

# Call for Entries – for the 2023 Focus on Ability Short Film Festival



disability, and the goal of bringing that belief to the world through the medium of film.

He recognised the power of film to challenge people's fixed beliefs and perceptions about the lives and abilities of people with disability around the world.

## The 2023 Focus on Ability Short Film Festival set to be the biggest yet

NOVA, together with Paula Duncan, known for both her success in the Australian film and television industry and passion for supporting people with disability, have worked tirelessly to bring this festival to the world.

The Focus on Ability Film Festival is for people of all talent levels with many first-time film makers taking out major prizes.

Previous years films have been both educational and inspirational. Feedback from people who have viewed the films has shown that these entries have the power to change attitudes and challenge perceptions.

The audience capacity is well over 1,500,000 people and continuing to grow, providing unmatched exposure for up-and-coming film makers and for people with disability to bring their message to the world. Films are judged by a professional judging panel and subject to an online voting process, with separate prizes for each category.

After a triumphant return to live events last year, FOA will be screening across even more locations in 2023.

For full festival details and to view the over 2,500 films from years past head to: [www.focusonability.com.au](http://www.focusonability.com.au)



For the 15th consecutive year NOVA Employment presents the Focus on Ability Short Film Festival (FOA).

This festival asks film makers to "Focus on the Ability" of people with a disability and tell a story on film for the world to view.

The 2022 festival saw 281 finalists from across 19 countries.

The 2023 Focus on Ability Short Film Festival is set to be the biggest yet, and our generous sponsors have donated

over \$100,000 worth of cash and prizes to encourage film makers and people with disability to tell their stories.

To be a part of the festival, entrants must simply make a short film or documentary that is less than five minutes long, has a disability theme or has people with disability as the main actors. Entries close July 21, 2023.

### How it began...

...In 2009, NOVA Employment CEO Martin Wren began the festival with a belief in the ability of people with