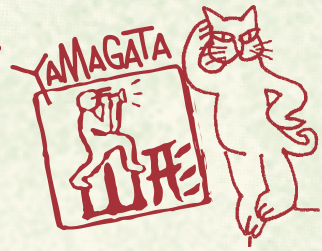


Welcome to the Festival of Documentary Films! YIDFF Community Agreement



Creating a Safe Space for Everyone to Enjoy the Festival

— Yamagata International Documentary Film Festival 2025

Yamagata International Documentary Film Festival celebrates the diversity of cinema from around the world. It's an inclusive place where people encounter new films and new people.

It exists and is sustained thanks to each person who takes part – volunteers, festival staff, audience members, festival guests. And every person who contributes to the festival comes from a different background, in the way our films come from a variety of perspectives and worldviews.

To ensure this is a space where everyone feels safe and welcome, mutual respect and consideration is essential. Words or behavior that feel reasonable to one person may be perceived as harmful or aggressive by another from a different background. Any behavior that harms another person's body, mind, or dignity, or threatens their safety, is considered harassment and will not be tolerated.

When such harassment is identified, the individual responsible will be required to stop immediately.

If they fail to do so, the festival may ask them to leave the venue or event space. The festival will take appropriate action and work to prevent its recurrence.

Your safety is our top priority.

We will listen from your perspective and keep your report confidential.

For inquiries and reports, please send a message to the YIDFF Harassment Prevention Team via Google Form:
<https://forms.gle/RYJxv9t3rZoC8HzE7>



If at any time during the festival you feel unsafe, experience harassment, or feel disrespected – even if it seems minor – don't hesitate to speak directly with a member of the festival staff onsite. If that feels difficult, you are welcome to reach out via Google Form.



What is Harassment?

Insulting others, yelling, or acting in an intimidating manner	Making unreasonable complaints or demands
Intimidation, stalking, or following someone persistently	Interacting with others based on prejudice (e.g., regarding gender, sexual orientation, race, age, religion, disability, appearance, or socioeconomic status)
Unwanted sexual attention or contact	
Invasion of privacy (including personal space or values)	Physical violence or threats
Unwanted photography, recording, or filming	Repeated disruptive behavior during events
Cyber harassment, online bullying, or attacks on social media	Supporting or encouraging harassing behavior

Even if you are not directly involved, you may witness harassment or sense that something is wrong, or find yourself wondering how you can help. Please know that there are steps you can take. We encourage you to contact the festival's support team.

For further advice and guidelines:

Harassment Prevention for Cultural Practitioners (video with English subtitles) :

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wi0vR_ySQTo

Human Rights Hotline:

Japanese Ministry of Justice website: Human rights counseling services in English, Chinese, Korean, Filipino, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Nepali, Spanish, Indonesian, and Thai.

<https://www.moj.go.jp/JINKEN/jinken21.html#01>

