

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

A community works to repair town life after violent attacks on local immigrants

The PBS documentary **Light in the Darkness** follows a town coming together to take action after anti-immigrant violence devastates the community. A series of attacks against Latino residents in a NY village culminate with the murder of an Ecuadorian immigrant. Over a two-year period, the story follows community members and leaders as they openly address the underlying causes of the violence, work to heal divisions, and begin taking steps to ensure everyone in their town will be safe and respected.

Produced by Not In Our Town / The Working Group (56 or 27 minutes)

How can your town come together to stop hate before it turns to violence?

Screen this film in your community to help **build connections** between different groups, **surface local issues** and **inspire community response** to hate and bias incidents.

Light in the Darkness reveals:

- The power of community-wide action
- The dangers of underreported hate incidents
- Ways to support immigrant communities
- The role of youth in hate prevention and response
- The need to build trust between law enforcement and communities

Resources include:

- Community Discussion Guide (English & Spanish)
- Classroom Lesson Idea
- Guide for Law Enforcement
- Press and outreach materials
- Audience Survey







For assistance, please contact:

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Get started at:

niot.org/lightinthedarkness











Plan a Not In Our Town film screening to spark conversation and action in your community!

For community events

- Invite residents, city leaders, community organizations, youth and faith groups.
- Engage communities at risk of being targeted by hate.
- Raise awareness about local hate and bias reporting protocols.
- Plan follow-up action to prevent hate.

For schools

- Plan a screening for your class, school assembly, parent or student group.
- Let students take the lead to plan follow-up activities.
- Incorporate films into training workshops on addressing bias and cultivating belonging.

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