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Press release doxs! kino

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Finding balance, where others stumble: 14 years documentaries for children and youth

In motion

The protagonists of this year's programme are looking for their place in society – because they lost their home, have to challenge exclusion or because they are confronted with major turning points in their life development. They are longing for places where they can be young and grow up, where they can take their own path and have the chance to experiment.

doxs! kino presents 23 contemporary documentaries, including one world premiere, seven national premiers and three festival premieres. The topics of the programme reflect on the childrens' current horizon of experience. Migration takes a leading role, such as coming of age with social media, struggles to form an own stable identity in a sea of possibilities and distractions or experiences with acceptance and rejection. Thereby the protagonists' imagination and energy is contagious. While facing all kind of problems, they keep their self-will and stand their ground.

For the first time and in cooperation with Kulturrucksack NRW, an entire programme slot was curated by pupils of the Steinbart secondary school and the Reinhard-und-Max-Mannesmann secondary school. Within the workshop "Du hast die Wahl" they selected the documentaries **"AlieNation"**, **"Lieve K#ttelefoon / My Dearest F#cking Phone"** and **"Gabriel verslaat het WK / Gabriel Reports the World Cup"**. On Thursday during the festival the pupils will present their choice to the audience.

With **"Diego"** from the Swiss director Kristina Konrad and **"Auf dem Weg"** by Insa Onken and Gerardo Milsztein the first productions that were created as part of the **doku.klasse** enter the big screen. Since 2014 this scholarship for filmmakers accompany the 3sat call for proposals "Ab 18!" and will be continued this year.

Early practice makes perfect: At doxs! the big screen even opens up to the youngest viewers. For the third time the festival invites kindergartens to the cinema. The programme is **particularly designed for preschoolers** and presents short films that bring documentary storytelling closer to the young audience in a watchful and playful way.

Once again doxs! ruhr is expanding its festival locations thanks to the high demand in the region. The cinema filmforum in Duisburg will still be the festival's centre. But next to the already existing doxs! ruhr screening locations **Bochum, Essen, Dortmund and Dinslaken, Gelsenkirchen** will be joining them from this year on.

Looking at the **European film prize "GROSSE KLAPPE"** there are even more pleasant news. In celebration of its five-year anniversary the prize money, which is funded by the Federal Centre for political education (Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung/bpb), is raised to 5.000 Euro. Nine productions are nominated, from which a youth jury will select the winner. The ceremony will be held in Duisburg on the 5th of November in the filmforum cinema.

Once more the Film and Media foundation NRW and the government department for families, children, youth, culture and sport in NRW provide the main fundings for the festival.

Press material can be found here: <http://do-xs.de/presse.html>

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