

EDN press release: EDN Launches Documentary of the Month
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EDN - European Documentary Network launches a new initiative called Documentary of the Month, aiming at drawing attention to a selection of the best documentary films recently produced and to foster public discussion on all aspects of documentary production and distribution.

With the Documentary of the Month initiative, EDN adds a new feature to the extensive list of activities and tools that are available on edn.network. Every month EDN will put the spotlight on a specific documentary and at the same time encourage a discussion in relation to its subject and the production process. The monthly selected film will be available to EDN members only for screening and will be accompanied by an interview highlighting important issues around the film. EDN director Paul Pauwels will select the films and conduct the interviews.

The first Documentary of the Month is *The Longest Run* by Marianna Economou, a film that tells the story of Jasim and Alsaleh, two underage refugees in a Greek prison. The documentary has been shortlisted for the 2016 European Film Awards.

The Longest Run, as the first Documentary of the Month, is closely linked with the EDN led pan-European initiative **Moving Docs**, which in September focuses on Europe's refugee crisis. This first screening initiative is set up in close collaboration with Al Jazeera English, the broadcaster that will screen *The Longest Run* on 21 September 2016.

The Longest Run will be available for all EDN members to screen between 16-20 September. An interview with director Marianna Economou, Fiona Lawson-Baker and Ingrid Falck, both from the documentary department at Al Jazeera English will also be available for screening on edn.network. EDN members further have the opportunity to meet Marianna Economou in a Q&A session at the **EDN online forum** on 21 September from 11:00-12:00 am.

In the framework of the Moving Docs Refugee focus, on 21 September, Moving Docs partners across Europe will transmit a live event from Athens, where the Danish documentary about refugee kids in a Danish School - *At Home in the World* - will be screened, followed by a Q&A, moderated by Al Jazeera journalist Patrick Strickland. The event is further supported by the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).

As part of the refugee focus initiative, Moving Docs is also launching a crowdfunding campaign to raise funds for the refugee Hope School at the Scaramangas refugee camp in Greece.

For more information on the Longest Run please visit:
<http://www.thelongestrun.eu/>

For more information on Moving Docs and how to support the crowdfunding campaign visit:
www.movingdocs.org

Crowdfunding campaign: Hope for the Refugee Children in Greece
<https://www.generosity.com/education-fundraising/hope-for-the-refugee-children-in-greece/x/3280903>

About EDN

European Documentary Network is a global network for professionals working with documentary film and TV. Close to 1000 members from more than 60 countries have joined EDN. The organisation is open for both newcomers and established filmmakers from around the world. EDN provides documentary consulting and informs about possibilities for funding, financing, development, co-production, distribution and collaboration across borders. This is done via individual consultancy to members on documentary projects, activities like workshops, seminars and conferences as well as through the "EDN Financing Guide" and the "EDN Co-production Guide", two indispensable resource publications provided by EDN.

About Moving Docs

Moving Docs is a partnership founded for the joint distribution of documentaries across Europe. As a new EDN initiative supported by Creative Europe, the aim of Moving Docs is to create innovative outreach strategies and provide opportunities for urban and rural European audiences to enjoy regular screenings of documentary films through a wide variety of media and platforms.

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