

Welcome? Asylum Compilation DVD

"When we first heard about the Welcome film we quickly saw the potential for being an excellent resource for voluntary, community and church groups to use. Welcome and the other asylum films, lucidly demonstrate the reality of government policy. What makes them particularly powerful is that it is real people who are telling the stories themselves. This is important morally, but also practically for informing change. These films have been concise, understandable and ultimately accessible". Alan Thornton ‐ Church Action on Poverty

Welcome? is a compilation of 5 Camcorder Guerillas films, raising awareness of the issues of destitution and detention faced by asylum seekers in Glasgow, as well as highlighting the campaigning efforts of the communities where they live and what anyone can do to help and how to take action.

Welcome (21mins), Taking Action (9mins), Those Left Behind (11mins), Visit Dungavel - Monster of the Glen (25 mins) and Voice Seekers (15 mins)

The full line-up of films is:

TAKING ACTION ‐ 9 minutes ‐ 2008

This short film updates audiences on the current situation facing asylum seekers and gives practical information on what can be done to help destitute asylum seekers.

THOSE LEFT BEHIND ‐ 11minutes ‐ 2006

What is it like to teach in a school where pupils simply vanish without trace? What happens when your neighbour of many years disappears over night? Those Left Behind speaks to some of the people who live in Glasgow's communities where people disappear - without warning.

VISIT DUNGAVEL - 25 minutes ‐ 2005

Imagine escaping persecution in your own country, only to be locked up without trial in Dungavel detention centre. Using documentary, testimony, animation, original music and drama, Visit Dungavel is a shocking, funny, informative and moving series of short films about detention.

WELCOME ‐ 21minutes ‐ 2004

Hundreds of refugees are being put out of their homes with no benefits and no rights to work. Unable to return to their countries they are in a stateless limbo on Glasgow's streets. "My life is frozen" says a Zimbabwean maths teacher who has been living "Underground" since being evicted from his council flat. "It's existing, but it's not a life. I don't think Scottish people know we are being chucked onto the street or they would not allow it to happen". This film is designed to raise awareness about the issue of asylum seekers and refugees being made destitute and to encourage people to help by giving their spare rooms to destitute asylum seekers.

VOICE SEEKERS ‐ 15 minutes ‐ 2004

Four refugees from DRC, Afghanistan, Kosovo and Uganda tell us their stories: about their lives before they had to flee their native countries and about their experiences of seeking asylum in Scotland and their hopes and dreams for the future.

The DVD features an easy to use Action Pack, full of ideas as to how you can help end destitution, which makes it a great tool for campaigning and raising awareness. The films have been used widely by refugees and asylum support groups throughout the UK. Please get in touch if you would like your own copy or for more information.

The DVD is available for £10 (inc postage).

To order a copy of the DVD, please email films@camcorderguerillas.net

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