



Call for entries:

**2nd Seattle Social Justice Film Festival
scheduled for October 10-13, 2013**

Filmmakers invited to submit shorts and features for festival

Seattle's second Social Justice Film Festival, with a special focus on prisoner justice, is now being planned by the national group Books to Prisoners and will take place at the Market Theatre in Pike Place Market and other Seattle venues October 10-13, 2013.

With a small grant to conduct outreach this year, Books to Prisoners will be continuing the Social Justice Film Festival which began in 2009. The festival program will include features and short films on broad issues of social justice such as the environment, food safety, LGBT rights, women's issues, racial equality, student debt, and economic justice. But the largest portion of the festival will be dedicated to films on prisoner justice and imprisonment. Potential issues include prisoner literacy and education, three strikes, the death penalty, the Innocence Project, New Jim Crow, the drug war, juvenile justice, solitary confinement, immigration and detention, prison alternatives, incarcerated mothers, and the prison industrial complex.

One component of the festival about which we are particularly excited is the "Youth Visions" program—a competition the festival is sponsoring to encourage youth and young adults (21 and under) to complete short films on issues of prisoner justice. We are now in the process of notifying local high schools, colleges and film programs about this opportunity.

Books to Prisoners is an all-volunteer organization that, in affiliation with Left Bank Books, has been working in Seattle for the last 40 years on behalf of U.S. prisoners who submit requests for reading material. Each year, Books to Prisoners mails about 15,000 packages of books to inmates; the group recently received one of nine "Light-a-Fire" awards from the Seattle Foundation in the category of "Purely for the Love"—for doing the most with the least.

For more information, please see our website at socialjusticefilmfestival.org or contact anne@bookstoprisoners.net.

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