

INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FILM FESTIVAL (ISDFF) 2024

Given the magnitude and urgency of challenges such as planetary boundaries, inequalities and geopolitical instability, we firmly believe that schools play a vital role in shaping a sustainable future. Education for today's students should raise awareness and empower them to collectively create fairer, balanced, and more respectful societies that prioritise the well-being of all living organisms and the planet.

The International Sustainable Development Film Festival (ISDFF) is an educational project that focuses on the United Nations 2030 agenda and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Designed for students, the film festival serves as a platform to foster creativity, system thinking, and collaborative work towards sustainability. By questioning the world, students are empowered to use their voices through visionary and effective filmmaking, become game changers and contribute to a better world. Join us and be part of this transformative journey towards a sustainable future.

SAVE THE DATES

Date: 3rd October 2023

Programme: Screening of the critically acclaimed French documentary 'Bigger Than Us', followed by a Q & A session with changemaker and activist Melati Wijsen

Date: 4th October 2023

Programme: International Sustainable Development Film Festival, Induction Day; workshops conducted by Melati Wijsen, Martial Jaume, Iv Charbonneau-Ching, and Global X-perience by Crossroads Foundation.

Date: October 2023 to February 2024

Programme: Workshops held in collaboration with Melati WIJSEN's youth empowerment organisation, to assist students in initiating and developing their filmmaking projects.

Date: 6th - 17th May 2024

Programme: Screening of Student Films (Categories Planet, Peace, People, Prosperity) at the French International School campuses

The Film Jury will decide on Best Films of each category.

Date: 17th May 2024

Programme: Closing Ceremony Evening with Grand Jury Prize Award for the best Film
Full screening of the Best Films, workshops, exhibitions, concerts, sustainable food and beverage, Q & A with speakers, etc.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to be part of a dynamic and inspiring global community dedicated to sustainable development through the art of film.

With warm regards,

The International Sustainable Development Film Festival [Organising Committee](https://www.fis.edu.hk/about/news-events/?tag=sustainable-development-film-festival)
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Hong Kong



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Mark your calendars for the highly anticipated third edition of the ISDFF coming to Hong Kong next year. Be part of an ambitious educational project specifically designed for middle and high school students who will embark on an immersive journey into the world of filmmaking. Through interactive workshops students will gain a solid understanding of essential filmmaking techniques and explore the role of films in promoting global awareness by nurturing their critical thinking, creativity and collaborative skills aligned with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

Film Maker = Game Changer

Ignite student voices and be a catalyst for change at the ISDFF. Encourage students to create thought-provoking films and hand them the lead to be the game changers of tomorrow. By amplifying their voices, they will be inspired to actively contribute towards making the world a better place.

Year-long Guidance and Support

Embark on a year-long journey of guidance and support with the ISDFF formation programme. In preparation for the festival in May 2024, we offer a series of workshops starting from October 2023 to February 2024. These workshops, held in collaboration with Melati WIJSEN's youth empowerment organisation, are designed to assist participants in initiating and developing their projects and to harness the power of storytelling through films. Receive valuable guidance and provide your students with the tools to become the next generation of visionary leaders.

A Collaborative and Community Building Project

Our mission is to bring together communities, providing them with a platform to connect, share ideas and collectively address the challenges of sustainable development. By joining us, you become part of this transformative journey of student-driven filmmaking, where we work together to shape a brighter future.

Join us now for the Induction Day on the 4th of October 2023!

The Induction Day is an incredible opportunity to kickstart your journey at the ISDFF.

We are thrilled to announce that Melani WIJSEN, a renowned advocate for youth empowerment, will be joining us in Hong Kong to meet and share her inspiring movement with the participants. During this eventful day, attendees will not only have the chance to develop their movie-making skills but also gain a deeper understanding of the urgency surrounding sustainability challenges. This immersive experience will set the stage for the students' participation in the festival and equip them with the necessary tools to make a lasting impact through filmmaking.

To secure your spot, contact us at sustainability_film_festival@g.lfis.edu.hk for further details.

Please note that registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, with a deadline of 31st August 2023. A participation fee will be required, which will be determined based on the number of participants, but it is expected to be around HK\$500 per attendee.



Ms Melati Wijzen is a world-renowned 22-year-old full-time changemaker, the Founder of Bye Bye Plastic Bags and YOUTHTOPIA. In 2021, she starred in the critically acclaimed French documentary 'Bigger Than Us' which premiered in Cannes Film Festival 2021. She has spoken on world stages, including at TED Talks and the United Nations. She has been named one of the most influential teens in the world by TIME and has been listed among CNN's Young Wonders.

As part of her groundbreaking project YOUTHTOPIA, Melati will lead a student empowerment and call-to-action workshop. This initiative aims to inspire young people through meaningful peer-to-peer content and equip them with the tools they need to become effective changemakers.



Dr Martial Jaume (PhD) is a former research professional with a demonstrated history of working in the higher education industry. He currently serves as Head of Sustainability at the French International School of Hong Kong and is a true advocate of learner-centred and experiential education approaches.

During the Induction Day, Martial will deliver an immersive Climate Education Session providing participants with hands-on, factual & science-based information about the impacts of the climate crisis. This session will allow participants to enrich their knowledge, skills, values and attitudes needed to become effective agents of change.



Mr Iv Charbonneau-Ching, founder and director of the ISDFF, is a versatile filmmaker in both television and movie production. He teaches social sciences at the French International School of Hong Kong and has extensive experience in teaching cinema techniques and analysis to both high school students and adults.

Throughout the ISDFF formation programme, Iv will guide the students and provide comprehensive instructions in fundamental filmmaking techniques, storytelling principles and the power of visual communication. Students will have the opportunity to cultivate their creativity and craft compelling and impactful narratives to inspire, educate and provoke change.