

Video Submission Guide

Stronger Together: Mining Community Voices at MI26

How to Prepare and Record Your Video Submission

What We're Looking For

We invite a **3–5 minute original video**, recorded in **horizontal (landscape) format**, that shares your personal or community perspective on this year's theme:

"Stronger Together: Progress Through Partnership"

Your story should connect this theme to **real issues, experiences, or opportunities** from your community or context — especially those affected by mining.

You don't need fancy equipment. A mobile phone, natural light, and your voice are enough.

Suggested Structure

While you're free to speak from the heart, here's a simple structure to guide your message:

1. **Introduce yourself**
 - Name, country, and your role or connection to a mining-affected community
2. **Share your message**
 - What are the challenges or opportunities you see related to mining?
 - What does "Stronger Together" mean to you and your community?
 - What needs to change? Who should listen?
3. **Offer a vision**
 - What partnerships could create a better future for your community?
 - What actions do you hope to inspire?
4. **Sign off**
 - A closing message or call to action
 - Feel free to speak in your authentic voice and tone

Recording Tips

Format & Orientation

- Record in **horizontal (landscape) format**
- Do not record in portrait (vertical) mode

Framing & Camera Position

- Frame your face **from the shoulders up**, centered in the screen
- Place the camera at **eye level** (use books or a stand if needed)

Lighting

- Face a window or light source (avoid having light behind you)
- Natural light works best

Audio

- Record in a **quiet place** with minimal background noise
- Speak clearly. If available, use an external mic or headset

Quality

- Use a phone, laptop webcam, or camera capable of recording at **720p or higher**
- Do a quick test recording to check sound and lighting

Submission Requirements

- **Length:** 3 to 5 minutes
- **Format:** MP4 or MOV
- **Resolution:** Minimum 720p (1280x720)
- **Language:** English or French
- **Ownership:** The video must be your **original work**. You must have permission to include any other people shown.

If your video is hosted (e.g. on YouTube, Google Drive), you may also submit a **link** instead of a direct file upload.

Helpful Reminders

- Speak honestly and from your lived experience
- Avoid scripts — speak naturally as if talking to a friend
- Submissions that are blurry, too quiet, or poorly lit may not be considered
- You must **own all rights** to your video. Do not include copyrighted music or visuals
- If you're unsure, feel free to email us at community-voices@theimpactfacility.com