

## Diversity and Equity

Information, initiatives and events  
during the Berlinale 2025

The Berlinale recognises the importance of inclusivity and is dedicated to ensuring that its events are accessible and welcoming for all. The festival is committed to fostering an environment where everyone feels respected and safe. To this end, it is continually exploring ways to enhance accessibility and safety. This commitment involves ongoing reflection and education on topics related to equality, discrimination, power structures and accessibility.

During the Berlinale, numerous initiatives enrich this discourse and bring people together. Here you will find a selection of information and events in the context of anti-discrimination and accessibility. Around and at the Berlinale:

### Initiatives of the Berlinale

#### ***European Film Market***

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[EFM Industry Sessions](#) (only accessible with accreditation)

#### **TEDDY Award**

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## A selection of public events organised by these initiatives at the Berlinale

<b>Friday, 14.02.2025</b>		
10:30 pm Schwuz	<p><b>Teddy Jury Reception</b> as part of the <b>TEDDY Award Welcome Party</b></p> <p><u>Moderation</u> Bartholomew Sammut</p> <p><u>Guests</u> Jan Künemund Allegra Madsen Raul Niño Zambrano</p>	<p><b>Public, in Person Event</b></p> <p>The traditional introduction to our TEDDY Award Jury where we will learn about our Jury's work, their festivals and what a Queer Film Prize means to them.</p>
Event in English		
<b>Sunday, 16.02.2025</b>		
16 - 18.02. 9 am - 6 pm, Studio Berliner Freiheit	<b>EFM Conference Programme</b>	<p><a href="https://www.theafroberlin.com/program">https://www.theafroberlin.com/program</a></p> <p>AfroBerlin 2025 is a series of Industry Sessions that provide a platform for professionals to share their experiences and insights. Join to learn, connect, and celebrate the richness of people, films, cultures and businesses within the Afro Multiverse.</p>
10.30 am, Cubix 6	<p><b>Film Screening</b></p> <p>Free entry for refugees, contact: <a href="mailto:generation@berlinale.de">generation@berlinale.de</a></p>	<p><a href="https://www.berlinale.de/de/2025/programm/202511668.html">https://www.berlinale.de/de/2025/programm/202511668.html</a></p> <p><b>Maya, donne-moi un titre</b> (<i>Kplus</i>, recommended: 5 years and up) with Ukrainian live voice-over</p>
<b>Monday, 17.02.2025</b>		
10:00 am – 10:45 am HUB75	<p><b>TEDDY Directors Exchange: (Re)claiming authority over Narratives</b></p> <p><u>Moderation</u> Nastaran Tajeri-Foumani</p> <p><u>Directors</u> Yihwen Chen Joy Gharoro-Akpojotor Paula Tomás Marques</p>	<p><b>Public, In Person &amp; Recorded Event</b></p> <p>Who has the right to tell someone else's story and can authority and collaboration organically co-exist? When it comes to fictional re-tellings, observational documentaries and exploring hard realities, how does the process between the director and those who live these realities come together to make authentic and moving works such as the three films made by our panelists: Paula Tomás Marques, Yihwen Chen, Joy Gharoro-Akpojotor.</p>
11 am -11:45 am HUB75	<p><b>TEDDY Directors Exchange: Double Trouble: The art of Co-directing</b></p> <p><u>Moderator</u> Ana David</p> <p><u>Directors</u> Emma Hough Hobbs Leela Varghese Marcio Reolon Filipe Matzembacher Miri Ian Gossing Lina Sieckmann</p>	<p><b>Public, In Person &amp; Recorded Event</b> Collaboration, the natural process of developing a story together, then taking the leap and jumping into the same director's chair, what are the benefits of having a directing partner and do they outweigh the negatives, if there are any? Let us find out with the directors of <b>Lesbian Space Princess</b>, <b>Night Stage</b> and <b>Sirens Call</b>.</p>
<b>Tuesday, 18.02.2025</b>		

2:30 pm – 4 pm HAU2	<b>TEDDY Talents Talks: Listen to your Heart!</b>  <u>Moderator</u> Djamila Grandits  <u>Speakers</u> Faridah Gbadamosi Connor Jessup Jun Li Paulina Lorenz	<b>Public, In Person &amp; Recorded Event</b> In this third edition of the TEDDY Talents Talks, a joint venture of TEDDY Award and Queer Academy, we invite four film professionals to reflect on the boundaries they've broken just by listening courageously, and the special place that listening plays in their practice.
<b>Friday, 21.02.2025</b>		
8:30 pm - 10:30 pm Volksbühne	<b>The 39<sup>th</sup> TEDDY AWARD Ceremony</b>	<b>Invitations or tickets available on Volksbühne</b> At the 39th TEDDY AWARD Ceremony, the coveted trophies for the best queer films of the Berlinale will be presented in the categories Best Feature Film, Best Documentary / Essay Film, Best Short Film, Jury Award and as a Special TEDDY for outstanding achievements.
11pm Volksbühne	<b>TEDDY After Show Party</b>	<b>Invitations or tickets available on Volksbühne</b> The legendary TEDDY After Show PARTY with 2 dancefloors, the TEDDY Charity Lounge and the No Coffee Lounge.
<b>Saturday, 22.02.2025</b>		
4 pm Cubix 6	<b>Section Generation: Film Screening</b>  Free entry for refugees: <a href="mailto:generation@berlinale.de">generation@berlinale.de</a>	<a href="https://www.berlinale.de/de/programm/berlinale-programm.html/s=zirkuskind/o=asc/p=1/rp=25">https://www.berlinale.de/de/programm/berlinale-programm.html/s=zirkuskind/o=asc/p=1/rp=25</a> <b>Zirkuskind</b> ( <i>Kplus</i> , recommended: 7 years and up) with live voice-over in Syrian Arabic

### Berlinale Events for accredited guests:

<b>13.02. – 19.02.2025</b>		
10 am – 8 pm <i>EFM</i> Messestände im Martin Gropius Bau	Examples are: African Umbrella Stand, Belarusian Independent Film Academy, Iranian Independent Film Makers, Ukrainian National Stand	
<b>Wednesday, 19.02.2025</b>		
3 pm - 4:30 pm Martin-Gropius-Bau, Kino	<b>TEDDY Talk: Queer Creations Part. 3</b>  <u>Moderator</u> Djamila Grandits  <u>Speakers</u> Rafiul Alom Rahman Franck Finance-Madureira Soňa Morgenthalová Raul Niño Zambrano	<b>Registration &amp; Accreditation, In Person Event</b> The Queer-Creation Talks are about exploring, analysing and connecting people, organisations and initiatives in the queer film network. In Part. 3, we continue with organisations that offer training and development support for queer feature films, from Documentary to Fiction. An integral part of elevating queer projects is to ensure timely and effective development support, that in the past was scarce and rare to find. However a number of training programs have pioneered the way, and we look to them to see how their models can inspire further programs that could benefit queer storytelling.

5 pm – 6p m Martin- Gropius-Bau Kino	<b>Queer Your Program: Speedy Film Pitches</b>  <u>Moderator</u> Bartholomew Sammut	<b>Registration &amp; Accreditation, Live Event</b> Thirty Filmmakers whose films are ready for distribution will present their projects within two-minute pitches to programmers, distributors and sales agents. Join in to find potentially your next opening night film.
6 pm - 8:30 pm Martin- Gropius-Bau Lichthof	<b>QUEER Industry Reception</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Accreditation, Live &amp; In Person Networking Event</b> The annual gathering of industry professionals from the Queer Film Industry, from filmmakers to programmers, to distributors and sales agents at Gropius Bau Lichthof.

### External Events during the Berlinale:

<b>Friday, 14.02.2025</b>		
5 pm, Canadian Embassy in Berlin, Leipziger Platz 17, 10117 Berlin	Power to Transform! “ <b>From unconscious bias to algorithmic bias - How AI reinforces sexism and discrimination in images and storytelling</b> ”  A global forum for women in film	<a href="#">OPEN FORUM @Berlinale2025 Tickets, Fri, Feb 14, 2025 at 5:00 PM   Eventbrite</a>  Only with personal invite.  Unfortunately your participation won't be admissible without a personal invitation.
Entry: 8 pm, Start: 8:30 pm SO36, Oranienstraße 190, Berlin	<b>HI BOSSI! #1 – Not Your Regular Film Festival Afterparty</b>	<a href="https://www.so36.com/produkte/78874-tickets-hi-bossi-1-so36-berlin-am-14-02-2025">https://www.so36.com/produkte/78874-tickets-hi-bossi-1-so36-berlin-am-14-02-2025</a>  Celebrate feminist, queer and rebellious icons with Drag performances, iconic soundtracks and red carpet glam. Dresscode: Bold, Fierce & Fabulous!
10 pm SO36, Berlin	<b>HI BOSSI! Discussion: Wie wird die Filmbranche FLINTA-inklusiver? (How does the film scene become more FLINTA inclusive?)</b>	<a href="https://www.so36.com/produkte/78988-tickets-hi-bossi-so36-berlin-am-14-02-2025">https://www.so36.com/produkte/78988-tickets-hi-bossi-so36-berlin-am-14-02-2025</a>  With exciting guests such as Kerstin Polte from ProQuote Film, Brix Schaumburg, Dan Dansen and Joyce V Newrzella, we discuss concrete steps for more FLINTA inclusion in the film industry.
<b>Saturday, 15.02.2025</b>		
10 am – 1 pm Institut Francais Kurfürsten- damm 211, 10719 Berlin	<b>20 Years WIFT Germany Rewind &amp; Fast Forward</b>  Women in film and Television Germany e.V. (WIFT) reception with panel discussion and netlifiting sessions The event will be held in English, spoken language.	<a href="https://20-years-wiftgermany-berlinale-event-2025.eventbrite.de">https://20-years-wiftgermany-berlinale-event-2025.eventbrite.de</a>  <a href="mailto:info@wiftg.de">info@wiftg.de</a> Together with our panelists, we will reflect on the last 20 years - on the progress made and and discuss how we can build on this foundation and continue to stand up for equality in the future. There will then be an opportunity for further dialogue and networking.
<b>Sunday, 16.02.2025</b>		

<p><b>3:30 pm – 4:45 pm</b> Eleven Eleven Club, Potsdamer Str. 96, 10785 Berlin</p>	<p><b>Familienfreundliches Drehen beim BVR</b></p>	<p><a href="https://ffd.proquote-film.de/ffd-therapie-und-heilungschancen-beim-regiesalon-berlinale-2025/">https://ffd.proquote-film.de/ffd-therapie-und-heilungschancen-beim-regiesalon-berlinale-2025/</a> As part of the "Director's Talk 2025 – Never Waste a Good Crisis", the panel "Family-Friendly Shooting – Therapy &amp; Chances of Healing" will take place.</p> <p><u>Keynote:</u> Status Quo – Help is already there Belinde Ruth Stieve (actress, expert) presents the information portal of ProQuote Film ffd – Family-friendly shooting and offers from Alles für die Filmfamilie.</p> <p><u>Panel discussion:</u> We talk about ways to work creatively, family-friendly – beyond self-exploitation.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, 18.02.2025</b></p>		
<p><b>10am – 4:30pm,</b> Atelier Berlin-Kreuzberg: A Light-flooded, elegant space for workshops and masterclasses near the Berlinale Festival Centre.</p>	<p><b>BIPoC Alliance - Here to stay, here to slay 2025</b> <a href="https://www.bipocalliance.com/">https://www.bipocalliance.com/</a></p> <p>Masterclasses. Glam Reception. Networking. Community Building. Party.</p>	<p>The masterclasses are <b>BIPOC</b> only. Such as...</p> <p><b>Masterclass: Telling our Stories - 12.30 pm</b> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.de/e/masterclass-telling-our-stories-new-ways-of-film-production-tickets-1235847526219?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.de/e/masterclass-telling-our-stories-new-ways-of-film-production-tickets-1235847526219?aff=oddtcreator</a></p> <p><b>Masterclass: Positioning our Stories - 3 pm</b> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.de/e/masterclass-positioning-our-stories-navigating-labs-and-festivals-tickets-1236257101269?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.de/e/masterclass-positioning-our-stories-navigating-labs-and-festivals-tickets-1236257101269?aff=oddtcreator</a></p>
<p><b>8pm - 03:30 am,</b> Prince Charles: An iconic venue with a mix of creative open spaces and club settings that hosts the GLAM reception and the BIPoC Alliance Party</p>	<p><b>BIPoC Alliance GLAM Reception and Party „Here to stay, here to slay“ 2025</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.bipocalliance.com/">https://www.bipocalliance.com/</a></p>	<p><b>BIPoC Alliance GLAM Reception and Party - 8 pm</b> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.de/e/bipoc-alliance-glam-reception-party-tickets-1234343206759?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.de/e/bipoc-alliance-glam-reception-party-tickets-1234343206759?aff=oddtcreator</a></p> <p>The party is for everyone.</p>
<p><b>3:30 pm – 6 pm,</b> Wolf Kino Berlin, Weserstr.59</p>	<p>Cinematographer Reception 2025</p>	<p>Tickets und Information: <a href="https://cinematographinnen.ticketmachine.de/de?q=&amp;tag=">https://cinematographinnen.ticketmachine.de/de?q=&amp;tag=</a></p>
<p><b>Donnerstag, 20.02.2025</b></p>		
<p><b>11 am – 4 pm,</b> Kameraverleih Ludwig, Berlin, Bergholzstraße 1-4 12099 Berlin</p>	<p>Brothers bring your sisters to the set/(Detox Masculinity) workshop by the „Freundeskreis Cinematographinnen.“ and the Cinematographinnen - WOMEN* CINEMATOGRAPHERS NETWORK A workshop with Christoph May In German.</p>	<p><a href="#">Brüder, holt Eure Schwestern* ans Set - eine Filmbranche für alle - CINEMATOGRAPHINNEN - WOMEN* CINEMATOGRAPHERS NETWORK</a></p> <p>11 am – 4 pm, including a lunch break. Brothers bring your sisters to the set/(Detox Masculinity) workshop for men on 20.2. in Berlin - Men's Associations, Images of Men &amp; Toxic Masculinity in the Film Industry</p>

<b>Samstag, 22.02.2025</b>		
<b>7:30 pm</b> at Sinema Transtopia	<b>BOM. Screening »Black OurStory Month Cinema 2025: Black Joy &amp; Òrìṣà Devotion in Berlin«</b> Documentary film and additional talk	For Black people only. <a href="#">Link</a>  For more events of the Black Our Story Month at EOTO: <a href="#">EOTO</a>
<b>Sunday, 23.02.2025</b>		
<b>7 pm</b> Sinema Transtopia	<b>Chez Jolie Coiffure Solidarity screening</b>  Solidarity-film screening „Chez Jolie Coiffure“ <i>In Cameroon Pidgin, French, with English Subtitles</i>	<a href="#">Chez Jolie Coiffure - SINEMA TRANSTOPIA</a>  In cooperation with AFRIKAMERA, ProQuote Film and others – a special screening in support of Sabine Amiyeme.  Sabine Amiyeme, the protagonist of the documentary Chez Jolie Coiffure by Rosine Mbakam, has been living and working in Brussels for 13 years and has built a life, network and business in Belgium after a long and traumatic migration journey. The entrance fees and donations from the solidarity demonstration will benefit Sabine's ongoing fight against deportation.

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