

Not In Our Town: Class Actions premieres on PBS in February



Our newest program, [*Not In Our Town: Class Actions*](#), will premiere on PBS stations beginning on Feb. 13. (Check local listings.) Like *Light in the Darkness*, this film will reach millions through the PBS broadcast and with the help of our national and public media partners.

We hope that you will also bring this program to your school or community. *Class Actions* is a 30-minute program that features three stories about students confronting bullying and intolerance.

[At niot.org/ClassActions](http://niot.org/ClassActions), you can preview the film, sign up to host a screening, and pre-order the DVD.

Resources for school and community screening hosts will include a screening kit, lesson plans from teachers already using the program in their classrooms, and web extras.

Thank you for helping us stop hate. Together.

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Teacher Resources: New Short Films + Lesson Ideas



From posting positive messages on Facebook to taking on a social action project or simply speaking out against bullying, students across the nation have taken a step towards tolerance and acceptance with the guidance of their teachers.

[See five new films + accompanying lesson ideas from Facing History and Ourselves](#)

[In the News: Long Island Comes Together After Hate Crimes](#)

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In the News: Long Island Comes Together After a String of Hate Crimes



"This is what our towns, villages and cities should be about--people uniting as a community to stand up for peace and tolerance."

From the [Glen Cove Record-Pilot](#): A group of clergy representing different faiths and communities gathered to address recent hate crimes and racist vandalism.

- [Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, Jan. 19, 2012](#)

A string of hate crimes have percolated on Long Island, New York. Since late December, there has been a fire bombing, a desecrated menorah, a vandalized mosque, and white supremacist graffiti on a school, home, and car.

But leaders in Nassau County came together. A multi-community response included Sea Cliff Mayor Bruce Kennedy assembling clergymembers of various faiths, residents, and elected officials to stand against intolerance.

Read more about the inspiring events in Nassau County:

- ["Hate Crimes Denounced in Huntington: When one group is harmed we all are," Half Hollow Hills Patch](#)
- ["'Prejudice is Not a Prank': Multi-faith, Multi-community gathering addresses hate crimes and 'shock value' vandalism," Glen Cove Record-Pilot](#)

User Videos: Nashville Immigrants Tell Stories, Share Hope

In the early hours of a February morning in 2008, Daoud Abudiab woke up to a call by the local fire department. The Muslim community leader was notified that there had been an attack on the Islamic Center of Columbia, the home of the Muslim community in Columbia, Tenn. The very mosque that he directed was defaced with racial slurs and burned to the ground.

For Abudiab, his family, and the Columbia community, the attack was a reminder of how hate can devastate a community; but also, a lesson that strength and unity can overcome tragedy. Nearly four years later, his daughter reflects on the hate that she and her community experienced that day.

Am I the Terrorist?
by NPTnextdoorneighbors



Watch user-generated videos by clicking on the image above.

This user-generated video is part of Nashville Public Television's award-winning Next Door Neighbors series and highlights what immigrants and refugees are doing to stand up to bias and create inclusion. It is only one of many local activities that are part of the partnership between Not In Our Town and Nashville Public Television.

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