

2nd Annual Tiny Film Festival Call for Submissions!

Lights! Camera! Action! Join us on a magical journey into the world of childhood at the 2nd Annual Tiny Film Festival, part of the World Forum on Early Care and Education in Malaysia and sponsored by the OnDesign working group. Following the success of our first festival in Vancouver (2024), which received over 30 heartfelt submissions from young filmmakers around the globe, we're excited to announce this year's theme: Games Children Play.

This year, we invite short films that highlight the joyful, playful spirit of children—filmed by children, with adult support. Videos should capture the games children play in any setting: indoors or outdoors, at school, at home, in the forest, or anywhere play happens. Most importantly, we want to see the world through their eyes—through their emotions, insights, creativity, and cultural context.

Video Guidelines

- Length: 3 minutes max
- Theme: Games Children Play
- Tone: Joyful, authentic, and child-centered
- Filmed by: Children (with adult support encouraged!). This means children choose what to film, based on the conversation starters below. Children do the actual filming and choose who or what is in the film. Adults may help with editing, music, etc, as long as children approve final edits and feel a sense of ownership over the final film.

Working with Children as Filmmakers

Give children time to try out the cell phone camera, gimbal camera or other equipment and view the results. Before any filming begins, have a conversation with the children explaining your invitation for them to create a film. Here are some possible conversation starters. The goal is not to film adults interviewing children, but to invite children to consider how they want to tell the story.

- What kinds of games do you play, and who do you play with?
- Where do you play—indoors, outdoors, in nature, during snack time, on the playground?
- What's special about this game? Where did it come from?
- How does playing this game make you feel?
- Who taught you the game? Was it passed down from other children or adults?
- How does this game work? Can you show us?
- Do you create your own rules, or are there set ones?
- What's your favorite thing about this game?

Technical Requirements

- Title Screen: Include your school or program's name, logo (if available), and your location (country, province/state).
- Audio Translations: If your film includes non-English audio, please provide a script with timecodes for translation. All films will be translated into English.
- Music: Only use royalty-free audio, or your own, or the music created with or by the children.

Deadline

Submissions are due by March 10th, 2026.

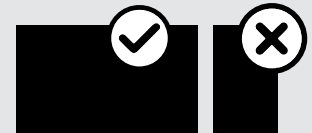


Submission Deadline:

March 10th, 2026

Format:

Horizontal, MP4 or AVI



Resolution:

720 to 1080 pixels

Length:

Under 3 minutes

Submission:

Upload final videos and the consent form to the folder below. Please click for the link:



Questions:

For comments or questions please contact gbilezikian@guidecraft.com.

Tiny Film Festival Consent Form

I authorize World Forum Foundation (World Forum) to produce and make use of my submitted video, created for use in the 2026 World Forum on Early Care and Education Tiny Film Festival. My organization and the children in this video will be represented in a positive and professional right. We agree to use reasonable judgment to ensure the production does not diminish my organization or the children.

I give the World Forum the exclusive right and license to show the submitted Production during the World Forum on Early Care and Education as part of the Tiny Film Festival, and on the World Forum website on an on-going basis as part of the 2026 entries to the Tiny Film Festival. No other display or license or use of the video is granted. Additionally, all permissions have been granted for the use, likeness and display of any person, place or objects included in the submitted video.

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms of this consent form:

(Please print below exactly as you would like it to appear in the Production)

Name _____ Title _____

Organization _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of parent and agreement to use their children’s image in the video:

Parent or Legal Guardian	Signature	Date
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Please submit a digital copy of this form with your video submission.