



Screen the Film that Sparked a Movement this Holiday Season: 20th Anniversary



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[Don't Blame the Victim: A Mayor Responds to NFL Martin-Incognito Case](#) by Oak Creek, WI Mayor Steve Scaffidi

[Video: Not In Our Town Week Begins in Bowling Green, OH](#)
Student run BG24 covers the community-wide campaign.



Twenty years ago in Billings, MT, a brick was thrown through a 6-year-old Jewish boy's bedroom window, where he had placed the family's Hanukkah menorah. The anti-Semitic incident was one of several hateful acts in Billings that year, including skinheads at an African-American church, racist hate messages on a Native-American woman's home, and the desecration of the Jewish cemetery.

This 20th anniversary is a moment to reaffirm the values from the story that sparked a movement. We offer you a complimentary screening DVD and discussion guide of the original Not In Our Town film. As the holidays bring us together, bring your community together to discuss safety and acceptance for all.

[Click here to request your complimentary screening DVD.](#)

Hungary Launches Not In Our Town Site



The American movement Not in Our Town is becoming more and more relevant in Hungary. A negative discrimination, which has not been unknown in our recent history, is making the lives of Hungary's minorities more difficult once again.
-Nalunknem.org

Hungarian concerned citizens launched a local Not In Our Town site, Nalunknem.org, to map their positive stories of change in the face of anti-Semitism and anti-Roma sentiment. The site helps connect the growing network for tolerance in Hungary and includes updates on events and resources, including Not In Our Town films and action guides translated into Hungarian. [Read more about](#)

Supporting Sasha, Teen Set on Fire



Overwhelming support has poured in for Luke "Sasha" Fleischman, an agender high school student who was set on fire on an Oakland, CA public bus this month. Police arrested a 16-year-old Oakland student for the immolation, and announced that he will be charged as an adult for a hate crime.

Sasha was wearing a skirt at the time of the attack, which friends and family fear may have been the reason Sasha was targeted.

Hundreds have come forward to [send messages of support to Sasha, friends, family and all those who are targeted for their gender identity at NIOT.org](#).

In the aftermath of this crime, Not In Our School Director Becki Cohn-Vargas challenges us to grapple with these events and collectively deepen our understanding of the intersection of race, class, and gender at every level. Read her post, "[It's Time to Talk About Gender Identity](#)."

NIOT Leader Profiles: Susan Guess of Paducah, KY & Alexandra Lee-Jobe of Davis, CA



NIOT.org continues to profile amazing leaders in the Not In Our Town Network.

After her 8-year old daughter was bullied two years ago, **Susan Guess** moved into action together with her daughter to raise awareness and get her whole community involved in anti-bullying activities. From events at local schools to

kindness campaigns, from starting a Mayor's Task Force and approaching Kentucky's Governor to start a Statewide Not In Our Town effort, these two are unstoppable. [Read Susan Guess' profile at NIOT.org](#).

In Davis, CA, longtime social activist and educator **Alexandra Lee-Jobe** wanted to do something after a young gay man was nearly beaten to death in her university town. An active member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis, Alex has led the organization's Anti-Racism Task Team and worked tirelessly to

initiate and improve diversity and inclusion in her community. Recently Alex has become a founding member of the Davis Phoenix Coalition. [Read Alexandra Lee-Jobe's profile at NIOT.org.](#)

