

My Name is Annabel

Maximizing the impact of the film at your festival.

The goal of this film is to more authentically represent individuals with disabilities by collaborating with the participants, rather than just making a film about them. By organizing a range of events and community discussions around *My Name Is Annabel*, you can create a platform for dialogue, education, and empowerment. Here are some ideas and recommendations for ways to engage your audience:

Panel Discussions

- * Host a panel discussion after the film screening to delve deeper into the themes and issues raised.
- * Invite individuals with disabilities, disability advocates, experts, and filmmakers to participate.
- * Discuss the portrayal of disability in media, representation, challenges faced, and the power of storytelling to promote understanding and change.

Community Engagement

- * Collaborate with local disability organizations, advocacy groups, and community centers.
- * Invite them to participate in the film festival by hosting booths, information sessions, or showcasing their work.
- * Foster partnerships to create a lasting impact and support ongoing initiatives related to disability awareness.

Workshops and Activities

- * Organize workshops related to disability awareness and inclusion.
- * Examples include workshops on accessible filmmaking, disability etiquette, disability representation in the arts, and promoting inclusivity in the film industry.



Accessibility Accommodations

- * Ensure that all events are accessible to individuals with disabilities.
- * Provide captioning, sign language interpretation, audio description, and other accommodations based on the needs of the audience.
- * Communicate accessibility information clearly in advance and address any specific requests or concerns.

Post-event Resources

- * Share information and resources related to disability awareness, advocacy, and support organizations.
- * Provide links to relevant websites, books, documentaries, and other films on disability-related topics.
- * Encourage attendees to continue the conversation beyond the film festival.

Remember to be inclusive, open-minded, and respectful throughout the entire process. Engage with the disability community and seek their input to ensure that your events are meaningful and accurately reflect their experiences.

Discussion guide and detailed event accessibility guide available at presentingannabel.com

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