2016 Year In Review

Our Impact and Reach

- 81,452 Web Visitors
- Audiences from 195 Countries
- 15,000 Film Views
- 12 Digital Issues of The Voice Published

2016 WVN ONLINE FILM FESTIVAL

In 2016, WVN hosted 12 community screenings and discussions in the US and internationally. These screenings provided WVN with feedback on films and debates around international women's rights issues while fostering international dialogues and calls to action. These screenings support the growth of our Educational Screening Package program, where WVN disseminates FREE educational resources to accompany our films. The themes of our screenings and educational packages included:

- Women Without Men
- Focus on Iran
- Healing and Peacemaking: In Her Own Words
- Striving for a Better Future, Struggling to be a Student
- Syria's Courageous Women
- Masculinity, Femininity: The Role of Men in Women's Equality
- Challenges and Triumphs of Stateless Women
- The Oppressive Nature of Tradition: Breaking Free
- We Are Part of the Landscape: Experimental Films
- Global Solidarity Against Gender-Based Violence

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

- $94,802 in Funds Raised
- 2 New Partner Organizations:
  - Arab Women Platform: An English-Arabic website that aims to foster a true dialogue of inspiration and successful Arab women.
  - Viddiase: A media and technology company that distributes and markets short films through community-driven networks.
- 9 Ongoing partnerships:
  - Visual Storytelling, Middle East Studies Association, American Jewish World Service, Moonfaze, Short Films Africa, Her Film Project, InKtip, International Women's Film Festival, Women Making Films—India
- 9 themed film screening packages sent to WVN Ambassadors worldwide

VOICES of WVN FILMMAKERS

"Raising finances for documentaries is a difficult task, and the award money will immensely help to do research, travel, shoot on location, and meet with the local community to better understand my subject." — Ishani K. Dutta, 'Womb on Rent: Best Documentary Feature 2016, India

"The cash award that I got from WVN was useful in buying a projector, which I really needed for a long time. The money will help me on my next projects and I don't think that the award was symbolic." — Andrà Roman, ‘World Wide Women: Best Experimental Film 2016, Romania

"The money has gone into my savings to help plug the hole that has been spent on film festival submissions. When I have a new project ready later this year the money will go towards that film." — Heidi Lee Douglas, ‘Defendant 5: Best Documentary Short 2016, Australia

"I hope that your festival will feel that they are contributing to people who may help women or give voices to women and others in the future. I will always have a debt of gratitude to you." — Jumana Moukarzel, ‘Mother: Best Narrative Short 2016, United Kingdom

HELP KEEP WOMEN'S VOICES NOW GOING

In 2016, your donation furthered the efforts to facilitate an interconnected and mobilized women's rights community working together in their lives. To name a few: The journey from youth to old age, becoming and being a mother, negotiating varying and often conflicting identities.

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