

EdYou Fest

SINCE 2015

DOCUMENTARY CONTEST 2026

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SUBMIT YOUR 60 SECOND VIDEO



SHARE YOUR TEACHING STORY .



TOP 10 VIDEOS
SELECTED

WORLD PREMIERE
IN MALTA

AWARDS &
RECOGNITION



LIVE EVENT • SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

EdYOUFest Documentary Contest

Annual International Video Contest for English Language Teachers

1. Project Overview

The **EdYOUFest Documentary Contest** is an annual international initiative created to **give voice to English Language Teachers worldwide**, inviting them to share ideas, reflections, and professional insights through short, powerful video contributions. Each year, teachers are invited to submit a **maximum 60-second video** responding to a specific theme related to education, teaching, or the ELT profession.



From all submissions received, **10 videos** will be selected and professionally edited into a **15-minute documentary**, which will be officially premiered during an EdYOUFest international event.

2. Objectives

The EdYOUFest Documentary Contest aims to:

- Amplify teachers' voices at an international level
- Promote thoughtful reflection on education and the ELT profession
- Create a high-quality cultural and academic documentary linked to EdYOUFest
- Strengthen connections between teachers, academia, and professional communities
- Build a long-term archive of ELT perspectives and experiences



3. Annual Theme



Each edition of the contest is built around **one clearly defined annual theme**, announced at the official launch.

The theme:

- Is shared by all participants
- Encourages personal reflection and professional insight
- Guides the narrative of the documentary

The annual theme will be presented and explained in detail in the official Call for Videos.

4. Timeline (Example Edition)

- **March** – Official launch & Call for Videos
- **March–June** – Submission period
- **End of June** – Submission deadline
- **July** – Pre-selection & jury evaluation
- **August** – Documentary editing and production
- **12 September** – World Premiere & awards ceremony at **EdYOUFest Malta**

5. Participation Requirements

Who Can Participate

- English Language Teachers worldwide
- Both experienced and early-career teachers

Video Requirements

- Maximum length: **60 seconds**
- Language: **English**
- Format: Horizontal video preferred
- One speaker per video
- Original content only

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Content Guidelines

- Must address the annual theme
- No promotional or commercial content
- Focus on ideas, reflections, experiences, or professional insights

6. Selection Process

The selection process is designed to ensure **fairness, quality, and academic credibility**.

Phase 1 – Technical & Formal Review

Conducted by the EdYOUFest team to verify:

- Compliance with submission rules
- Minimum technical quality (audio/video)
- Coherence with the annual theme

Phase 2 – Jury Evaluation

Submissions that pass Phase 1 are evaluated by an independent committee composed of:

- Academic professionals
- Teacher trainers and education experts
- One film director or documentary specialist

Evaluation criteria include:

- Clarity and effectiveness of the message
- Originality and depth of reflection
- Relevance to the annual theme
- Authenticity and communicative impact

Based on the evaluation, the **Top 10 videos** are selected and ranked.

7. The Documentary

Each year, the selected videos are professionally edited into a **15-minute documentary** that represents a curated collection of international ELT voices.

The documentary includes:

- An opening introduction presenting EdYOUFest and the annual theme
- The 10 selected teacher contributions
- A concluding reflection and credits

The documentary becomes part of the official EdYOUFest archive and is produced as a **cultural and educational resource**.



8. Awards & Recognition

Top 10 Selected Teachers

- Official inclusion in the EdYOUFest Documentary
- Ranking from 1st to 10th place
- Special recognition during the premiere event
- Official certificate: *EdYOUFest Documentary Contributor*

Prizes



- **1st Place**
Special Plaque + ELT books provided **by Express Publishing + €100 voucher** to be spent within the EdYOUFest Ecosystem
- **2nd–6th Place**
ELT books provided **by Express Publishing + €50 voucher** to be spent within the EdYOUFest Ecosystem + Certificate
- **7th–10th Place**
Certificate + **€30 voucher** to be spent within the EdYOUFest Ecosystem

Being selected among the Top 10 represents an official international recognition within the EdYOUFest professional community.

9. Premiere Event

- **World Premiere** of the documentary at **EdYOUFest Malta**
- Date: **12 September**
- Dedicated session including:
 - Project presentation
 - Documentary screening
 - Announcement of Top 10 and winner

10. Communication & Visibility

- Official Call for Videos published in March
- Regular reminders during the submission period
- Promotion through EdYOUFest website, newsletter, and social media
- Post-premiere online publication of the documentary



11. Annual Continuity

The EdYOUFest Documentary Contest is conceived as a **long-term annual project**.

Each edition features:

- A new annual theme
- A newly produced documentary
- An official premiere during a major EdYOUFest international event

This continuity ensures growing prestige, wider participation, and lasting impact within the global ELT community.

12. Who Can Participate

Participation in the EdYOUFest Documentary Contest is reserved for teachers who are part of the EdYOUFest community.

To take part, teachers must hold a valid EDYOUNCARD membership.

The EDYOUNCARD gives access to exclusive opportunities, resources, and international projects within the EdYOUFest network.

Not a member yet? You can join the community by activating your EDYOUNCARD before submitting your video.

12. How to register

1. Go to www.edyoufest.org
2. Click **Teacher Competition**
3. Fill in the online form
4. **Submit**



Submission method – technical detail

Direct upload vs link to Drive/YouTube unlisted.

Rights & usage

By submitting a video, participants grant EdYOUFest the right to edit and publish the content for documentary and promotional purposes.”

Theme teaser

“The 2026 theme will explore... (to be revealed at launch)”