

MEANINGFUL MOVIES® PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

INTENT:

This Agreement is for the protection of us all. A tremendous amount of time and money has gone into developing this concept by The Meaningful Movies Project, as well as all its existing members. Its development, growth and success will be based on the hard work and creativity of both existing and future members. Please understand that it is not our intent to profit from this endeavor, nor do we wish to sell or franchise this concept. The intent of this Agreement is to set minimal obligations for your participation as a Meaningful Movies Group, and to protect your group and others from outside interests that may be counter to the requirements and values itemized below.

OUR REQUEST:

Please carefully read the Agreement below. Submitting the online MMP Application Form indicates your agreement and binds you to this Agreement, including subsequent changes incorporated into the currently posted online version.

If you take issue with any of these requirements, please let us know details and we will present these to our board for consideration. Our consideration does not constitute approval.

AGREEMENT:

This Agreement is between the Meaningful Movies Project (also referred to as “Meaningful Movies”), a Washington State Non-Profit Corporation, and your neighborhood/community/organizational group (the “Participant”). You, the “Applicant,” personally affirm that you fully represent the Participant in all aspects of this Agreement, and that the Participant agrees regardless of your ongoing personal participation. The website referred to below is <https://meaningfulmovies.org>, including all pages and information contained therein.

1. The Meaningful Movies Project is a volunteer-run, non-profit organization. It is the central administrative arm of the “Meaningful Movies Network.”
2. The “Meaningful Movies Network” is a collective of Meaningful Movies organizations (Participants) that collaborate and support one another in their efforts to use film and discussion as an ongoing organizing and community building tool.
3. All participants will work for the common good of their own community, as well as the larger Meaningful Movies community as a whole. All participants agree to comply with and advance our Mission as stated on the Meaningful Movies website.
4. The Meaningful Movies Project licenses the name “Meaningful Movies” under federal trademark law to protect it from being misused or co-opted by anyone who might not agree with or follow our minimal obligations. This Agreement gives you permission to use the name “Meaningful Movies” with respect to your film/discussion events, including related events, promotion, advertising, journal articles, press releases, etc., as long as you follow all principles and guidelines set forth herein. This includes use of the name by itself or in any form or combination, such as “Friday Night at the Meaningful Movies,” “Meaningful Movies Matinee,” “Seattle Meaningful Movies,” or similar. The Meaningful Movies Project will vigorously protect and defend the use of the name “Meaningful Movies” when not associated with granted permission, or whenever detrimental to individuals, Groups or this organization as a whole.
5. All Participant events are to provide some form of participatory community conversation in a supportive environment where opinions can be discussed openly in a safe, respectful and non-violent manner. Community discussion, sharing opinions and knowledge, and exploring our common understanding are at the core of the purpose of Meaningful Movies.
6. All Participant events are community-based and community-sponsored, and openly share the ownership and the responsibility for its ongoing viability with its community.
7. Staff and Board of Meaningful Movies Project will provide direction and leadership in assisting MMP venues to become financially sustainable through appeal for donations to cover expenses in their first few months of operation. Each venue will maintain an accounting of donations and expenses in order to provide an annual fee to support to Meaningful Movies Project. That fee will be negotiable depending on the venue, with consideration given to the ability of the group to donate to the Meaningful Movies Project organization and other value they bring to the organization.
8. All Participants will use the name “Meaningful Movies” in your identity and promotional materials to build more awareness of this concept and its opportunities for others. All promotional materials are to include the website url, <https://meaningfulmovies.org>. Wherever possible, promotional materials will include the Meaningful Movies Project logo. Participants will refrain from using the name “Meaningful Movies Project” in their group’s name, or in any way imply that they are, or identified as “Meaningful Movies Project.” The Meaningful Movies Project is a distinct entity, separate from the Meaningful Movies venues. Please note that this is for your own protection in preventing possible entanglement in any financial or legal issues that Meaningful Movies Project, Inc. may face.
9. Participants will keep The Meaningful Movies Project advised of all events that use the name “Meaningful Movies,” including date, time, place, film and event description, sponsors, and your full contact information. In turn, we will do our best to help get the word out about your event.

10. All Participants are to post their upcoming events to the website promptly, and to update whenever changes occur. Event offerings are the essence of this website, and exposure to one event will lead to awareness of many others. All of our success depends on this. All information on Group Pages is to be kept current – this is your Meaningful Movies identity. We are available to assist you in learning this process.
11. All Participants will actively participate in the Meaningful Movies Network, a broad coalition of other Meaningful Movies Groups, in an effort to support one another, to keep this concept viable and sustainable, and to help expand this idea to others.
12. All participation will be community-volunteer based. No individual profit is to be made from these events. The intent is for Groups to operate over time at cost.
13. All Participants must secure permission for use of any copyrighted materials, including feature films screened and images uploaded to the Meaningful Movies website. Violation of this threatens all of us. You agree to hold Meaningful Movies Project, Inc. harmless for your non-compliance. We must recognize that for us to remain truly sustainable, we must support the institutions that we in turn must depend upon, especially the independent film industry.
14. All Participants are encouraged to involve other aligned social justice organizations in events, to present their campaigns, as long as they are also within the intent of this agreement. We view both these organizations and our communities as resources for one another.
15. All Meaningful Movies events embrace the principles of peace, justice and non-violence, in action as well as speech.
16. Meaningful Movies, as an organization and as a collection of groups and individuals, embrace diversity and inclusion. We will not tolerate discrimination against any race, ethnicity, gender orientation, age or religion.
17. All Participants agree to use our website for lawful purposes only.
18. All Participants, Meaningful Movies Groups and individuals associated with Meaningful Movies are independent, separate and autonomous legal entities separate and apart from The Meaningful Movies Project, Inc., and agree that The Meaningful Movies Project, its board of directors, board of advisors, volunteers, employees and associates will be indemnified and held harmless for any action by the Participant, its members or its agents. This includes any and all claims, actions, judgments, and legal defense fees that arise due to physical or mental injury, financial dispute, libel, lawsuit, copyright infringement, or any other cause while operating under this license or Agreement. We advise and assist in good faith, but the responsibility of all decisions based on this advice is solely borne by the Participant.
19. Meaningful Movies Project will ask each venue participant to collect information regarding the audience size, expenses and donations collected in order to use the information to apply for grant funding that will benefit the network. This information will be maintained by Staff of Meaningful Movies Project and becomes the property of the Meaningful Movies Network.
20. Meaningful Movies Project cannot be held liable or accountable for data that is lost or corrupted, or for interruption of service. It is the Participants' responsibility to keep original backup copies of all materials that are uploaded to the website.
21. We reserve the right to remove any postings or materials which we deem not in keeping with this Agreement, or with our Principles or Limited Licensing Agreement. We also reserve the right to remove any Participant or individual that refuses to comply with this Agreement, or with our [Principles](#) or [Limited Licensing Agreement](#), based on our interpretation.
22. We may change the terms of this Agreement at any time solely by posting the current version online. Please review these terms regularly to ensure that you are aware of any changes made by us. Your continued use of our website after changes are posted means you agree to be legally bound by these terms as updated and/or amended.
23. This Agreement is revocable at any time by either party, at which time the Participant will be removed from all further participation with Meaningful Movies. If you disagree with this document at any time, please request that your authorization be withdrawn via email or snail mail. Until you receive confirmation of your withdrawal from us, this Agreement remains in force.

Thanks!

The Meaningful Movies Project Team