



SARAJEVO'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Sarajevo uses films and creativity in addressing COVID-19 challenges

Sarajevo, the capital city of Bosnia and Herzegovina joined the UNESCO Creative City Network in 2019. Designated in the creative field of Film, one of the main cultural attractions of the city is the Sarajevo Film Festival. Through the organization of the film festival, the city aims to help in reconstructing the civil society and retain the cosmopolitan spirit of the city.

To support teenagers and youth in the period of the lockdown put in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sarajevo Film Festival has launched the initiative 'TeenAction.' The city of Sarajevo has also joined the initiative to explore further the peculiar situation experienced by young people during the current period.

With the hashtag #spring2020, the initiative calls on teenagers aged 13 to 18 years old to submit their short films covering topics that depict their experience of a different kind of spring whilst staying at home and undergoing physical distancing. Teenagers from the neighboring countries of Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia – are also invited to participate in the initiative.

The initiative result in giving the young participants and future audience access to creative content and participation at the next edition of the Sarajevo Film Festival in August 2020.

While promoting regional cooperation, 'TeenAction' supports young people and provides them with a space to express their creativity during this challenging period of self-isolation.

Interested teenagers can submit their video latest by 21 June 2020.

For more information on 'TeenAction', please visit:

- <https://www.sff.ba/en/page/teenarena2>
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