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Hello NIOT community!

Here at NIOT HQ, we are gearing up for the fall PBS broadcast of our film *Light In the Darkness*, which documents how Patchogue, NY took action after anti-immigrant violence devastated the community. Our two edit room schedules are jam-packed as we finalize the film and create DVD and web extras that we want to share with all of you. The film will broadcast on PBS nationally on Sept. 21 at 10 p.m.-though do check your local listings for times.

Hundreds of communities and organizations across the country will be hosting local discussions with the film. Interested in hosting a screening? [Let us know](#). We'll connect you to the DVD, screening kit and discussion guide as they become available this summer. Also this summer: KQED is broadcasting a new version of *Not In Our School: Palo Alto*.

In other news, it's been a stellar month. Our executive producer Patrice O'Neill has been globe-trotting, speaking about NIOT and *Light In the Darkness* with national leaders in Washington, DC, funders and fellow filmmakers-for-change in New York at Good Pitch, and interfaith leaders in Dresden, Germany at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Kirchentag. We are working with public media stations across the country, interest in [Not in Our School](#) continues to grow, and our films on [positive community responses to the Westboro Baptist Church](#) continue to serve a need. See the incredible community response after the hate group threatened to visit tornado-torn Joplin, MO below.

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

The Not In Our Town team

## Joplin, MO: After the Tornado, the WBC?

After the deadliest tornado on record flattened Joplin, MO, another threat appeared on the horizon: The Westboro Baptist Church.

The hate group threatened to protest on Memorial Day weekend, during President Obama's visit. News traveled quickly, sparking people to action. Amid the rubble, people stood up in support of this town of 50,000, including the 125 dead and the more than 900 injured.

As one of Facebook friends said:

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New Video:  
*Students at Jewish High School Talk About Acceptance*



At the Jewish Community High School of the Bay in San Francisco, Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) leaders invited NIOT Executive Director Jonathan Bernstein to engage in a conversation about working together to create safe schools and communities.

[Video](#)

"The only good thing about this group is that they are bringing out the best of the rest of us."



Within hours, Facebook communities popped up, planning how to

respond peacefully to the Westboro Baptist Church. When [we first posted about it](#), 18 groups had formed, comprised of between five to [more than 10,000 people](#) each. The support was not limited to those with a personal connection to Joplin: People sent messages from Kansas City, MO, planned a [motorcycle calvacade from Coffeyville, KS](#), and [caravans from Northwest Arkansas](#). Others [pledged \\$1 for every Westboro picketer to the Ozark Red Cross](#).

There's mixed reports on whether the WBC showed. Some say they did, others that they were at a diner before the memorial and were "blocked in by semi-trucks and motorcyclists and could not get out." Either way, thousands rallied in support of Joplin residents.

## KQED Airs *Not In Our School: Palo Alto*



KQED is broadcasting an updated version of our *Not In Our School: Palo Alto* program.

This broadcast includes Gunn High School's recent response to the Westboro Baptist Church, a short video that went viral

on [Not In Our Town's YouTube channel](#) and some recent footage from Gunn's [Not In Our School week](#) this year.

Below you'll find a list of all 13 summer showtimes. [On this KQED page, you can also sign up for email reminders of a particular airing.](#)

### Channels & Airdates

#### KQED 9

Sun, Jun 26, 2011 -- 4:30pm  
 Fri, Jul 1, 2011 -- 7:30pm  
 Sat, Jul 2, 2011 -- 1:30am  
 Sat, Jul 2, 2011 -- 7:00am  
 Sun, Jul 3, 2011 -- 4:00pm

#### KQED World

Sat, Jul 2, 2011 -- 9:30am  
 Sat, Jul 2, 2011 -- 5:00pm  
 Sat, Jul 2, 2011 -- 7:00pm  
 Sun, Jul 3, 2011 -- 1:00am  
 Sun, Jul 3, 2011 -- 11:00am  
 Sun, Jul 3, 2011 -- 6:00pm

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Sat, Jun 25, 2011 -- 1:30pm

Sat, Jul 2, 2011 -- 1:00pm

## News in the NIOT Network

There have been so many wonderful actions in the Not In Our Town network, that we wanted to share them with all of you. Here's a sampling from the past few months.

Not In Our Town groups in New York, Montana, California, New Jersey, Colorado and Idaho have been busy: see slideshows from Palo Alto High School's Not In Our Town week and the Idaho Public Television special, "[The Color of Conscience](#)," which tells the story of the Aryan Nations in North Idaho and how a group of human rights leaders brought it down. The documentary features the courageous work of the [Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations](#) and member Tony Stewart, also a leader in the Not In Our Town community. More on this documentary to come.

Lauri Massari, who spearheaded the [Not In Our School campaign in Antelope Valley](#), penned this great article, "[Teaching emotional intelligence](#)," in the May/June issue of *Leadership*. The *International Schools Journal*. recently published, "[Facing History and Ourselves in Post-Conflict Societies](#)," which references how Facing History and Ourselves teachers in South Africa screened *Not In Our Town* after an outbreak of xenophobia and violence in the country. [For more news in the NIOT network, click here.](#)

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