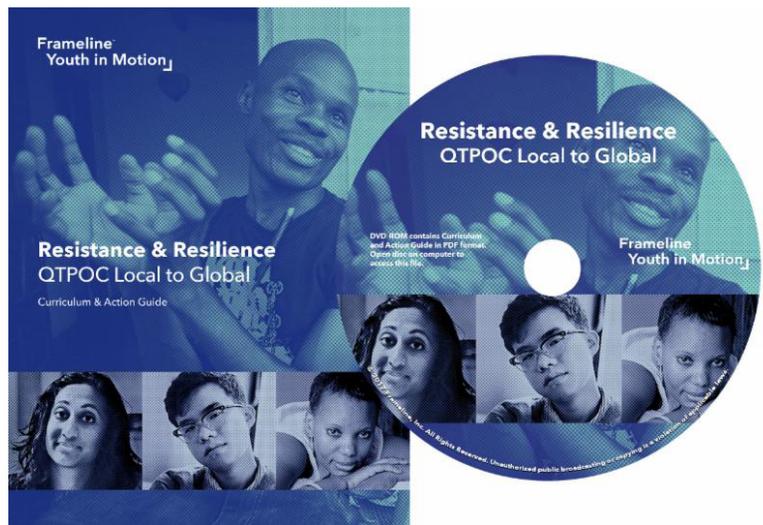


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FRAMELINE'S YOUTH IN MOTION SENDS 2017 FILM COLLECTION ON LGBTQ POC ACTIVISM TO OVER 1000 SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE AT NO CHARGE

SAN FRANCISCO - Frameline, the country's leading LGBTQ media arts non-profit, announces the expansion of its Youth In Motion program to 1,020 registered schools nationwide. Having started in California in 2008 with only a handful of schools, Youth In Motion now serves over 20,000 students in all 50 states through distribution of LGBTQ films plus professionally created curriculum at absolutely no charge. This year's film collection, ***Resistance & Resilience: QTPOC Local to Global***, features two documentaries that center the voices of queer and trans people of color in the U.S. and abroad: *Call Me Kuchu* and *Gaysians*.



Winner of the Frameline36 Audience Award, The Teddy Award for Best Documentary at Berlinale, and the International Feature Award at Hot Docs, *Call Me Kuchu* has been called a "MUST SEE" by LA Weekly. Following the life and work of activist David Kato, the first openly gay man in Uganda, this feature-length documentary and accompanying curriculum challenges students to engage on a personal level with LGBTQ rights, human rights, national and international activism across the globe, and the legacy of colonialism.

"I will always remember the Frameline's Festival screening of *Call Me Kuchu* as one of the most impactful experiences of our 40-year history. The standing ovation lasted over 10 minutes, with the 1,000+ audience stomping its feet. Frameline is elated that students and teachers across the country now get to see this award-winning documentary which stands as an inspirational testament to activism on the front lines in Uganda. The fight for LGBTQ rights is far from over in the US and globally; and in these turbulent times, *Call Me Kuchu* can create real dialogue and change. It is exactly what the next generation needs to see."

- Frances Wallace, Frameline's Executive Director

The short documentary *Gaysians* provides an American perspective as it follows five LGBTQ Asian-American youth and adults who discuss life at the epicenter of intersecting identities.



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Resistance & Resilience is available for free to any and all Gender & Sexuality Alliances (sometimes known as Gay-Straight Alliances) at K-12 schools, entirely for free. Educators and students can register to receive ***Resistance & Resilience: QTPOC Local to Global*** on Frameline's website at frameline.org/youth-in-motion.

"Youth in Motion films are everything I wish I had when I was growing up. As an educator, I'm so excited to have the privilege to show these films to queer youth and their allies. Kids love each and everyone of these films - it just goes to show, they are necessary!"

- Laura Nichols, Middle School Educator

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Previous Youth in Motion Collections Include:

[*Expanding Gender: Youth Out Front*](#) (2016)

[*Visibility Through Activism: The Legacy of Vito Russo*](#) (2015)

[*Insights: Queer Youth Defining Our Future*](#) (2014)

About Frameline:

Frameline's mission is to change the world through the power of queer cinema. As a media arts nonprofit, Frameline's programs connect filmmakers and audiences in the Bay Area and around the world. Frameline's integrated programs provide critical funding for emerging LGBTQ filmmakers, reach hundreds of thousands with a collection of films distributed nationally, inspire thousands of students through Youth In Motion, which sends free films and curricula to schools across the nation, and creates an international stage for the world's best queer film through the San Francisco International LGBTQ Film Festival and additional year-round screenings and cinematic events. Learn more at www.frameline.org or follow @framelinefest on Instagram and Twitter.

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