

# MOVE IT!

## Film festival 11

### Welcome to MOVE IT!

Finally the time has come: the 7<sup>th</sup> MOVE IT! Film Festival on human rights and development is opening its curtains on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October for five exciting days filled with a vivid selection of movies from all over the world! Located in the cosy cinema "Thalia" in Dresden-Neustadt the festival is meant to inspire, captivate and move our audience.

Besides a youth program for school groups from Dresden, our team, which works mainly on a voluntary basis, has been busy organizing the upcoming festival that broaches the issue of civil protest and social movements. Going back to the start of our festival which developed from the non-profit making association named Akifra e.V. (action group for children and women rights), initiatives originating particularly from women will additionally build up one of the central topics.

Reaching from factual documentaries to realistic short and feature films, our movies present the life of people who are not only victims of their social and political environment but first and foremost active participants. People who fight for a fair development, mutual solidarity and tolerance, freedom and dignity! People who never dare to give up and sometimes even risk their lives. People who can also give impetus to our western society!

The award-winning opening movie "*Cultures of resistance*" directed by Lara Lee will be followed by numerous movies which are all relevant to development politics. Not only do they capture current civil rights movements but also emerge in their visual performance and aesthetics. The movie "*Budrus*" for example is named after a Palestinian village whose inhabitants fight peacefully against the building of Israel's Separation Barrier. In "*Sarabah*" we get to know the Senegalese rap singer *Sister Fa*, who chose the path of music to stand up for education and women rights in a country where genital mutilation is still a common practice. Once again MOVE IT! demonstrates the potential of movies as a medium to allow new viewpoints and to encourage one's own initiative.

At the end of each movie there will also be time for questions and discussions between the audience and experts we've especially invited to present local activities and to look at certain issues in more detail. Starting at a point where we only watch the ambitious and peaceful protests of people from all over the world, we want to try to follow their example by finding individual and collective ways to be proactive in our western society.

We are looking forward to meeting you at the festival with open eyes and ears, critical questions, exciting discussions, actionable feed-back and most of all: five inspiring days of MOVE IT! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further information. We are more than happy to help you!

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