





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On the occasion of the UNAOC Forum in Vienna, the International Organization for Migration and the Austrian Government decided to implement the PLURAL+ Youth Video Festival on Migration, Diversity and Social Inclusion on a national level with Austrian youth.

PLURAL+ Youth Video Festival is an initiative of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), in partnership with many international organizations. PLURAL+ recognizes youth as powerful agents of social change in a world often characterized by intolerance, and cultural and religious divisions. The initiative invites youth to address key challenges related to migrant integration, inclusiveness, identity, diversity, human rights and social cohesiveness, both at local and global levels. Young people up to 25 years old are invited to submit short videos of five minutes maximum in length. With the support of PLURAL+ partners the winning videos are distributed worldwide on a variety of platforms, including TV broadcast, presentations at film festivals and Internet platforms.

Following a call for applications, six youth-produced videos were identified for awards. The videos were screened on 26 February at the Main Plenary Hall during an event hosted by actor David Wurawa. The creators of the videos were then invited on stage to receive their prize. Several awards included cash contributions as well as invitations to private visits to ORF, Austria’s public broadcasting system. One common thread linked the winning videos: the sincere wish to find ways to improve understanding among people from different cultures, as well as the innovative ways of using audio-visual messages to express their voices. The large audience that filled the venue was very supportive of these youth-media contributions, recognizing and applauding their efforts.

The awarded videos can be viewed at [www.iomvienna.at](http://www.iomvienna.at).