

August 1, 2020

10:00 - 11:30 AM (PT)

1:00 - 2:30 PM (ET)

5:00 - 6:30 PM (GMT)

# Empower Women Media and Religious Freedom & Business Foundation Film Screening and Award Ceremony

The world is increasingly visual, story-driven and mobile dominated. It's urgent we identify, equip and mobilize leaders to create short films with empowering messages. The **Empower Women Media** Film Competition challenges female filmmakers from around the world to produce short films that seek to affirm that freedom of religion and belief are essential for businesses and thriving communities. Filmmakers hailed from Afghanistan, Canada, India, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, and the U.S.

In partnership with the **Religious Freedom & Business Foundation** and **Empower Women Media**, the online film screening will be showcasing inclusivity and multi-faith collaboration in the workplace, marketplace and society.

For more information, please contact: [shirin@visualstory.org](mailto:shirin@visualstory.org). To register for the online film screening and award ceremony, please click [here](#).

## Hosts



Iranian-American Shirin Taber directs the Middle East Women's Leadership Network and Empower Women Media. She is passionate about helping leaders produce media for their missions.



Brian Grim, Ph.D. is president and founder of the Religious Freedom & Business Foundation and the world leading expert on the socioeconomic impact of religious freedom.

## Schedule of Events

1:00 PM Shirin Taber: Welcome and Introductions

1:10 PM Judges Panel Q&A

1:15 PM Dr. Brian Grim: Trends in Religious Freedom

1:20 PM Film Screening

2:05 PM Film Maker Panel Q&A

2:30 PM Event Close



# Empower Women Media Films

## “Long Road to Freedom”

Mariya Dostzadah Goodbrake (Afghanistan)

Afghan female, professional shares her story to empower refugees and promote freedom of belief.

## “District 18”

Maral Karaee (Iran)

District 18 is the story of a young woman living in a community where diversity is shunned, but she longs for freedom of belief.

## “Her Factor”

Ruba Abbassi & Hiba Eid (Jordan and Lebanon)

Jordanians share how women’s freedom of expression can promote economic prosperity in the MENA region.

## “Together As One”

Sarina Faizy (Afgansistan)

Sarina tells her women’s empowerment and freedom of belief story under Taliban rule.

## “Freedom to Succeed”

Lydia Sunberg & Sage Taber (Hungary and United States)

Two young women from opposite sides of the globe share why immigrants and refugees need the freedom to contribute economically to their new society.

## “The Feminine Champion”

Terri Marie & Elham Heidari (Iran)

An Iranian female’s quest to empower women through sports and promote a flourishing society for all.

## “DJ Academy for Girls”

Olfa Arfaoui (Tunisia)

DJ Academy for Girls shares their story of women challenging gender-based stereotypes and advocating for freedom of expression that can lead to innovative business opportunities in the Arab region.

For more information about the short films and female media producers, contact the Empower Women Media Director, Shirin Taber at [shirin@visualstory.org](mailto:shirin@visualstory.org) or [www.empowerwomen.media](http://www.empowerwomen.media)

