

Serious Mental Illness



For the 2024 Voices With Impact Film Grant we're defining Serious Mental Illness as a mental health condition that impairs a person's ability to function in day to day life. Some common examples of SMI's are Bipolar disorder, Schizophrenia, and Schizoaffective disorder.

People living with Serious Mental Illnesses can live full productive lives with effective treatment but oftentimes the stigma attached to these conditions results in missed opportunities all around: folks living with these conditions do not get the support and treatment they deserve, and the greater public is deprived of opportunities to see the world from different perspective.

Our hope for this year's films focused on SMI is to tell authentic stories of people living with serious mental illnesses with the goal of opening opportunities for dialogue and learning.

We want your proposals for five minute films on the topic of Serious Mental Illness. You can interpret Serious Mental Illness as it relates to you. We're looking for honest, intriguing, humanizing, authentic stories of lived experience on the topic. These can focus on managing conditions, how to tackle stigma, how to make it through the tough times, or a celebration of the ways your relationship to your mental health allows you to see the world! We want narratives that start a conversation, and we're open to what that conversation is.

[**Watch the info session**](#)