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REAL-WORLD FILMS FOR KIDS, BY KIDS

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ABOUT THE FILM

Tymur Tsapliienko, 17, a Ukrainian refugee, helps us to begin to understand the impact of Russia's invasion on Ukraine's exiles as well as what led to this crisis. His film documents a reverse journey, from Germany through Poland, as Tymur travels to meet his father, who was injured in a Russian bombardment while reporting for a Ukrainian news channel and whom he hasn't seen in months. Along the way, he interviews other teenage refugees. Each conversation helps him understand the conflict and his own feelings toward it. Through Tymur's eyes we glimpse instances of human solidarity and even hope for a chance at a new life.

"The process of making this movie was one of the most remarkable experiences of my life. The chance to tell my own story as well as the story of my nation, Ukraine, proved itself incredible. Working alongside my mentor, Rom Barnea, broadened my vision on filmmaking and storytelling, creating amazing emotions and days to remember." —Tymur Tsapliienko

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REFLECT AND SHARE

1. What surprised you about the film? Why?
2. What did you learn from watching this film?
3. How is the filmmaker's life similar to yours? How is it different?
4. Did watching this film make you want to change your behavior or the behavior of others? How?
5. What can we learn from witnessing other people's stories?
6. What is your story? What would you like others to learn from you?

LEARN MORE

Tymur communicates with his family, his peers, his interview subjects, and his audience as a form of therapy as he copes with the loss of his homeland, and his worries over the safety of his family and friends in Ukraine. You can become an ally by engaging in similar ways and learning more about the war in Ukraine. Visit the sites below to get started.

Council on Foreign Relations' Center for Preventive Action
Council on Foreign Relations' Center for Preventive Action (CPA) helps to provide information and track conflicts worldwide.
https://www.cfr.org/global-conflict-tracker/conflict/conflict-ukraine

USA for UNHCR
The UNHCR published this informative article about the war in Ukraine.
https://www.unrefugees.org/news/5-things-you-should-know-about-the-war-in-ukraine

Human Rights Watch
Human Rights Watch investigates and reports on actions and abuse against activists, including in the Russia-Ukraine War.
https://www.hrw.org/tag/russia-ukraine-war

RAND on the War in Ukraine
RAND is a research organization that proposes policy solutions to challenging situations worldwide, including the War in Ukraine.
https://www.rand.org/latest/russia-ukraine.html

TAKE ACTION

Tymur and his peers channel their feelings of hurt, fear, and loss into creating change: finding ways to get involved, take a stand and make a difference. You can make a difference, too. Click on the sites below to lend a hand and participate.

UNHCR Young Champions
UNHCR Young Champions are youth ages 15-25 who are supporters and refugees who work to help people who have fled war and persecution.
https://www.unhcr.org/us/get-involved/take-action-0

Students United for Ukraine
Students United for Ukraine is a U.S. student-led charity that supports Ukrainians seeking refuge from the war.
https://studentsu4u.org

Tutorpeers
Tutorpeers is an online student volunteer community helping displaced Ukrainian children to adapt and learn languages wherever they are.
https://tutorpeers.com/volunteer-for-ukraine

HIAS
HIAS is an international organization that provides services to refugees and asylum seekers around the world so they can rebuild their lives. HIAS helped found Right to Protection (R2P), a Ukrainian NGO that provides aid to displaced people in Ukraine.
https://hias.org/where/ukraine

ABOUT BYKIDS

BYkids produces real-world films for kids, by kids. Talented young storytellers from around the world are paired with seasoned filmmakers to create powerful documentaries about their lives. In partnership with public television and education innovators, we share the films and their educational resources to help make global issues feel personal, relevant and actionable for millions of students. Our work serves as a catalyst for change, igniting important conversations and inspiring a new generation of social activists. To support our work, visit bykids.org/donate.

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