

CREATE YOUR OWN QUESTION FILMS

If you're interested in seeing your own Question Films broadcast on dropping knowledge and elsewhere, you can either send in raw footage or a finished question film, created according to the following guidelines:

1) STYLISTIC

CONTENT

The interviewee or 'question-giver' should introduce themselves (name, age, profession, place of residence) and ask their question directly into camera. They may wish to add a few brief statements about who they are and what they do, or further explain what has led them to ask their question. Of course, they may also ask more than one question.

FRAMING

The question-giver should be framed in a 'head and shoulders' shot or facial close-up.

DURATION

Question films run from 30 seconds up to around 3 minutes.

2) RAW FOOTAGE OR FINISHED FILM?

RAW FOOTAGE

The simplest way to create a Question Film is to shoot your subject asking their question and send us the raw footage. If accepted, we will add music and (if necessary) sub-titles to your film, along with a Copyleft logo and our standard white-on-black end-plates.

FINISHED FILM

Experienced filmmakers who wish to edit and complete their Question Films themselves, then upload them, will need to include a 'Copyleft' logo in the top-left corner of the screen and three white-on-black end-plates ('ASK YOURSELF', 'DONATE YOUR QUESTION' and 'dropping knowledge.org'), which should appear for at least two seconds at the end of the film. You can download these items from the dropping knowledge Activist Kit web-page.

SUB-TITLES

If the Question-Giver is speaking in a language other than English, the film will need to be sub-titled.

COPYLEFT

All visual and audio material in the film must be Copyleft or your own original creation.

MUSIC

You can download and find out more about Copyleft-approved music from the following websites:

wiki.creativecommons.org

www.archive.org

www.mutopiaproject.org

www.copyleft.be

www.foldedspace.org

RESOLUTION

We would prefer to receive your finished Question Film initially in a low-res format.

If accepted, we will contact you to request the hi-res version.

ASPECT RATIO

Please submit your film in either a 16:9 or 4:3 aspect ratio.

3) UPLOADING

Simply click on 'Upload Your Film', fill in the form and upload your footage. Please provide your name, email contact and specify the format of your upload file (AVI, MPEG-4, Quicktime or Windows Media Video). You should also provide a list of credits: typically, the names of the director, producer, director of photography and sound recordist. Extra credits might include an assistant director, additional camera operator and any thank-yous.

4) COPYLEFT

dropping knowledge Question Films abide by a Copyleft principle of distribution. In the simplest terms, this means that anyone is free to screen, broadcast or re-distribute our films for non-commercial purposes, as long as they acknowledge the author of the original material. Users may also re-edit or otherwise re-create the material as long as they acknowledge the author of the original material and distribute the new material for non-commercial purposes under the same Copyleft license.

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5) RELEASE FORMS

In addition to your upload, you will need to download, fill in and fax to us two forms: one, a release-form signed by the on-camera 'question-giver'; second, a statement signed by you asserting that all images and music in your film are your own original creation or have previously been distributed under a Copyleft license. Without these signed forms, we cannot broadcast your film.

You can download the forms from this page and fax the signed versions to our Berlin office:

+ 49 (0) 30 28 38 83 52.