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The Tasmanian Centre for Global Learning

Kingborough Council is happy to lend out the following DVDs on a variety of human rights issues: they are collected from past short film events. We have reviewed the films and added comments relevant to schools.

The contact to arrange loans is Melissa Staples, mstaples@kingborough.tas.gov.au or ph 6211 8228.

The library at our Centre also has a wide variety of resources on human rights issues. These include longer DVDs with Study Guides, books, kits, learning activities and posters. To find out more about these contact Karen Reid, karen@afairerworld.org, 6223 1025.

Kingborough Council short film descriptions

Fish Sauce Breath (G) 10 mins

Van, a young Vietnamese Australian man is in love with an Anglo Australian girl and it is time to meet the parents. However, there is one problem: fish sauce breath.

Recommended for secondary students, this mildly comic film would complement a discussion of stereotypes and/or cultural differences.

Tea for Two (G) 10 mins (2004)

This story of a middle aged Iraqi asylum seeker and his Australian friend, is based on real events. Two people from different worlds meet in the alien environment of a detention centre. While the film would be useful as an introduction to conditions in Australian detention centres, it is only recommended for senior secondary students.

Pho-gotten Times (G) 10 mins

This adult documentary is about the simple Vietnamese dish called Pho consisting of broth, noodles and condiments. It casts Vietnamese migrants, their culture and contribution to Australian life in a very positive way however it is doubtful that it would appeal to many students. Contains subtitles.

Black Beach (G) 10 mins

A fast paced, satirical look at beach access, rites of passage and ownership from the perspective of an Aboriginal and mischievously spirited surfer. Recommended for secondary students. Some strong language is used.

Be My Brother (G) 7 mins* **Winner of Tropfest 2009

A young man's charm and charisma challenges the prejudices of a stranger at a bus stop. Suitable for secondary students, the film would complement discussions on tolerance, difference and stereotypes.

Lolly Pops (G) 5 mins

There's not much about old age to look forward to apart from liquorice all-sorts, so when cuts to government funding lead to the cancellation of the lolly cart in the Geriatric Ward, a stand, with a little help from a walking frame, must be taken. After all, revenge is sweet! A humorous look at protest and group action, this film could also be used to explore one's right to quality of life. Recommended for primary and secondary level. NB. Does not play with Windows Media Player.

Poppy's Head (G) 22 mins

A film about a boy, a granddad and a bully and how dementia affects their lives. The theme of dementia is predominant (lesser issues being bullying, suicide and drugs) and thus this film would have limited appeal for secondary students. NB. Does not play with Windows Media Player.

Larry (G) 7mins

Beautifully crafted claymation about Larry who is bullied daily by Barry. This very powerful film is suitable for upper primary and lower secondary students.

Barry (G) 8 mins (sequel to Larry)

Barry is the typical school bully; nasty, rebellious and doesn't care about anyone but himself. But like all bullies he has something troubling him inside. The film gives the opportunity to examine a situation from the bully's point of view. Suitable for upper primary and lower secondary students.

Pria (G) 12 mins

Pria is a South Asian teenager who is experiencing her first real crush. She would like to approach the object of her affection but is too self-conscious about her heavy accent. She tries to lose her accent by mimicking the lines spoken by her idols from the silver screen. Sweet and funny, this film includes themes of personal identity and self esteem, at a level most suited to secondary students.

Bruni (PG) 9 mins

When Bruni meets Stefan, a refugee facing deportation, her beliefs are put to the test. This Tasmanian production is suitable for senior secondary students.

A Recipe for Change (G) 5 mins

Tells the story of how an ordinary 81 year old Sydney woman changed her world by baking a cake every week for the local church's "Sharing a Meal" program. A documentary illustrating how one person can 'make a difference'. Secondary level.