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Welcome! You are about to join or renew your relationship with the Meaningful Movies Network, a collection of local groups and community organizations committed to building communities of peace and justice through meaningful movies. Your Meaningful Movies Project Contact for questions and assistance is: Anne Miller, annemiller@meaningfulmovies.org.

This letter describes who we are, what we do, and the services we provide. It also describes expectations for a Meaningful Movies Group (that's you!) and how to sign your Meaningful Movies Project Participation Agreement.

WHO WE ARE - THE MEANINGFUL MOVIES PROJECT

The Meaningful Movies Project (that's us!) is a non-profit organization that assists neighborhoods, groups, and individuals organize, educate, and advocate using the power of social justice documentary films and relevant conversation to build positive and meaningful community and a more just and peaceful world. The Meaningful Movies Project started out in a neighborhood—but like you—our interests didn't stop there. Growing out of a concern for all peoples, our earth, and future generations, we screened our first films for the Wallingford Neighbors for Peace and Justice back in 2003. Since then, we have worked to bring high-quality social justice documentary films to new communities and neighborhoods throughout the greater Puget Sound, the state of Washington, and beyond.

WHAT WE DO - THE MEANINGFUL MOVIES NETWORK

The Meaningful Movies Project exists to assist local groups like your own. We support the Meaningful Movies Network, a collective of autonomous neighborhood organizations—each a Meaningful Movies Group—that use transformative film experiences and facilitated conversations about social justice films to foster vital dialogue, build meaningful community, and advocate for positive change.

WHAT WE PROVIDE - SCOPE OF SERVICE

The Meaningful Movies Project is a grassroots, capacity-building organization. We provide the tools, education, and support that Meaningful Movies Groups need to start, grow, and flourish on their own. The Meaningful Movies Project provides each Meaningful Movies Group with the following limited services:

- ***MMP Website*** – The MMP Website is the primary resource for Meaningful Movies Groups; we use it to promote each Meaningful Movies Group, their films, speakers, and communities. Each Meaningful Movie Group has a dedicated page to publicize upcoming events and engage their local communities. Our website is also the hub for policies and procedures, and a resource link for Meaningful Movies Groups across the Meaningful Movies Network.
- ***MPP Toolkit*** – The MMP Toolkit is a detailed curriculum for new and existing Meaningful Movies Groups to help them run events, manage donations, use the MMP databases, choose films, advertise and market films, fundraise, and develop community partnerships. We also provide guidance for securing appropriate rights to films and screening copyrighted materials.
- ***MMP Databases*** – The MMP Databases allow Meaningful Movies Groups to search for and find new films, film distributors, and guest speakers, and to share information about events and event planning. Only Meaningful Movies Groups may access and use the MMP Databases, and each Meaningful Movies Group contributes regularly to the databases by reporting events, logging successes and challenges, and providing other information for the benefit Meaningful Movies Network as a whole.

WHAT WE ASK - EXPECTATIONS FOR MEANINGFUL MOVIES GROUPS

The Meaningful Movies Project is a heart-based organization, and as such, we operate according to the principles of the gift economy. We do not charge a fee for the services that we provide. But we do ask that all Meaningful Movies Groups agree to the following shared principles:

- Offer a venue that is free and open to the public; so anyone can attend without stigmas;
- Provide an opportunity for participatory community discussion with every film event;
- Secure appropriate permissions for film and other copyrighted media;
- Provide a supportive environment where opinions can be discussed openly in a safe way;
- Operate in a respectful and non-violent manner;
- Mutually support a broad coalition of other groups doing aligned social justice work and who also agree to these principles;
- Share information via the MMP Databases about the films you screen, who you contacted for screening rights, your successes and challenges at your film events, and any best practices you want to share;
- Help actively support and expand the concept and name “Meaningful Movies” to the benefit of all our members and our communities;
- Choose documentary films that support social justice values and a world where all hungry are fed, all sick are cared for, the environment is treasured, and all are treated with love and compassion;

- “Pay it forward” and help new Meaningful Movies Groups get started by supporting the Meaningful Movies Project with a financial gift—the amount of which will be determined locally by each Meaningful Movies Group;
- Operate as volunteer-organized, and not for personal profit; and
- Remain autonomous and independently accountable.

If a Meaningful Movie Group engages in behavior inconsistent with these principles, we reserve the right to take action as we deem appropriate, up to and including termination of the relationship between the Meaningful Movie Project and the Meaningful Movie Group.

WHAT’S NEXT - THE MEANINGFUL MOVIES PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

You should have received (or will receive shortly) the Meaningful Movies Participation Agreement from your MMP Contact, which will be delivered by email via DocuSign for your electronic signature. The Meaningful Movies Participation Agreement is a legal contract that details the relationship between the Meaningful Movies Project (as the hub of support for the Meaningful Movies Network) and you (as an autonomous and independent Meaningful Movies Group). The purpose of Meaningful Movies Participation Agreement is to protect each Meaningful Movies Group, the Meaningful Movies Network, and the Meaningful Movies Project so that we can continue to do this important work together. Please note that you will not be able to make changes to the Meaningful Movies Participation Agreement. If there is an error in the document, or if you have not received a DocuSign envelope, please reach out your MMP Contact for assistance.

After you have read and reviewed the Meaningful Movies Participation Agreement, we ask that you electronically sign within **two weeks** of receipt. A fully executed copy of the Meaningful Movies Agreement will be e-mailed to you as a PDF after it has been countersigned by us.

Thank you for joining in our pursuit of a more peaceful, just, and sustainable world through meaningful movies—we look forward to collaborating with you as part of the Meaningful Movies Network!

In gratitude,

Anne Miller, Manager