

MEDIA RELEASE

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Internationally acclaimed filmmaker brings award-winning doco to Perth

Internationally acclaimed filmmaker, Lekha Singh will be in Perth for the first ever Perth screenings of her award-winning documentary, *Beyond Right & Wrong: Stories of Justice and Forgiveness* on Tuesday, 24th March. The first screening is at 5.30pm at Wesley College and the second screening at 7pm at The University of Western Australia (UWA). Singh will also hold Q&A sessions after the screenings. The screenings are co-hosted by not-for-profit organisations, CASE for Refugees and the Uthando Project, with both organisations receiving funds raised by the screenings.

Beyond Right & Wrong follows the stories of victims of three devastating conflicts, as they struggle to forgive without sacrificing their need for justice. From the Rwandan Genocide, to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, to the Troubles in Northern Ireland, this transformative documentary delves deeper into the journey of reconciliation and recovery.

“These stories broke my heart yet gave me enormous hope,” says co-director Lekha Singh. “I hope this film has illustrated the strength of the survivors and expressed the possibility of an alternative path towards justice, a solution rooted in neither violence nor hatred.”

Joining Singh in the Q&A sessions is Jo Berry, one of the subjects of *Beyond Right and Wrong*, whose father was killed in the IRA Brighton Hotel Bombing in 1984. Berry has not only forgiven the man responsible, but has befriended him, proving the power of seeking forgiveness and peace rather than revenge and vengeance.

Beyond Right & Wrong has garnered worldwide attention. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon presented *Beyond Right & Wrong* to the General Assembly before they adopted a far-reaching resolution for the peaceful mediation of conflict. The American Psychological Association made *Beyond Right & Wrong* an official selection, awarding it Best Avant-Garde Film in 2013. Ireland’s Fingal Film Festival awarded it Best Documentary, while the LA Jewish Film Festival named it Runner-Up for Best Documentary.

Both screenings are free, but bookings are essential. CASE for Refugees and the Uthando Project will receive 50c for each person they bring to the screening. There will also be an opportunity to donate to CASE for Refugees and the Uthando Project at the screenings.

CASE for Refugees is very grateful for the support from Wesley College and UWA in providing venues and their assistance in organising the screenings.

CONTACT DETAILS

For more information, including an opportunity to interview Singh and Berry while they are in Perth, please contact:

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SCREENING DETAILS

Screening 1: *Date:* Tuesday, 24 March
Time: 5.30pm
Venue: Wesley College, 40 Coode Street, South Perth
RSVP: debra.hyde@wesley.wa.edu.au

Screening 2: *Date:* Tuesday, 24 March
Time: 7pm
Venue: Law Lecture Theatre, UWA, 35 Stirling Highway, Crawley
RSVP: <http://www.trybooking.com/HEKS>

ABOUT CASE FOR REFUGEES

CASE for Refugees is a not for profit community legal centre that provides free migration and general legal advice, representation and advocacy for refugees, humanitarian visa holders and people from culturally diverse backgrounds. Operating since 2002, CASE has assisted thousands of clients from over 50 countries, many of whom have been victims of torture and trauma.

ABOUT THE UTHANDO PROJECT

The Uthando Project makes dolls for children to counter the impact of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, creating a companion, friend and someone to talk to and cuddle. Since 2004, the Uthando Project has delivered 36,570 dolls to children in KwaZulu Natal.



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