

## Dialogue on Knowledge and Democracy Short Film Contest

The Atlantic Royal Society of Canada, Memorial University (Faculty of Arts, Public Engagement and Vice President Research) and CBC Ideas are co-sponsoring an upcoming series of events entitled *Dialogue on Knowledge and Democracy*, [www.mun.ca/arts/news/events/dialogue\\_knowledge\\_democracy.php](http://www.mun.ca/arts/news/events/dialogue_knowledge_democracy.php). Public lectures, film screenings, musical performances and a one-day multi-stakeholder workshop will be taking place between October 6<sup>th</sup> and October 9<sup>th</sup> in St. John's.

Working in partnership with the Newfoundland Independent Film Co-operative (NIFCO) and the St. John's International Women's Film Festival, we are hosting a *Dialogue on Knowledge and Democracy Short Film Contest*.

**Newfoundland and Labrador film makers, including those that have little or no experience in film production, are invited to create and submit short films (less than 5 minutes in length).**

**Entries must be submitted no later than midnight September 24<sup>th</sup> 2015 to the following Dropbox address - <https://www.dropbox.com/request/Il1wTX8uJqMumwHjwgbe>**

**Films can be produced in different formats but must be delivered as a Quicktime movie.** All submissions must:

1. include appropriate credits (the names of those involved in making the film, those appearing in the film and appropriate acknowledgements)
2. speak to the broad theme of knowledge and democracy. Your film could, for instance, reflect on:
  - threats to access to knowledge and free expression in education, the media, politics, community, wider society in Canada/NL
  - the place of knowledge(s) in a healthy democracy
  - knowledge and our contribution to global democracy
  - stories about individuals/groups/institutions/organizations who have/are playing a key role in creating/mobilizing the knowledge we need for a healthy democracy
  - reflections on what it takes to support active engagement/to protect our future democracy.

**A jury of 3 people (see below) will select the winners of the competition. The top 2 films will be eligible for prizes of \$500 and \$250 respectively and will be screened as part of the Dialogue on Knowledge and Democracy events, October 6-9, 2015.**

### Jury Members:

**Anna Petras:** Anna is the producer of many award-winning short films and the acclaimed 2008 feature film, *Down to the Dirt*. In addition to her production work, Anna has worked for years as a mentor with the Picture Start Program at NIFCO (Newfoundland Independent Filmmakers Cooperative). She currently oversees the co-op's various film training and outreach initiatives in the position of Program Director. Anna serves on the Board of the Producer's Association of Newfoundland & Labrador (PAN), NIFCO and the St. John's International Women's Film Festival.

**Bojan Furst:** Bojan Furst is a photographer based in St. John's. Originally from Croatia, he studies Journalism in Calgary and Geography at Memorial. He worked as a staff and freelance photographer, writer and broadcaster in Alberta, New Brunswick, Croatia, Bosnia and a few places in between. He currently works at Memorial University as a manager of knowledge mobilization with the Leslie Harris Centre of Regional Policy and Development.

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