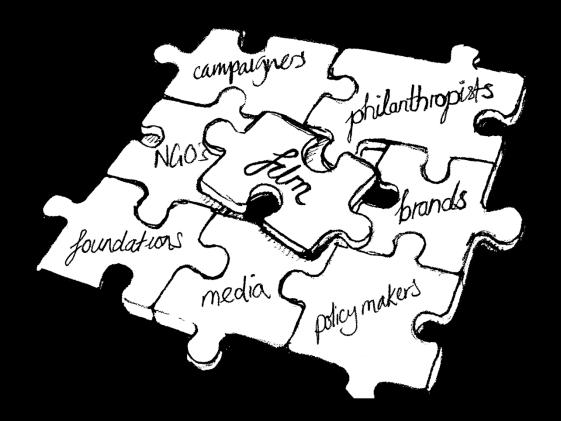


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#### WHAT IS GOOD PITCH?

Good Pitch connects the world's best social impact documentaries with new allies and partners, to build a powerful community capable of making a sustainable difference.



7 teams of filmmakers have 7 minutes each to pitch their documentary and outreach strategy to the table and invited audience. Each pitch session takes 30 minutes.



# WHO IS AT THE TABLE?

A strategically chosen group of foundations, philanthropists, not-for-profits, campaigners, educators, policy-makers, broadcasters and distributors.



# WHAT HAPPENS AT THE TABLE?

The moderator directs a discussion to build a coalition of partners, that will offer support and funding to magnify the social impact of each documentary project.



# WHO IS IN THE AUDIENCE?

An invited group of 300 potential new partners, who also have the opportunity to contribute from the floor and bring something unique to each project.



# WHAT IS DIFFERENT ABOUT GOOD PITCH?

Good Pitch is all about impact: the goal is to kickstart powerful coalitions and campaigns around outstanding feature documentaries.



# **GOALS OF GOOD PITCH**

TO UNLOCK new sources of funding, distribution routes and audience engagement opportunities for FILMMAKERS.

TO BUILD capacity of the NOT-FOR-PROFITS to use documentaries effectively. TO INCREASE the return on social capital for PHILANTHROPIC FOUNDATIONS and INDIVIDUAL DONORS.



#### WHAT GOOD PITCH is **NOT**

It is <u>not</u> a traditional competitive 'pitch' to broadcasters or funders
It is <u>not</u> a forum for editorially assessing the films
It is <u>not</u> a competition between the films
It is <u>not</u> a 'meet market'

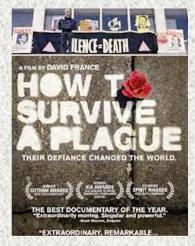
It **is** about supporting outstanding film projects that can make a real and sustainable difference



# **SOCIAL IMPACT Since 2009, Good Pitch has:**

presented over 128 independent documentary films, forged 764 new partnerships, and leveraged over \$US11.5 million in support.











#### **CRITICAL ACCLAIM**

Since 2009, five GOOD PITCH films have been nominated for Academy Awards®:

Hell and Back Again, How to Survive a Plague, The Invisible War,
The Square and Dirty Wars.

An additional seven have been shortlisted for Academy Awards®:

Garbage Dreams, Ai Wei Wei – Never Sorry, Bully, Detropia, The House I Live In, The Crash Reel and God Loves Uganda.

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**Link to Good Pitch Trailer** 



# Who is behind Good Pitch?



#### **GOOD PITCH**

A partnership between BRITDOC and Sundance Institute Documentary Film Program, with support from the Ford Foundation.

(London, New York, San Francisco, Chicago, Toronto & Brussels)



SUNDANCE DOCUMENTARY



**FORDFOUNDATION** 

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Good Pitch<sup>2</sup> enables select organisations around the world to host regional events.

(The Hague, Taipei, Johannesburg, Buenos Aires & Mumbai)

#### **GOOD PITCH<sup>2</sup> AUSTRALIA**



Shark Island Institute & Documentary Australia Foundation will host Good Pitch<sup>2</sup> Australia in Sydney & Melbourne over the next 5 years.

The inaugural event will be in Sydney on 8 October 2014.

### GOOD PITCH<sup>2</sup> AUSTRALIA TEAM

Ian Darling, Chair and Moderator

**Malinda Wink, Executive Director** 

Mary Macrae, Producer

Sally Fryer, Producer

Mitzi Goldman, CEO, Documentary Australia Foundation

Susan MacKinnon, COO, Documentary Australia Foundation



# **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

The hosts of Good Pitch<sup>2</sup> Australia are proud to work in partnership with Philanthropy Australia and Pro Bono Australia.





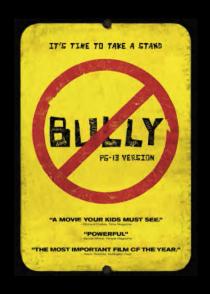


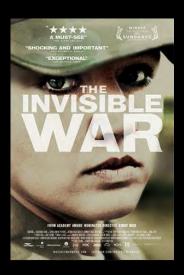
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# WHAT IS A GOOD PITCH FILM?

- Films which can be used to highlight a significant social issue
  - Films that are suitable for education and outreach or which can be part of an active social justice campaign
- Feature length documentaries (60 min+) of any style or genre
- Films in production or those seeking completion or outreach funding





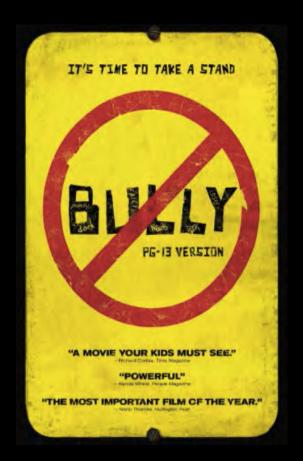


# EXAMPLES OF HIGH IMPACT, HIGH LEVERAGE DOCUMENTARIES

**1.** BULLY: National Curriculum

**2.** THE INVISIBLE WAR: Legislative Change

**3.** THE INTERRUPTERS: Local Action



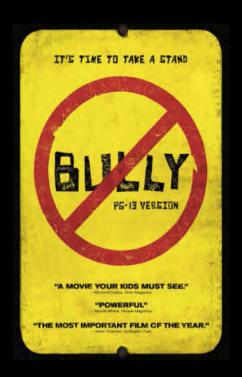


**THE FILM:** a cinematic, character-driven documentary exploring the issue of bullying at the heart of American schools.

**THE PITCH:** presented at Good Pitch Tribeca in 2010 where the filmmakers were looking for funders and outreach partners.

# **BULLY** Link to Trailer





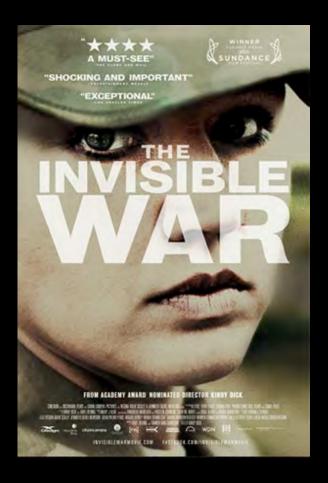
#### CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS

**FUNDING:** From Good Pitch, 3 national organisations and 2 broadcasters (BBC & MTV) supported production costs and outreach.

**ATTITUDE SHIFT:** Over 2.2 million children have now seen the film. In schools, the film is paired with curriculum, professional development and youth action.

**BOOST FOR NON-PROFITS:** Partners received a significant increase in donations.

**LEGISLATIVE CHANGE:** Obama endorsed 2 Bills to address school bullying & discrimination.

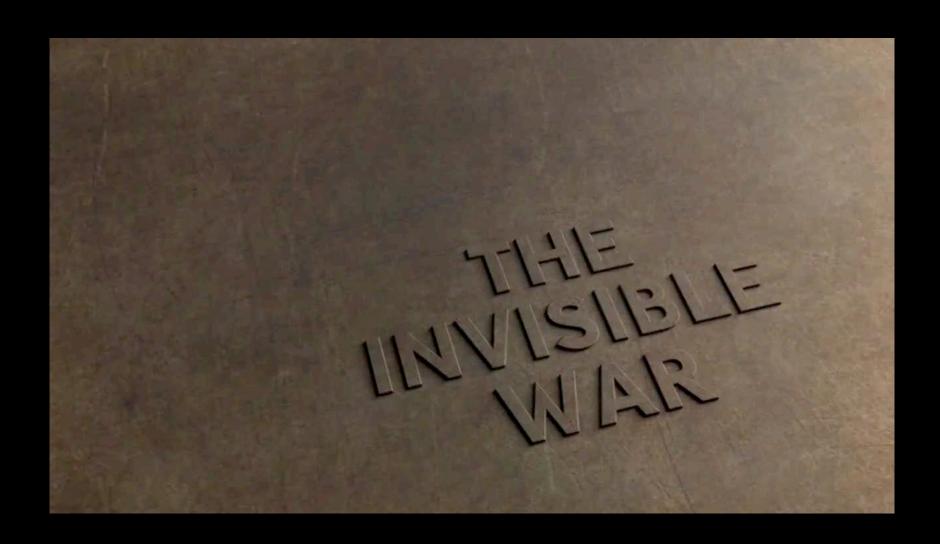


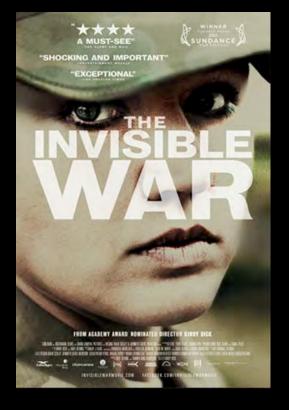
# THE INVISIBLE WAR

**THE FILM:** a searing exposé of the epidemic of sexual assault in the US military, revealing the systemic cover up of the crimes against it's members, and their fight for justice.

**THE PITCH:** presented at Good Pitch San Francisco 2011 seeking funding & outreach partners.

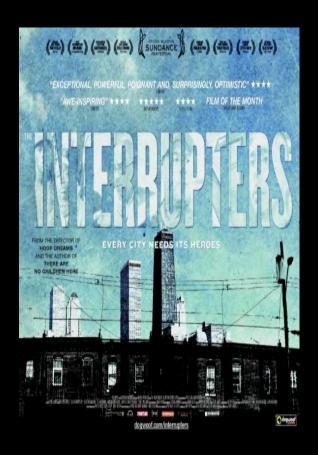
#### THE INVISIBLE WAR Link to Trailer





#### **CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS**

FUNDING: At the pitch, the filmmakers received over \$150,000, including \$40,000 from Sundance Doc Fund, \$50,000 from an individual funder and increased support from ITV. LEGISLATIVE CHANGE: Two days after watching the film, US Defense Secretary Leon Panetta announced changes to the Department of Defense policy on sexual assault. SUPPORT FOR THE VICTIMS: New programs were established to address the needs of victims with treatment and support.



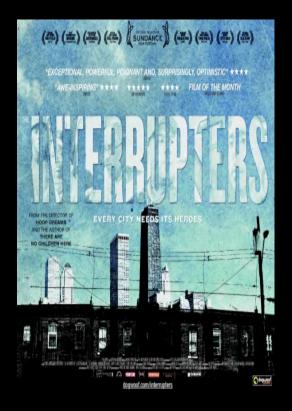
#### THE INTERRUPTERS

THE FILM: follows a group of 'violence interrupters' – former gang leaders and drug dealers trying to protect their Chicago communities from the violence they once employed.

THE PITCH: pitched at Good Pitch Silverdocs 2010, the filmmakers were looking for completion funding as well as funds for outreach.

#### **THE INTERRUPTERS:** Link to Trailer





#### **CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS**

**FUNDING:** MacArthur Foundation provided production funding. The Fledgling Fund invited the filmmakers to apply for an outreach grant which they received.

**STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP:** The film catalysed a \$US1m partnership between the City of Chicago and Ceasefire (NGO) to quell the rising number of homicides in Chicago.

**GRASSROOTS IMPACT:** Partnered with local government, schools, nonprofits and the legal system to devise strategies to prevent, decrease & effectively respond to community violence.



# What is the Good Pitch Process?

The Pitch Oct 8, 2014

IMPACT & Follow up

### THE GOOD PITCH PROCESS

- Who Should Apply?
- How Do You Apply?
- What Happens Before Good Pitch?
  - What Happens After Good Pitch?

Selection Dec-April 2014

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# WHICH FILMMAKERS SHOULD APPLY?

Filmmakers committed to establishing community engagement campaigns, who are seeking funding and outreach partners to help make their films truly influential.

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# **HOW DO YOU APPLY?**

Projects are submitted online. You will be asked to outline your team, project, financials and outreach plans. We also require a 2 min video about why you want to make the film, and a trailer or key sequence.



# WHAT HAPPENS BEFORE GOOD PITCH2?

Over 5 months, the Good Pitch<sup>2</sup> Australia team works intensively with the selected filmmakers to develop their funding and outreach strategies. This includes 2 residential off-site workshops.

#### RESIDENTIAL WORKSHOPS



There will be 2 residential training workshops in Kangaroo Valley, 2 hours from Sydney.

Workshop 1: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014

**Workshop 2:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2014

In addition to the Good Pitch<sup>2</sup> Australia team, there will be representatives from Britdoc, Sundance, Impact Partners, Philanthropy Australia & Pro Bono Australia.

The workshops will consist of impact labs, outreach development, case studies, filmmaker presentations, screenings, promo & pitch training, AND great food and wine.

Attendance at both workshops, by 2 members of each filmmaking team, is compulsory.

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# **BUILDING COLLECTIVE IMPACT**

Before the event, the Good Pitch<sup>2</sup> Australia team also works with the philanthropic & not-for-profit community to identify potential partners with aligned social objectives for each film project.



# WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE PITCH?

The Good Pitch<sup>2</sup> Australia team will continue to provide support and work collaboratively with filmmakers and their new coalition of partners, to maximize the impact of each outreach campaign.



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