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No One Bothered (7:34 min)
Directed by Josephine Boxwell
Produced by Laurie Nicholls
Winner of the Empowerment Award



About the Film

Claire, an ex-police officer, and her partner Darren take us on a journey through some of the places they have called home—a rubbish bin fort, a parkland, public toilets, to name a few.

The couple lives in Bournemouth, England. When they first arrived in the seaside town, they begged for money in order to buy food. Eventually they became registered Big Issue magazine vendors. The Big Issue Foundation is an initiative that gives homeless and vulnerably housed people the opportunity to make a living by selling magazines to passersby. For Darren and Claire, selling The Big Issue is a step up from begging, but not a step away from the dangers and prejudices that come with being on the street.

This short intends to illustrate that none of us are impervious to misfortune or mistakes; all of us are only a few steps away from the street. *No One Bothered* reminds us that even in societies where social security exists, many are left behind.

Filmmaker Bios

Josephine Boxwell developed a passion for social issue documentary whilst completing a master's degree in post-production editing. Specializing in social documentary editing for online distribution, she became interested in how the Internet could be utilized to tell local stories of global relevance.

In 2009, Josephine moved from her native England to Canada, and has worked as a freelance editor on a range of projects, including work for the Toronto-based non-profit organizations, Bikes Without Borders and the Nelson Mandela Children's Fun Canada.

Her documentary editing work encompasses a broad range of social issues including LGBT rights, oppressed youth and immigration.

Laurie graduated from the University of Sunderland in 2008 with a degree in

media and photography. In 2009 she gained a Master's degree with merit in producing film and television from the University of Bournemouth.

Laurie has a passion for current affairs and has worked as head of news for a local radio station in the UK. The respect she receives from everyone she works with is evidence of her dedication to the projects she undertakes.

Take Action Links

Take Action with World Homeless Day 2010

(<http://www.worldhomelessday.org/>)

What are you doing for World Homeless Day? Get involved by exploring local groups to help the homeless in your community.

Take Action with National Alliance to End Homelessness

(http://www.endhomelessness.org/section/about_homelessness)

Get answers about the “big picture” questions including State level ten-year plans to end homelessness, the cost of homelessness to taxpayers and the demographic of those living on the streets.

Take Action with Big Issue Vendor Stories

(http://www.endhomelessness.org/section/about_homelessness)

Visit the Vendor Stories section for more personal accounts of overcoming adversity and struggling to survive on the streets.

Take Action with National Coalition for the Homeless

(http://www.nationalhomeless.org/need_help/index.html)

If you or someone you know are on the brink of becoming homeless, search through these directories and resource centers for emergency assistance.

For more information about *No One Bothered* and the other films from the tenth annual Media That Matters Film Festival, visit www.mediathatmattersfest.org or contact us at festival@artsengine.net.

