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WQED To Host Screening and Discussion of *Not In Our Town: Light in the Darkness*

Not In Our Town National Week of Action Kicks Off September 18, 2011

What: *Not In Our Town: Light in the Darkness* Documentary Screening and Discussion

When: Monday, September 19, 2011, **6:30 pm**

Where: WQED, 4802 Fifth Avenue, Oakland

PITTSBURGH - WQED is hosting a **screening and public discussion** of a new PBS documentary, *Not In Our Town: Light in the Darkness*, in the Hillman Conference Center at WQED, 4802 Fifth Avenue in Oakland on **Monday, September 19 at 6:30 pm**.

[This event is free and open to the public but registration is required; visit <http://notinourtownatwqed.eventbrite.com/> to reserve a spot. Limited free parking will be available in the WQED staff and visitor parking lots after 5 pm, with additional free overflow parking available in the Carnegie Mellon parking lot located at Forbes and Morewood Avenues \(after 5 pm\).](http://notinourtownatwqed.eventbrite.com/)

WQED-TV will air the documentary *Not In Our Town: Light in the Darkness* on Wednesday, September 21 at 10 pm.

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Not In Our Town: Light in the Darkness tells the story of residents of a Long Island village taking action after a local immigrant is killed in a hate crime attack by seven teenagers. While starkly revealing the trauma of hate, the film provides a blueprint for people who want to do something before intolerance turns to violence.

The screening at WQED is part of the **Not In Our Town National Week of Action**, held from September 18-24. During the Week of Action, communities across the country will use the film to find ways to prevent hate crimes and anti-immigrant violence. Public media stations along with national partners, including faith-based organizations, the Department of Justice Community-Oriented Policing Services Office, National League of Cities, National Hispanic Media Coalition, and Welcoming America, will also use the film to initiate dialogue about intolerance in their communities.

About the Film

In 2008, a series of attacks against Latino residents of Patchogue, New York culminated with the hate crime killing of Marcelo Lucero, an Ecuadorian immigrant who had lived in the Long Island village for 13 years. Seven local teenagers were arrested for the attack and one was charged with murder. Over a two-year period, the story follows Mayor Paul Pontieri, the victim's brother Joselo Lucero, and Patchogue residents as they openly address the underlying causes of the violence, work to heal divisions, and begin taking steps to ensure everyone in their village will be safe and respected.

Not In Our Town: Stop Hate. Together.

Not In Our Town highlights communities coming together to stop hate. Developed by The Working Group in 1995, Not In Our Town began with a PBS documentary that told the story of how people in Billings, Montana joined together to respond to a series of hate crimes in their town. This simple, powerful story of people banding together struck a chord with audiences, and created a model that inspired viewers around the country to hold their own campaigns against intolerance.

For more information about *Not In Our Town: Light in the Darkness*, including the film trailer, discussion guides, and press materials, please visit NIOT.org or PBS.org/NIOT.

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