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LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION! FOR “PARLI-FLICKS” SHORTS AWARD

Entries are now open to high school students to create short films for Parli-Flicks, the inaugural NSW Parliament International Democracy Day Short Film Award.

Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly Jonathan O’Dea MP said the competition has been created to give students a platform to showcase their ideas about democracy.

“It’s not only adults who have a perspective on our system of government,” Mr O’Dea said.

“Learning is a two-way street. This initiative puts young people in the driver’s seat to share their knowledge in an interactive and creative way.”

The Parli-Flicks Short Film Award is sponsored by the Australasian Study of Parliament Group (ASPG) to mark International Democracy Day on 15 September 2021.

It is open to students in Years 7 to Year 12 and is free to enter. The overall winner will receive \$250 in prize money and the honour of taking out the first Parli-Flicks trophy.

Chief Executive of the NSW Department of Parliamentary Services Mark Webb said all entries must answer the question: “What does democracy mean to you?”

“We are challenging the secondary students of NSW to take the concept of democracy and work it into a short film that grabs attention and makes people think,” said Mr Webb.

“There is so much talent out there and we can’t wait to see the results.”

The short film can be fictional or documentary in style, use live action or animation, be serious or light-hearted in tone. Films must run for no longer than 60 seconds and students can submit as an individual or in a group of up to five participants.

Awards will be given for the following categories:

- Best Regional Short Film
- Best Metropolitan Short Film
- Best Junior Secondary Short Film (Years 7-9)
- Best Senior Secondary Short Film (Years 10 – 12)
- NSW Parliament Presiding Officers’ Choice
- Overall winner.

All winners will be invited to an awards night at NSW Parliament House on 15 September 2021, the International Day of Democracy.

The closing date for entries is **Friday 4 June 2021**.

For more information and details of how to enter, visit the [NSW Parliament Education](#) website.

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