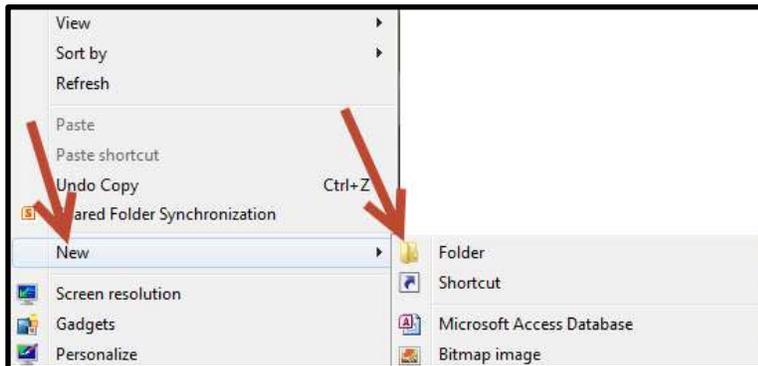


Windows Movie Maker

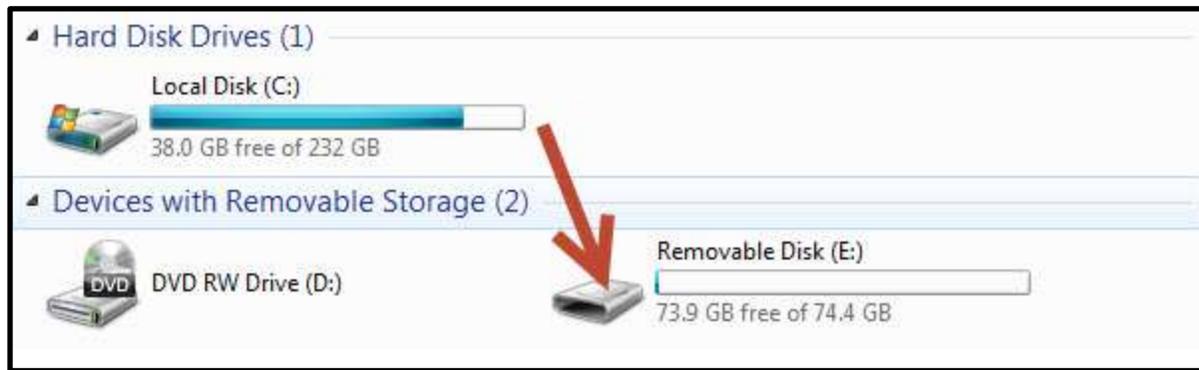
Note: Windows Live Movie Maker will support the following formats for importing content:

Video files	.mpg	.avi	.wmv	MPEG1	.asf	.m1v	.mp2
Audio files	.wav	.mp3	.snd	.au	.aif	.aifc	.aiff
Still Images	.jpg	.jpeg	.bmp	.png	.gif		

The first step in creating a movie is to take your video from your camera and save to the computer. This is where all of your video, music and still images will be saved. Using your mouse, right click to make a new folder on your desktop. **Note: If you are using computers in the HELC then saving the video is a little different. Open your libraries folder and create the folder inside your My Videos folder. Video files are generally pretty large. You may want to have an 8GB or more flash drive available.**



Plug your camera into your computer using the USB cable and turn camera on. Your camera should read as an external hard drive. To locate your camera click on **Computer** and browse to the removable disk icon. You should see something similar to the image below. Keep in mind the drive letter is assigned at random and may not be the same letter as shown below.



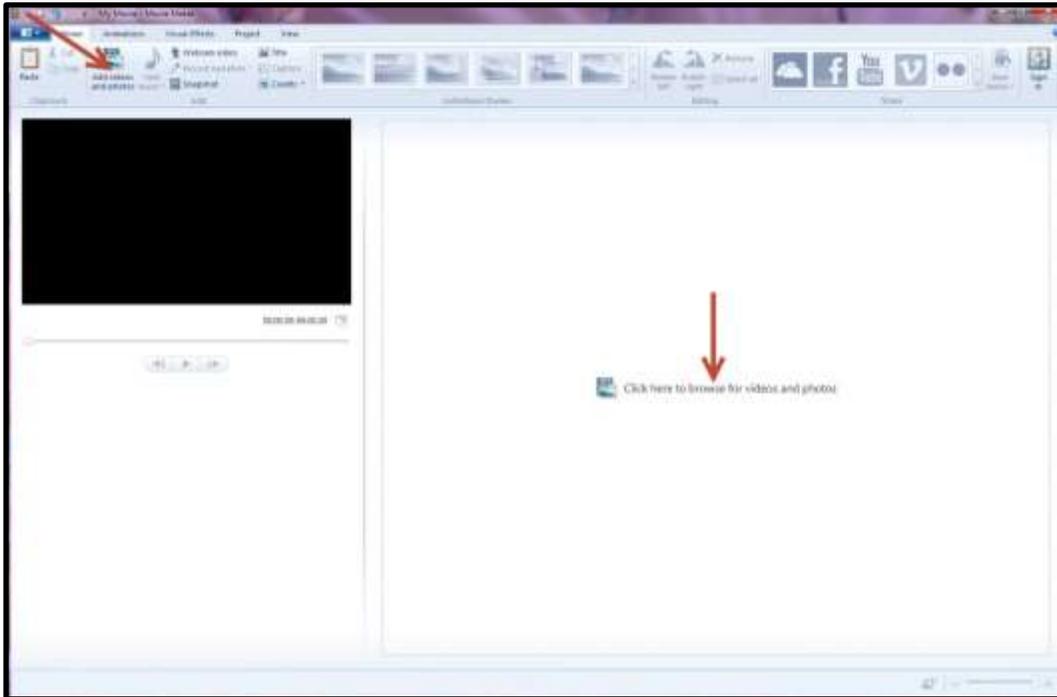
Once you have located your camera, double click to open this drive. Inside you will find a series of folders. The number of folders and the names of the folders may vary depending on the type of camera that you have. Browse through the folders until you locate your video files. You can either copy and paste or drag and drop your files into the folder that you created. If you have any audio or still images you will need to save those in the same folder.

Locate your windows movie maker software. This can be found either on your desktop or by clicking on the windows button in the lower left hand corner and searching for movie maker.

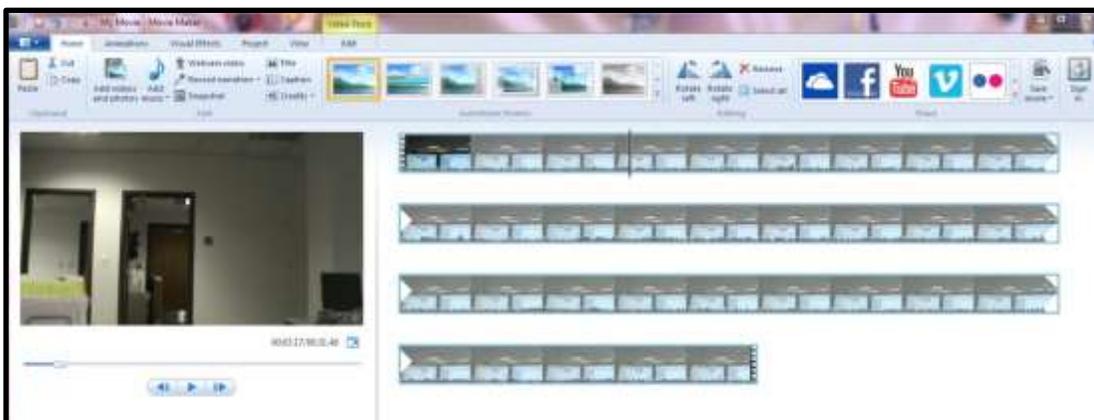


Importing Video into Movie Maker

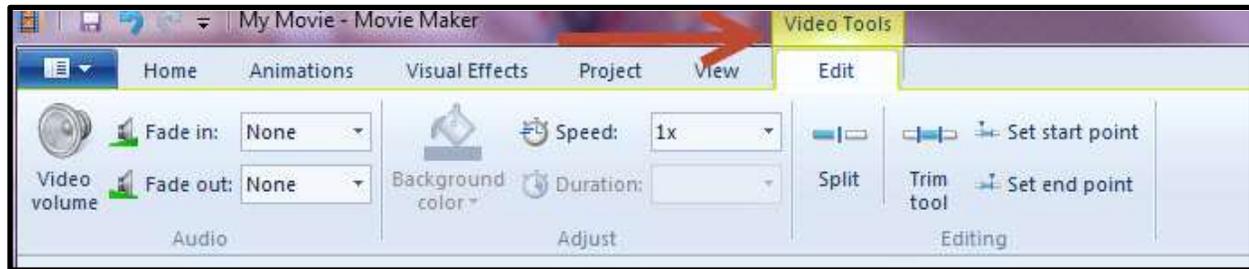
There are two ways to import video into your project. You can either click the **Add Videos and photos** button or click the **Click here to browse for videos and photos**. Browse to the folder that you created and choose the video you wish to add. You can add several video clips at a time by holding down the **Ctrl** button on your keyboard and clicking the videos you want.



Depending on the size of your video this process may take a while. Once your file has been added you should see video in your preview screen and video in the time line area. Your video is now available for editing. *Effects can be added to the video but most people prefer to edit the video first and then add the effects, sounds and more.*



By clicking on the **Video Tools** tab at the top different options for editing the video will now appear.



The video volume button allows you to set the overall sound for your video.

The Fade in and Fade out lets you set the speed at which the video will appear or disappear.

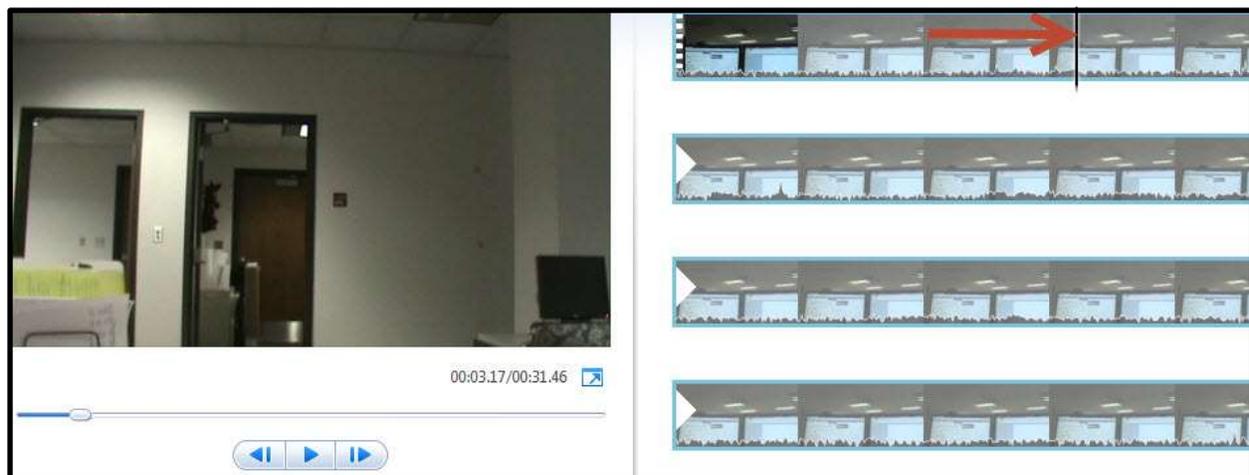
The Speed Control has options for speeding up or slowing down your video clip.

The Split tool will split the clip at the point you select.

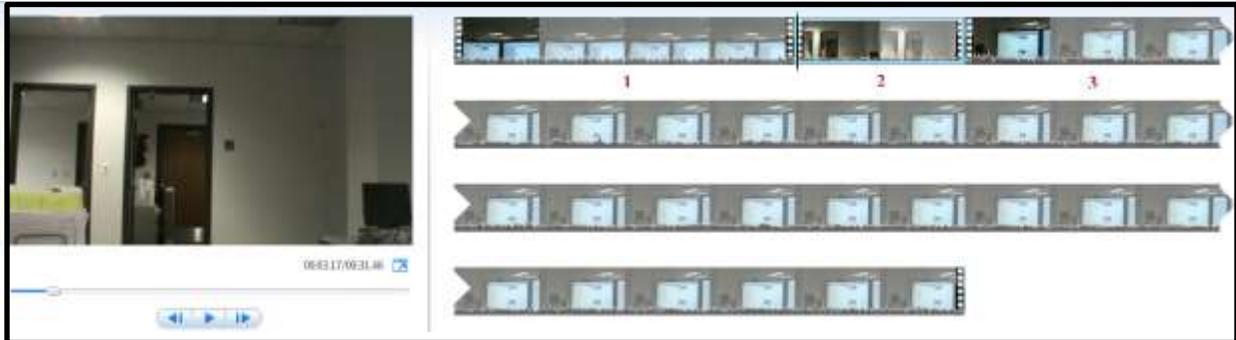
The Trim tool allows you to adjust the portion of the clip you want to use.

The Set start point and Set end point tools are used to trim off the beginning or end of the video.

The timeline on the right side is where you will do all of your editing. The black vertical bar is called the **playhead**. By moving the **playhead** to the left or right you are **scrubbing** through the video. The preview pane will show the video frame that the **playhead** is on.

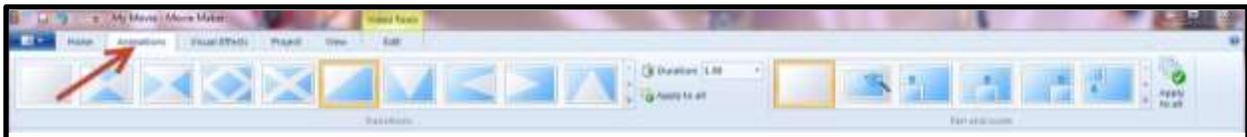


Once you have located the desired frame you can use the Split, Trim or Set tools to edit the clip. If you wish to get rid of something in the middle of the video you will make two splits. When you make the splits you will notice the video is split into 3 different videos.



To get rid of the desired clip simply click on it and hit delete on your keyboard. The clip will disappear. *This does not affect your original video.*

By clicking on the **Animation** tab a variety of options will appear. This option will show a range of transitions that can be added to your movie. This will customize how your video will go from clip to clip.



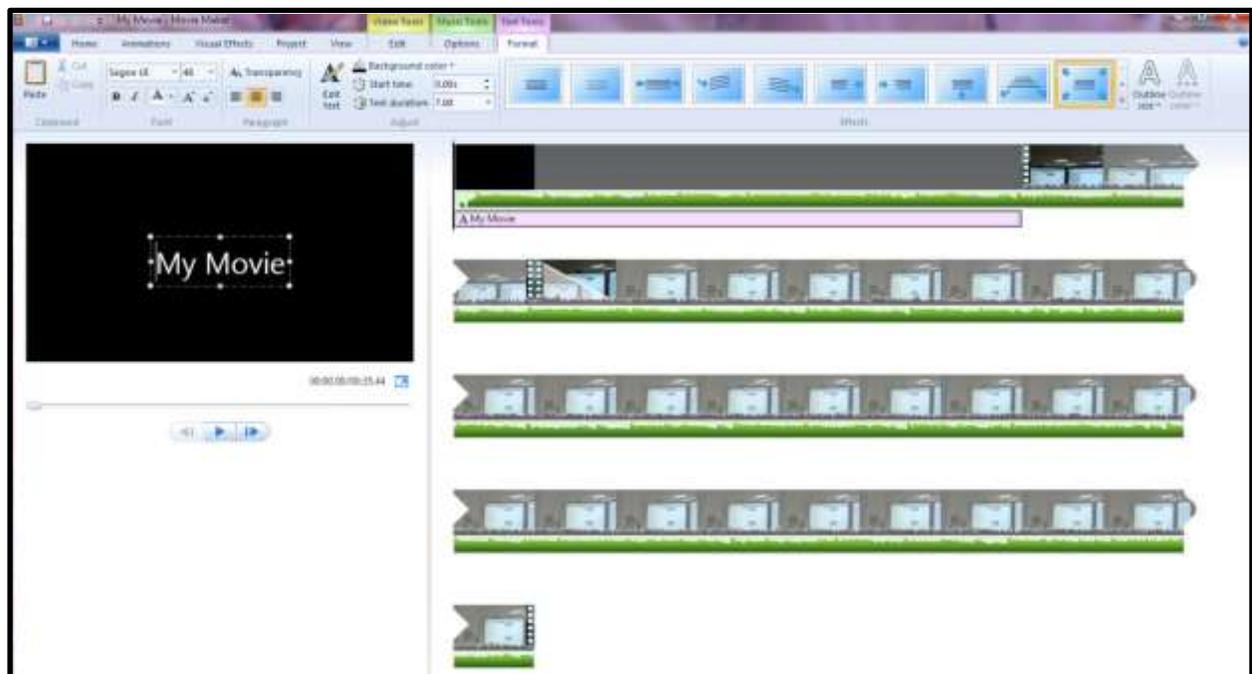
Place the **playhead** in between the clips you want to add transitions to. If you hover over each transition you will be able to preview that transition in the preview window. Once you find the desired transition simply click on the icon and movie maker will automatically place it between the two clips.

Adding music is just as simple as adding video. Click on the **Add Music** button. Browse to the audio clip you wish to use. Once you add the audio to the timeline it will appear underneath your video highlighted in green.



The **Music Tools** tab has similar functions as the Video Tools tab. You can control fades and volume. You can also set start times, end points and more. If you wish to move your audio track to another location on the timeline, simply click and drag the audio track to desired location.

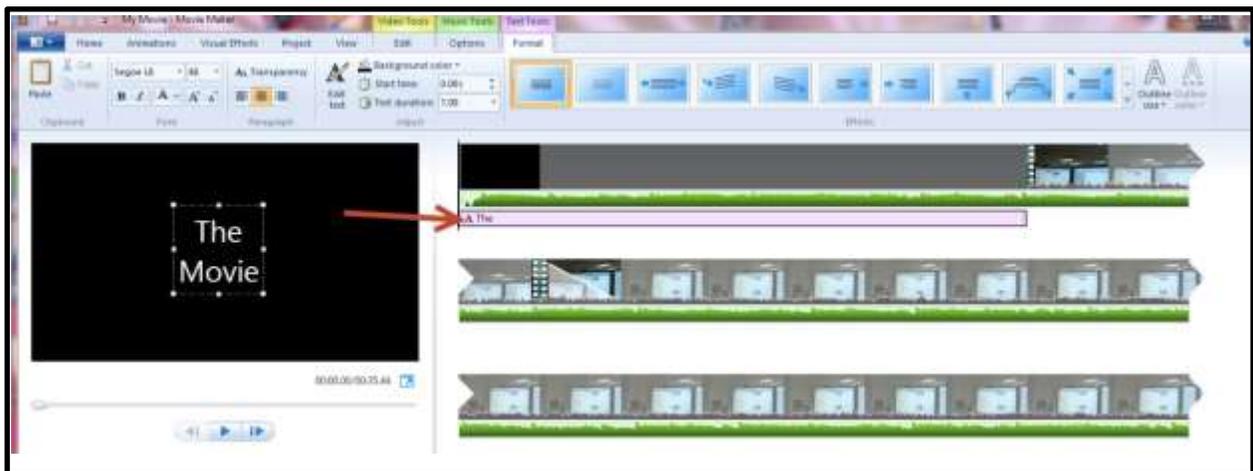
You can add a title to your movie. Click on the **Title** button. Your screen will change and resemble something similar to below.



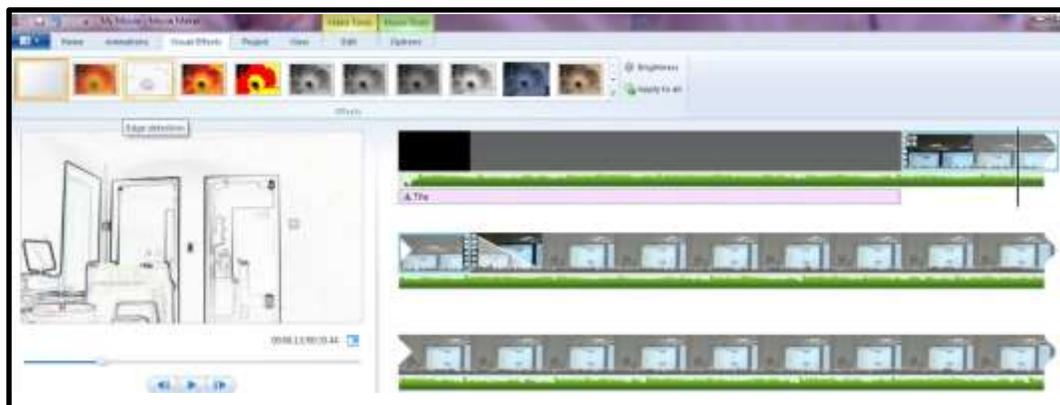
In the preview window you can now type your desired text. If you hover over the icons on the **Text Tools** tab you can preview how your title is going to be displayed. Once you decide which effect you want simply click on it. Movie maker will automatically add the effect.



You can also change the text duration, background color, font and size by using this tab. You will also notice that on the timeline another track appears. It is highlighted in pink. This is your text track.



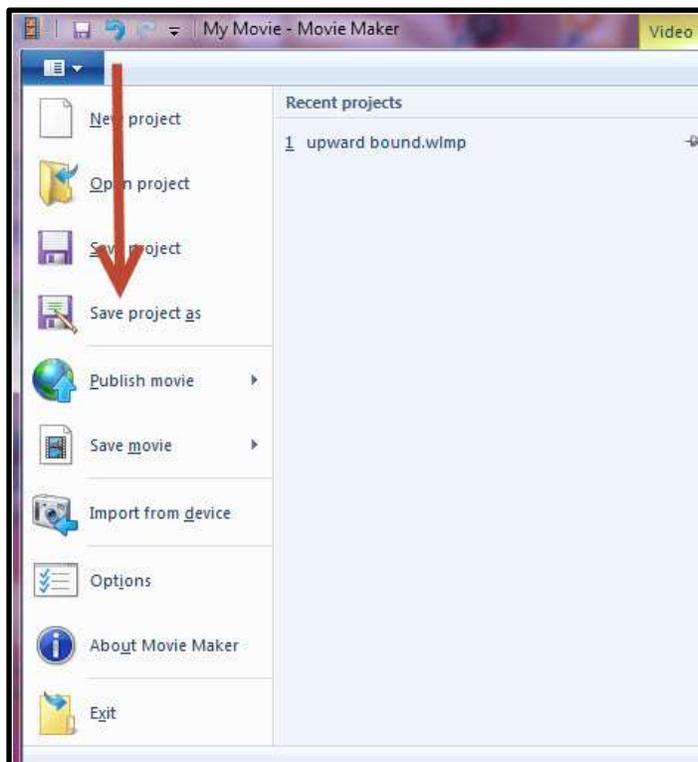
Click the **Visual Effects** tab to access a group of effects that can add interest or correct problems. These effects include choices for making color effects. You can hover over each effect to see how it will change the clip. Once you decide on an effect simply click it and movie maker will add it for you. This effect will only change the clip that you have clicked on. You must click on each clip then apply the effect that you desire.



Exporting your movie

Windows Movie Maker creates a project file. This file is **not** a true movie and can't be played outside of the Movie Maker software. A project **must be** exported before it becomes a true movie.

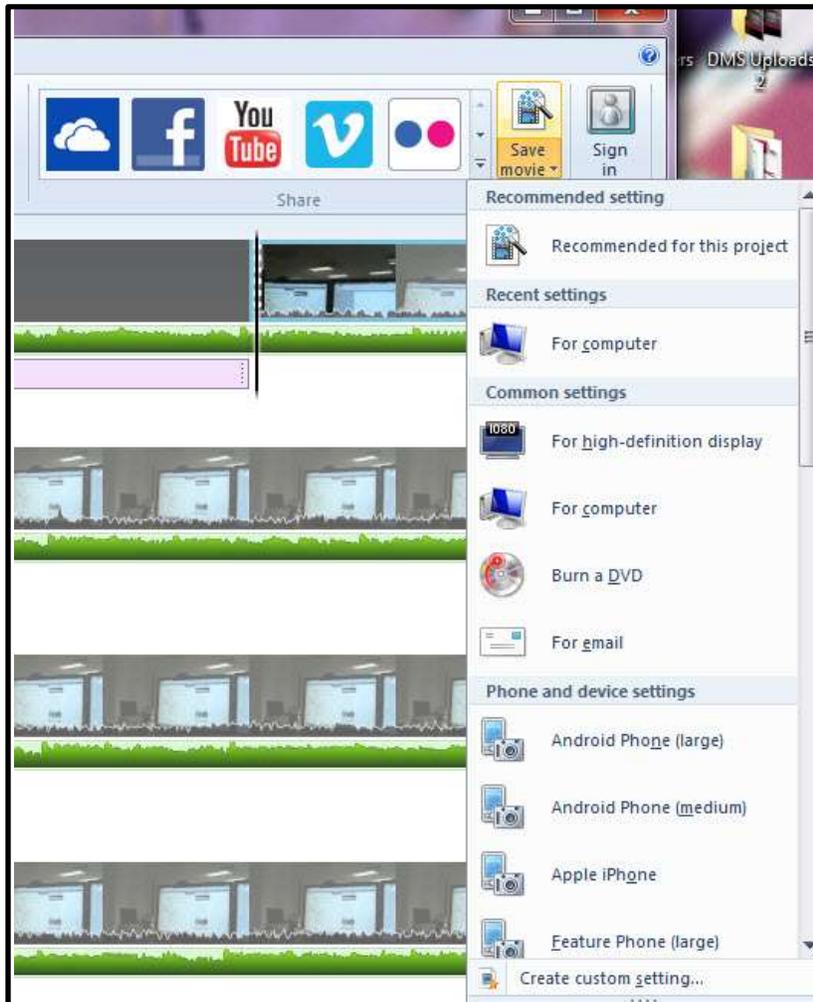
Saving the project allows you to come back and edit it at any time. To the left of the home tab you can click the down arrow for options to save your project. **Click the Save Project As** option. Browse to the folder that you created in the beginning, give your file a name then click save.



Click the **Home** tab at the top. On the right side you will notice several options for sharing your movie online. You can click the button you desire, follow the steps and upload your movie.



You can also export and save the video in other ways by clicking the **Save Movie** button. After clicking the Save Movie button you can select from several options from the drop down menu.



Recommended for the project	Automatically selects settings that Movie Maker believes is appropriate for your video.
High-definition display	High quality video that should look as good as possible on an HD screen
Burn DVD	DVD maker will open create custom menus and much more
For computer	Creates a higher quality movie that is for playback on computer
For email	Reduced and compressed video (still may be too large for email)
Create custom	Useful if you project must be different than the "standard" settings available.