

Stories from the Field

UN DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL TO PROMOTE THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

**NATIONAL FILM THEATRE, SOUTH BANK
SATURDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 11AM TO 8.30PM**

A unique opportunity to see the best films produced recently by the UN and its agencies and by independent producers to promote the UN Millennium Development Goals as judged at the 2nd UN Documentary Film Festival held in New York in April this year. They include short TV public service announcements, candid analyses of continuing challenges and examples of dogged determination and courage. The twenty three films will be screened at NFT3 in four sessions, each allowing time for discussion. Organised by the UNA's Westminster Branch.

Tickets Per session: **£7.60** or **£5.25** concession (add **£1** for NFT day membership)

Day Ticket: **£22** or **£14** concession (add **£1** for NFT day membership)

Booking Online at <http://www.bfi.org.uk/incinemas/nft>

or call NFT Box Office: 020 7928 3232 (Open 11.30 am to 8.30 pm)

Session 1: 11am (c. 105 mins)

Mother Aysha, Best UN film, less than 15 minutes)

UNRWA

Mother Aysha, living in the Gaza Strip, rescued her family from economic hardship by starting a business with a loan from UNRWA

Equal Opportunity

IMF

UN Messenger of Peace, Michael Douglas, promotes the International Year of Microcredit and the importance of microfinance as a means of lifting the world's poor out of poverty.

Slum Futures

Alex Gabbay & Subina Shrestha for TVE

Behind Mumbai's financial and Bollywood glitz lurks a city landscape dominated by massive, sprawling slums, among the biggest in the world. Its slum dwellers are a vibrant and proud community and an integral part of the city's economic vitality, feeding its perpetual need for unskilled labour.

No means no

UNMIL

"When a woman says no, she means no" is a Public Service Announcement (PSA) campaign for Liberia using sensitization as a tool to curb violence against women.

Honduras fights domestic violence

UNFPA

Members of the Honduras police force –including male officers who themselves were once perpetrators and female officers who were once victims – are trained to help curb the problem of domestic abuse.

The Real Sex Traffic (Best Public Film)

Ric Esther Bienstock

A Ukrainian man seeks his pregnant wife, Katia, who has been trafficked to Turkey. We follow his search for the pimp who "owns" Katia, so he can buy her back. Part cinema vérité, part investigation, the film puts a human face on this compelling, contemporary issue.

Let the Show Begin

Dhafir Taleb

This film documents a 5-day international short film festival held in Baghdad in extremely difficult circumstances in September 2005. The young organisers of the event are determined to do something constructive and to assert a sense of creativity in a situation where daily violence traumatises and paralyses people.

Session II: 2pm (c. 103 mins)

High Tech Birth control for Tsetse flies

IAEA

Advanced technology is used to sterilize male baby tsetse flies to reduce their numbers in Ethiopia.

Malaria-Killer Number One

IRIN

A single epidemic of malaria can wipe out the lives of hundreds of thousands of villagers in Ethiopia with the most vulnerable, women and children, hardest hit.

The Lovers, the Victims

Kamal Bahar, Mohammad Ehsani

Despite official denial, HIV/AIDS is common in Iran and we look at back alleys, bedrooms, and clinics of Tehran, talking to youngsters, drug addicts and sex workers, doctors, nurses, and clergy.

Building Trust: India

UNICEF

UNICEF works with community and religious leaders to overcome community resistance to polio immunization.

Deadly Catch-Lake Victoria's AIDS Crisis (Best UN Feature, 15 mins and longer)

IRIN

IRIN, the humanitarian news agency, tries to raise awareness in the community still being decimated by AIDS after more than 20 years.

Session III: 4.15pm (c. 117 mins)

Agnes Pareyio-UN in Kenya Person of the Year

UNIC, Kenya

Kenya's UN Person of the Year 2005, Agnes Pareyio, assists girls escaping female genital mutilation and early marriage in the Masai Community.

Violence against Women

ONUB

This PSA made for Burundi raises awareness about violence against women.

The Making of a Martyr (Audience Choice Award for Best Film)

Brooke Goldstein, Alistair Leyland

Hussam Abdu, 15, caught with bombs strapped around his waist, voluntarily surrendered and is now in prison. Here, that part of Palestinian culture is shown which in the Intifada has seen many suicide bombers aged 18 and under.

From Peace to Politics: Burundian Women Take Charge

UNIFEM

The transformation of Burundian women from peace activists to Members of Parliament in the post-war period.

The Millennium Development Goals

UNIC

This series of PSAs illustrates the collective efforts of the family of United Nations agencies in Kenya.

Shipbreakers

ILO

The work of ship breaking, shunted from port to port, is one of the world's most unregulated industries, leaving a swath of debris, disability, and death in its wake.

Session IV: 6.40pm (c. 110 mins)

Unite for Children

UNICEF

UNICEF's Goodwill Ambassadors talk about how HIV/AIDS causes children to miss out on their childhood.

The Hunger Gap

Kiran Khalid

The hunger gap is widening in West Africa where every fourth child born alive fails to reach its 5th birthdays. Until aid organizations are properly resourced, Niger and Mali will continue to face a perennial hunger crisis.

Gilberto Gil against Child Labour (Best UN Public Service Announcement)

ILO

Brazil's minister of education, Gilberto Gil, brings his musical talents to the fight against child labour.

UN World Summit PSAs

UNDPI

The campaign to promote the 2005 World Summit aired on local New York networks to inform New Yorkers about what was going on and why.

A Workshop for Peace

UNDPI

Commemorating the UN's 60th anniversary, previously unseen film of the architects struggling to design appropriate HQ for the new body committed to save future generations from the scourge of war.

WHO THEY ARE?

IAEA: International Atomic Energy Agency

ILO: International Labour Office

IMF: International Monetary Fund

IRIN: Integrated Regional Information Networks

ONUB: United Nations Operations in Burundi

TVE: Television Trust for the Environment

UNFPA: United Nations Population Fund

UNDPI: United Nations Department of Public Information

UNICEF: United Nations Children's Fund

UNIC, Kenya: United Nations Information Centre, Nairobi

UNMIL: United Nations Mission in Liberia

UNIFEM: United Nations Development Fund for Women

UNRWA: United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

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