

Hello Not In Our Town community,

Thanks to all of you who have participated in the incredible success of the release of our film, *Not In Our Town: Light in the Darkness*. If you watched the film with a group or in your home, [we would love your thoughts](#).

As we write this, we are putting the final touches on our next film, *Not In Our Town: Class Actions*, which will premiere on PBS stations in 2012. *Class Actions* showcases anti-hate and bullying efforts at schools and universities. If you're interested in this film and learning about our educational resources, learn more at [Not In Our School](#) and [sign up for the Not In Our School newsletter](#).

As always, thank you for helping us stop hate. Together.

The Not In Our Town team

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The Center for Social Media highlighted Not In Our Town's work in its new report, *Social Justice Documentary: Designing for Impact*, written by

**New Videos**



The [Light in the Darkness web extras page](#) has more than 10 short videos, including extended profiles of those who appeared in the film.

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### [Read Not In Our Town's case study here.](#)

According to the Center, "This report is required reading for future filmmakers, producers, funders or anyone who is curious to know the story behind the scenes. By walking through the production process of six award-winning documentaries on social issues and human rights topic, the report gives an in-depth analysis on the different types of impact documentaries can have on our society."

Welcoming America's [Strategies for Creating Welcoming Communities report](#) also featured Not In Our Town and NIOT.org's tools in a case study.

## Local Actions in Redlands, Charleston, Princeton, San Antonio and San Diego

More than 200 screenings of *Light in the Darkness* are taking place across the country. Here are some examples of local actions from community groups:

- In Redlands, CA, the community discussed [tensions following a double homicide and safety for the LGBTQ community](#).
- In Charleston, WV, one viewer wrote an op-ed about [how language can dehumanize and espouse hatred toward an ethnic group](#).
- At a Princeton, NJ library, viewers discussed [how they could find solutions to the bullying problem](#).

How has your community responded to the film? [Let us know](#).

Our national and public media partners made incredible progress, too:

- KLRN in San Antonio, TX [hosted a series of events and the city mayor proclaimed it the Not In Our Town week](#).
- Fronteras was part of the screening at the [University of San Diego's Hate Crimes Awareness Week](#).
- Welcoming America has added [Not In Our Town activities to its online game](#).

Public media engagement has been supported by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

## Hate Crime Vigils Across the UK

Several hate crime vigils occurred in the UK this weekend.

According to the *Norwich Evening News*, the aim of a vigil in Norwich was to "raise awareness of hate crimes while acknowledging the need for communities to work together to tackle the problem.

Organisers said this year's event had become more significant

following the murder of gay hotel barman Stuart Walker in Scotland last weekend."

Read the *Norwich Evening News* article here, "[Candle-lit vigil in Norwich against hate crime](#)," in addition to "[Two thousand people attend hate crime vigil in Trafalgar Square](#)," "[Brighton Council to host candlelit vigil against hate crimes](#)," and "[Scottish PinkPaper.com readers announce hate crime vigil plans](#)."



From *Norwich Evening News*: Candle-lit vigil in Norwich against hate crime

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