

## UKRAINIAN DELEGATION TO IDFA 2020

*For the second year in a row, Docudays UA organizes a Ukrainian delegation to the main European documentary film festival in Amsterdam. We invite feature-length projects in the creative documentary genre at various stages of production to participate in the IDFA delegation.*

### **Application deadline: 16 October 2020**

IDFA is the international documentary film festival in Amsterdam, one of the biggest documentary film festivals in the world. The 33rd IDFA will take place on 18–29 November 2020 in a hybrid format: film screenings will be held in cinemas, but professional sections have been fully moved online.

IDFA is the main meeting place for a broad circle of documentary film professionals from all over the world. The festival's large-scale programme is aimed at supporting film projects at various stages of production. Among the numerous events, an important place belongs to presentations of national delegations. For the second time now, Docudays UA is organizing a delegation, creating opportunities for Ukrainian authors to present their projects to the international professional community.

5 projects will be selected to participate in the delegation in an open competition. In addition, each project will receive one accreditation that provides access to all the events in the festival's professional section.

### **Participation in the Ukrainian delegation is:**

1. An opportunity to present your project at a special event, a presentation of the Ukrainian delegation. After the meeting, each project will have a chance to participate in individual meetings with international experts: festival programmers, sales agents, distributors, producers.
2. Festival accreditation, which allows you to watch the festival's film programme and gives you access to all industry events: workshops, discussions, presentations of other delegations, the Producers Network.
3. Promotional support from Docudays UA via industry mailing lists and special events.
4. Organizational and consultative support from the Docudays UA team before and during IDFA 2020, as well as help with navigation in the new online format.

### **Whom we are looking for to include in the delegation**

We are looking for producers and directors of Ukrainian feature-length documentary films at any stage of production. We will evaluate the submitted applications according to the following criteria:

- genre of the project – creative documentary, which is the focus of IDFA; television projects will not be considered;
- originality of the topic/protagonists/artistic solution;
- the film's topic touches upon relevant social issues;
- artistic quality of the presented material (cinematography, editing, music);
- potential interest of the international audience in the project;
- participation in the delegation will affect the project's development in the future;
- the project must be presented at IDFA for the first time and should not have more than 2 presentations at various international film forums in the past year;
- the project authors' experience on the international market, their experience of presentations at international film markets;

- readiness of the project's presentation kit.

To apply for participation in the delegation, you need to fill out the form until (and including) 16 October.

**Key dates**

**12 October** – announcement of information about the Ukrainian delegation and opening the call for applications.

**16 October, 11:59 p.m.** – closing the call for applications.

**19 October** – publishing the results of the selection and the composition of the Ukrainian delegation.

**26–30 October** – preparation and recording of the participants' presentations.

**18–29 November** – International Documentary Film Festival in Amsterdam (IDFA), presentation (date to be announced).

*Should you have any questions, please write us at [program@docudays.ua](mailto:program@docudays.ua) with "Ukrainian delegation to IDFA 2020" in the email subject line.*