



For Immediate Release

NOT IN OUR TOWN: CLASS ACTIONS
STUDENTS WORKING TOGETHER TO CONFRONT HATE AND BULLYING

*Racism, anti-Semitism, and bullying make headlines across the country,
but new solutions are found in three towns.*

What can your community learn about uniting against hate?

*Not In Our Town: Class Actions - Narrated by Survivor Winner Yul Kwon
PBS Documentary Debuts during Black History Month - February 2012*

Oakland, Calif. (Feb. 1, 2012) – *Not In Our Town: Class Actions* highlights three stories of students confronting hate and bullying, and working together to build safe and inclusive communities. Narrated by Yul Kwon, the half-hour documentary will debut during Black History Month on Feb. 13, 2012 on PBS stations nationwide.

The first story, “Ole Miss: Facing the Change,” is a contemporary civil rights story. Fifty years after James Meredith integrated the University of Mississippi, black and white students stand together to stop a segregationist chant. When the chancellor supports their action, the Ku Klux Klan protests on campus. Across the country, teen suicides devastate the community of Lancaster, CA. A middle school counselor starts an anti-bullying program that inspires a citywide campaign. In the Midwest, anti-Semitic attacks at Indiana University rattle the college town, but community members, faith and civic leaders unite against hate and intolerance.

“[*Not In Our Town: Class Actions*](#) profiles courageous people stepping out of their everyday lives to seek solutions to the deep challenges of intolerance and bullying,” said Charene Zalis, producer of *Class Actions*. “In *Class Actions*, we learn from young people and community members who are brave enough to examine their own choices.”

Media Assets: For a link to view the film online, photos, captions and additional media resources, visit niot.org/classactions/mediakit.

Interviews: Key characters from the program, are available to the media. To coordinate interviews, please contact Charene Zalis, czalis@theworkinggroup.org.

Yul Kwon - *Survivor winner and host of Not In Our Town: Class Actions*

Artair Rogers - *Former Associated Student Body President, University of Mississippi*

Melissa Cole - *Founder, One Mississippi - A student group that bridges racial barriers on campus.*

Lauri Massari - *Counselor, Del Sur School. Lancaster, CA*

Patrice O'Neill - *Executive Producer, Not In Our Town*

About Not In Our Town

Not In Our Town: Class Actions is the fourth national PBS special from Not In Our Town, a project of The Working Group. Not In Our Town launched in 1995 with the national PBS special *Not In Our Town*, which followed the citizens of Billings, Mont. as they joined forces to resist bigotry in their town. Over the past 15 years, Not In Our Town has grown from a PBS documentary into a national effort to connect people working together to take action against hate and create safe, inclusive communities. In September 2011, *Not In Our Town: Light in the Darkness* premiered on PBS stations and has been screened at more than 200 community events nationwide.

Not In Our Town: Class Actions was produced by Charene Zalis, Adrienne Calo, and Rhian Miller for The Working Group. The Program was edited by Jill Strong. Patrice O'Neill is Executive Producer. The program is narrated by Yul Kwon.

Major support for this program is provided by PBS, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and the Einhorn Family Charitable Trust. Additional support has been provided by the Reva and David Logan Foundation and Public Welfare Foundation.

For additional information, please visit: <http://www.niot.org>

Media Contacts: Not In Our Town and The Working Group:

Patrice O'Neill 510-268-9675 ext. 316, poneill@niot.org

Alicia Upano or Charene Zalis, 510-268-9675

Media Kit: <http://www.niot.org/classactions/mediakit>

###