

# MY RIGHT TO RIGHTS

VIDEO AND EDUCATIONAL PROJECT  
FOR THE 2ND UNITED NATIONS  
ASSOCIATION FILM FESTIVAL, TFF  
MTL 2020



## ENGAGE & ENCOURAGE

Date of screening: Saturday, September 19, 2020 or November 21 (pending)

Location: McCord Museum

Produced by Yellow Pad Sessions in collaboration with The Visual Arts Centre

Filmmaker: Bren Lopez Zepeda

Educator: Dr. Natasha S. Reid, Director of the Visual Arts Centre

**MY RIGHT TO RIGHTS** aims to educate grades 5 and 6 students about the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (a.k.a. Global Goals) as well as give them a voice to express their own rights as valuable citizens of our world.

The project consists of 5 parts:

1. Invite students to participate in the project via a **Call for Participants**, by email and social media.
2. Students will receive the educational material, a videotaping guide plus a worksheet to work out their rights they've chosen.
3. Students will video tape themselves stating their names, where they live, and what their rights are, i.e. "My name is Grace. I'm from Montreal, Canada. I have a right to clean water !"
4. Yellow Pad Sessions will create a short film using some of the videos students will create.
5. This collaborative film will be screened at the Film Festival and on YPS social media accounts and website.

The unfortunate pandemic we are currently experiencing has created many challenges and restrictions for this project as far as our original idea of attending the school in person. But it has also created an opportunity to think creatively and explore the practice of teaching virtually and possibly having a greater reach than just locally. This unforeseen circumstance has given rise to a golden opportunity for students to learn and participate from the safety of their homes about a critical aspect of their future as global citizens, especially as the UN Global Community works hard to achieve its goals by 2030. **MY RIGHT TO RIGHTS** hopes to contribute to the education and encouragement of our next generation of world trailblazers.