

# DIL LEYLA

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## SYNOPSIS

At 26, a Kurdish-German woman is elected the youngest mayor in Turkey. In a record 81% landslide she is elected mayor of Cizre, a Kurdish capital city that lies in the war-torn region at Turkey's border with Syria and Iraq. It is here that Leyla was born, but after her father was killed by the Turkish military, she was sent at the age of 5 to live in Germany.

After more than 20 years, she returns home. Her goal is to heal and beautify the civil-war-torn city, which is enjoying a break in the violence. But on the eve of Turkey's parliamentary elections, everything changes, and old memories become more real than ever.

Locations: Cizre/Turkey and Bremen/Germany

## FESTIVALS

TV version LEYLA nominated for 2018 Grimme Prize 'Young Documentary'

2016

IDFA Amsterdam

2017

Max Ophüls Preis

Thessaloniki Documentary Festival

One World Documentary Film Festival

Movies that Matter Festival

Achtung Berlin

Crossing Europe Filmfestival Linz

Sehsüchte Berlin

DOK.fest München

Agadir International Documentry Festival

Documentary Film Festival Karlsruhe

Krakow Film Festival

Studio Hamburg Nachwuchspreis

Ischia Film Festival

First Steps Berlin

Dubok International Film Festival

Germany 2016

71 min

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Current Affairs, Gender, Conflicts, Human Rights, Migration, Politics

### ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German, Kurdish

### PREMIERE

Germany (2016)

### WORLD SALES

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