



# Women's Voices Now

Advocating Women's Rights Through Film

## Who We Are

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit providing an online women's rights media platform and live programming to connect conscientious artists, filmmakers, writers, activists, and advocacy organizations.

## Our Mission

We support the free expression of women for civil, economic, political, and gender rights worldwide. We connect people and resources striving for global women's rights.

## The Issue

Around the world, women continue to struggle for their full human rights. Women's rights issues should be heard, supported, and realized.

## What We Do

To realize our vision of a stronger global women's rights community working together, we:

Curate and promote films that focus on women's rights issues



Host an annual online film festival, with cash prize awards



Coordinate our international Ambassador (volunteer) program



Organize public film screening and dialogue events



Disseminate educational screening packages & materials, free of charge



Publish *The WVoice*, a monthly online magazine



Facilitate creative workshops for women



Offer fiscal sponsorship and support for films aligned with our mission



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## GLOBAL PRESENCE

Our WVN staff and volunteer-led events take place across the United States.

To date, film submissions come from 52 countries. We seek to feature a wider range of filmmakers with each online film festival cycle.

Number of Website visits, May 1, 2016- May 1, 2017 = **139,316**

## WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Women's rights issues that we focus on include:

- ▶ Political representation
- ▶ Justice and legal change
- ▶ Security and environmental impact
- ▶ Violence and sexualized violence
- ▶ Leadership and advocacy
- ▶ Harmful controlling cultural practices
- ▶ Economic empowerment
- ▶ Equal education opportunities
- ▶ Challenging media norms
- ▶ Women's sexuality
- ▶ Dignified partnerships with men
- ▶ Gender inequality
- ▶ General and reproductive health
- ▶ Freedom of movement and sport
- ▶ Patriarchal societies



We believe that advocacy for women's rights begins by sharing stories that explore these difficult issues.

## BY THE NUMBERS

- ▶ Awarded **\$70,000** in cash prizes to an international pool of filmmakers
- ▶ Raised **\$100,000** in fiscal sponsorship funds for small film projects
- ▶ Published 12 issues of *The WVoice* annually (since 2013)
- ▶ Hosted 40 university and global tour events in 11 countries
- ▶ Facilitated 30+ community screening events in the United States
- ▶ Recruited 20 WVN Ambassadors across four continents
- ▶ Reached and engaged people in our online platform, across **176 countries**

*"I know I keep going on about it... but I cannot thank you enough for believing in our film. You don't know the things we went through in life and work to make this happen."*

JUMAAN SHORT

Writer, Producer, Actress for "Mother"

2016 Best Narrative Short

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