

& EVALUATION



INTRODUCTION

THE TIME IS NOW is a season of films and events exploring and celebrating the role women play in affecting change around the world. Films were screened in venues around the UK from October 2015, with the launch of **SUFFRAGETTE**, through to January 2016.

We believe that film is a very effective way of understanding challenging subject matter. After watching a film we're often left wanting to know more and to engage with others that have shared the experience.

Society has made great strides towards equality in recent years but there's always more work to be done. We hope that by sharing more about the subject - its challenges and developments, we can all take a step closer to a more equal world.

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ABOUT THE TIME IS NOW

In partnership with the new releases of SUFFRAGETTE and HE NAMED ME MALALA, THE TIME IS NOW project aimed to engage young female audiences with a film programme that foregrounded the role women play in affecting change, giving both a historical and global perspective of the ongoing struggle for gender equality.

THE TIME IS NOW enabled venue partners zine, the development of a web to work with new release films in a new way. Support from the project, both in terms of hands on staff time and allocation of funds, helped venues broaden their film programmes and enhance their audience's experience by offering learning opportunities.

The three main strategic partners on the project were Pathé, Fox Searchlight and Into Film. Both Pathé and Fox Searchlight agreed to support the project with funds from their marketing budgets with the understanding that **THE TIME IS NOW** would target young female audiences with their audience development initiatives. These included the production and distribution of a

app, a social media campaign, and s ecial events in cinemas to support screenings of SUFFRAGETTE and HE NAMED ME MALALA

Both the production of the zine and the web app content located **THE TIME** IS NOW project within the context of the new wave of feminism; with an emphasis on discussing issues rather than simply being a film platform, the project targeted and engaged with audiences that may not necessarily be film audiences.

INCREASE AUDIENCE CHOICE

by encouraging venues to programme contextual screenings around the release of SUFFRAGETTE.

INCREASE THE DIVERSITY OF FILM ON OFFER IN CINEMAS

by encouraging bookings from a varied menu of film titles including documentary, foreign language and world cinema, and archive films.

ENGAGE NEW AUDIENCES BY CREATING DEBATE &

around the theme of gender equality with a series of special events including previews, live soundtracks, screen talks, and panel discussions

The project succeeded in its aim of increasing audience choice and access (FATIMA, SEPIDEH, PERSEPOLIS to film programmed on a gender equality theme with events and screenings taking place in over fifty locations across the UK. Locations ranged IT LIKE BECKHAM, MADE IN from commercial cinemas including Curzon and Picturehouse venues, to leading independent cinemas such as Showroom (Sheffield), HOME (Manchester), and The Watershed (Bristol), to community cinemas and film In addition to this several of the venue societies such as Masham Town Hall and Lincoln Film Society.

The diversity of film on offer was increased with all 21 films made available through **THE TIME IS NOW** film menu being selected to screen in at least one location. The menu included

foreign language and world cinema OFFSIDE, WADJDA), archive (MAKE MORE NOISE, DIE SUFFRAGETTE British films (SUFFRAGETTE, BEND **DAGENHAM**), and documentary (HE NAMED ME MALALA, VESSEL, DREAMCATCHER, PUSSY RIOT A **PUNK PRAYER**).

partners in the project programmed films related to the gender equality theme that hadn't appeared on the menu. We had hoped at the outset of the project to inspire programmers to work with the theme and these 'off menu' selections demonstrate that this happened. In total 29 film titles

screened across the 4 month period of the project.

Some of the additional films were new releases that the venue partners worked into the season, including screenings of CAROL and a preview of JANIS: LITTLE GIRL BLUE. This demonstrates the potential for the project to keep growing beyond the bounds of the funded period as new relevant releases could utilise the web app and social platforms we have built.

GROW AUDIENCES OF WOMEN UNDER 35 AND IMPACT ON THE TEENAGE GIRLS

for both the release of **SUFFRAGETTE** and for films within the season.

HAVE A MEASURED **RELEASE OF** *SUFFRAGETTE*

by extending the film's reach with a particular emphasis in growing regional audiences and female audiences under 35.

FILM PROGRAMME

EDUCATION POLITICS & LAW PROTEST SPORT

[Arranged in a chronological timeline. Left to right]



DIE SUFFRAGETTEDir: Urban Gad / 1913 / Germany



CARRY GREENHAM HOME



THELMA AND LOUISE

Dir: Ridley Scott / 1991 / USA, France



PERSEPOLIS

Dir: Vincent Paronnaud, Marjane Satrapi / 2007 / France LISA



MADE IN DAGENHAM Dir: Nigel Cole / 2010 / UK



FREE ANGELA & ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS



Dir: Diana Whitten / 2014 / USA, Tanzania, Spain, Portugal, Poland, Pakistan, Netherlands, Ireland, Indonesia, Ecuador



GETT: THE TRIAL OF VIVIAN AMSALEM Dir. Ronit Elkabetz, Shlomi Elkabetz / 2014 / Israel, France, Germany



SUPREME PRICE
Dir: Joanna Lipper / 2014 / USA, Nigeria



DREAMGATCHERDir: Kim Longinotto / 2015 / UK, USA



MAKE MORE NOISE: SUFFRAGETTES IN SILENT FILM



GIRLHOOD Dir Géline Sciamma / 2015 / France





WHALE RIDER



WADJDA

Dir. Halfaa Al-Mansour / 2012 / Saudi Arabia, Germany. USA, United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Netherlands



DIFRET

Dir: Zeresenay Mehari / 2014 / USA



SUFFRAGETTE

Dir: Sarah Gavron / 2015 / UK



BEND IT LIKE BECKHAN

Dir: Gurinder Chadha / 2002 / UK, Germany, USA



PUSSY RIOT: A PUNK PRAYER

Dir: Mike Lerner, Maxim Pozdorovkin / 2013 / Russia, UK



IN THE TURN

Dir: Erica Tremblay / 2014 / USA



HE NAMED ME MALALA

Dir: Davis Guggenheim / 2015 / USA



THE HUNTING GROUND

Dir: Kirby Dick / 2015 / USA



OFFSIDE

Dir. Jafar Panahi / 2006 / Iran



SEPIDEH

Dir: Berit Madsen / 2013 / Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Germany, Iran



FATIMA

Dir: Philippe Faucon / 2015 / France



JANIS: LITTLE GIRL BLUE

Dir: Amy Berg / 2015 / USA

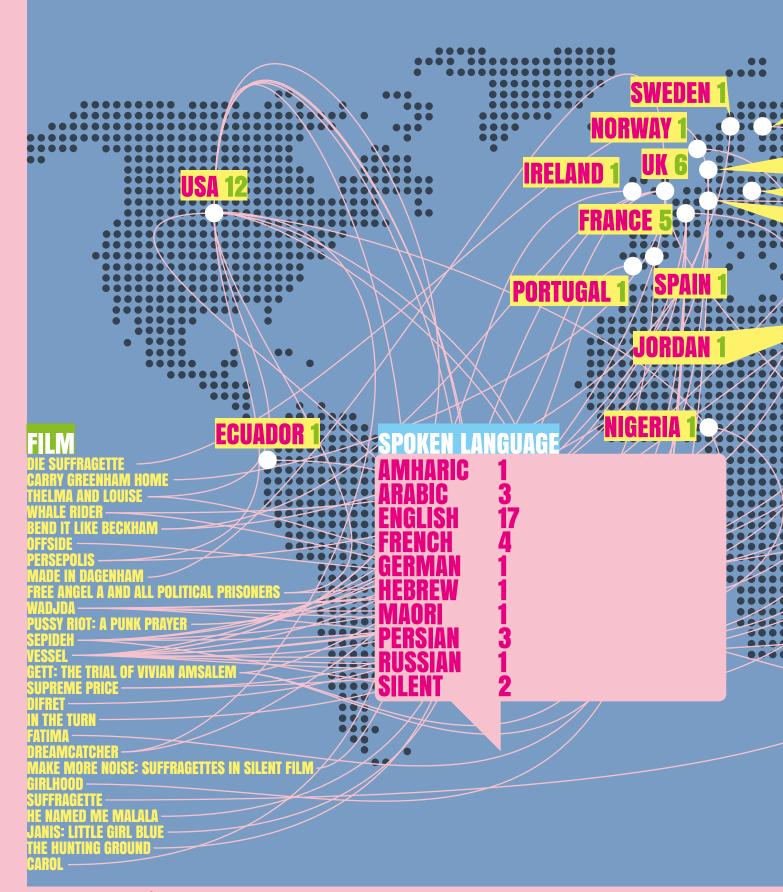


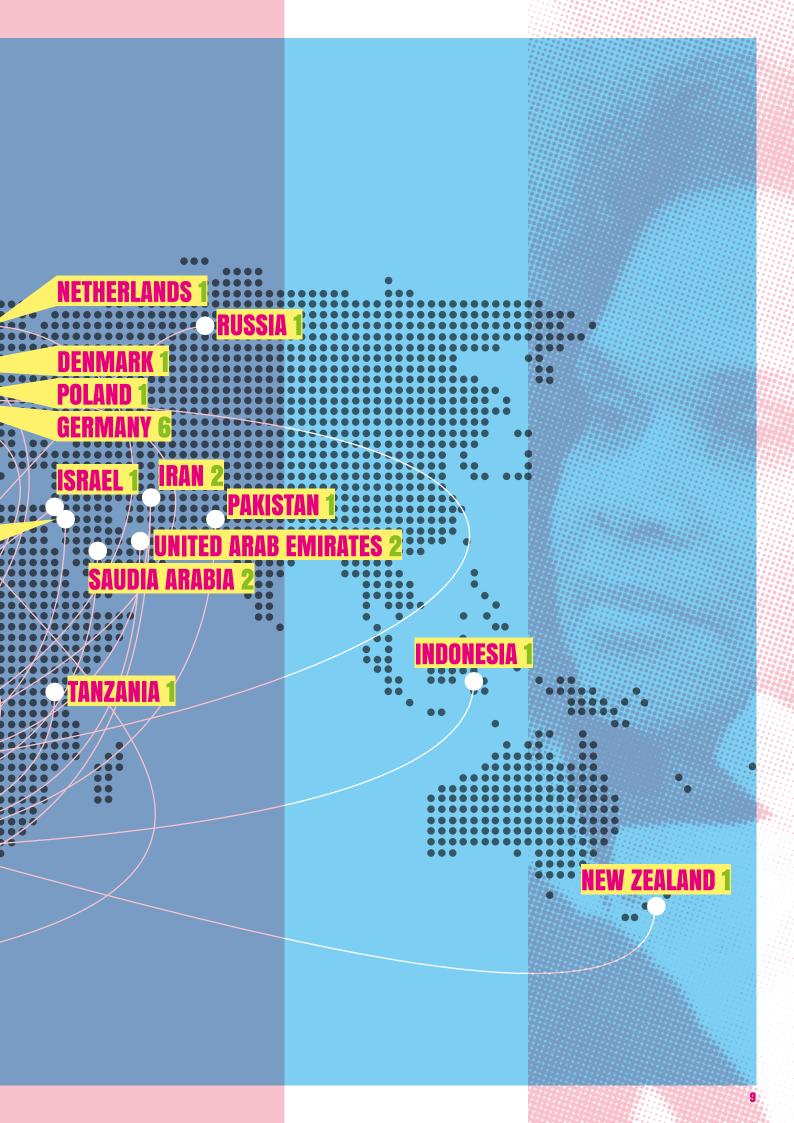
CAROL

Dir: Todd Haynes / 2015 / USA

FILM PROGRAMME

PRODUCTION FROM AROUND THE WORLD





TTIN PARTNER VENUES

TTIN successfully established partnerships with venues across the UK, with many venues drawing in customers from beyond their immediate catchment area for TTIN screenings and events.



In the vast majority of cases the venues themselves organised their own events. However, we did work with some production partners who produced events on our behalf in various regional and London locations. These included:













University of Brighton

Club Des Femmes







86% OF THE VENUE PARTNERS WHO RESPONDED TO OUR FEEDBACK SURVEY SAID THE PROJECT ENABLED THEM TO PUT ON A SCREENING OR

FEEDBACK FROM

"Being able to get funding to support a post film discussion was really helpful. It enabled us to think in a different way and put on the film as part of an event, and not just show the film on it's own. We used it as a precursor for a weekend of activities which will take place in March to mark International Women's Day, to celebrate women's achievements both locally and worldwide. We had a lot of positive feedback after the event which was a sell out, and attracted some younger women as well as the usual people who often come to Otley Courthouse events. We gave out the ribbons, zines and badges to women as they came in and this created a buzz which set the whole event off to a good start. People were given the opportunity to go home after the film and not stay for the discussion, but most did and this resulted in an interesting Q&A which involved the audience as well as the speakers in the debate. All very useful, thank you! And now we're looking forward to the March events even more....'

(Otley Courthouse)

"The project funding allowed us to secure exciting guest speakers which helped draw younger audiences to Mac. The zine was the promotion really helped drive numbers. Working with TTIN team and support. Thanks!"

very well received by audiences and was great, excellent communication (Mac, Birmingham)

"As a gender equality-focused film club by design, we were already planning to screen 3 of the films on the list of suggested films, but the funding available through The Time is Now really helped us to create bigger and more valueadded events for our audiences by welcoming expert speakers and panellists. It was also fantastic to see a widely promoted national programme around celebrating women fighting for their rights in film, which was helping to encourage and stimulate film programmers around the country to put on more films by and about women. I sincerely hope this helped at least a few groups realise the general lack of film programming efforts that give equal weight to telling women's stories and encourages them to consider this more in their prog<mark>ramming in</mark> future. And I really hope projects like The Time is Now continue to be funded, because representing everyone's stories equally is essential if we are to create a world in which everyone's lives are treated with equal dignity and respect. Thank-you!!!" (Reel Equality Film Club)

"Club des Femmes were delighted to participate in TTIN - Nicky Beaumont was extremely helpful and efficient and Ed was really good in helping us get around the TTIN website- which was excellent btw. Our Greenham weekend was probably one of the best Club des Femmes we have ever produced as we brought so many Greenham women back together (we received many personal testimonies on social media) and introduced to younger audiences the feminist legacies and art activism from the women's peace camp. In fact it was such a success that we plan to continue exploring Greenham in a pop up installation. So thank you very much for including us in the season." (Club des Femmes)

"It was an excellent experience for us at ICE, Edge Hill University. Highly competent folk to work with who gave great ideas and support, and connected us to excellent speakers, eg Mia Bays. With attendance of around 90 for 'He Names Me Malala' and a sell out for 'Suffragette', plus two great panels, including Edge Hill University colleagues and two external speakers, the whole thing worked very well.

(Edge Hill University, Ormskirk)

TTIN PROJECT OUTPUTS

THE DEVELOPMENT OF **NEW WEB APP**

The web app was developed as a platform where venue partners could post their TTIN events; audiences could contribute to the debate generated around the films in the programme; and demographic data could be



LIVE SOUNDTRACK EVENTS TO ACCOMPANY THE BFI ARCHIVE RELEASE MAKE MORE

51 SCREENING





THE TIME IS NOW

at the festival launch screening of **HE NAMED ME** MALALA, and a presence on the Into Film website with a curated TTIN selection of film.

TOTAL OF 121 TTIN RELATED SCREENINGS AND EVENTS.



These included a preview of SUFFRAGETTE at Showroom Sheffield; a Live Cinema production in Huddersfield with a promenade style performance throughout the town tracing local suffragette history followed by a preview screening of the film; and panel events at both Curzon Mayfair and Picturehouse Central in London with Helen Pankhurst



TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS/ENGAGEMENT

The project offered the opportunity for greater audience engagement with **66 screenings** being accompanied by talks, panel discussions or workshops.

Production partners included:

Speakers and panellists included:

BIRDS EYE VIEW LED BY MIA BAYS, CLUB DES FEMMES, BECHDEL TEST FEST, LIVE CINEMA & CINEMANIA.

FAYE WARD (SUFFRAGETTE

at Curzon Mayfair and Picturehouse Central

NATALIE PRESS

(**SUFFRAGETTE** at Picturehouse Central)

ZIAUDDIN YOUSAFZAI

(**HE NAMED ME MALALA** at Mac, Birmingham)

AMEET CHANA

(**BEND IT LIKE BECKHAM** at Mac, Birmingham)

ARIFA NASIM

UN Youth Delegate (**HE NAMED ME MALALA** at South Hill Park Arts Centre)

VINCENT PARONNAUD

(**PERSEPOLIS** at Brewery Arts Centre)

JUDITH BLAKE

Leader of Leeds City Council (SUFFRAGETTE at Otley Courthouse)

KATE WILLOUGHBY

(**MAKE MORE NOISE** at Masham Town Hall)

KIRSTY LANG & VIV AI RERTINE

(**JANIS: LITTLE GIRL BLUE** at Curzon

And many more local speakers across the country.

5 screenings of **MAKE MORE NOISE** were presented with live accompaniment by

LILLIAN HENLEY who

composed the score for the film.









As a means of engaging new audiences the zine was produced by self-publishing experts Cherry Styles and Ione Gamble – two experienced feminist zine editors. 90,000 copies of the printed zine were produced and circulated (50,000 of these with the weekend Guardian).

As part of our engagement strategy, zine making workshops aimed at a youth audience took place in 8 locations.

The aim of the zine was to connect with young female audiences and direct them to the TIM web app where they could engage further with the project by posting their own content, and find out about TIM screenings and events. The objective of this was to engage with new audiences that were not necessarily already film audiences.

Our printed zine offered a range of voices and diverse opinions about many topics including sexism in Bollywood Films and the depiction of BME women in mainstream film in our article about **BEND IT LIKE BECKHAM**.

90.000 ZINES

30.000 DISTRIBUTED **VIA COURIER TQ** CINEMAS, CAFÉS, BARS, AND ZINE OUTLETS **ACROSS THE UK**



50.000 DISTRIBUTED AS AN INSERT WITH THE WEEKEND GUARDIAN ACROSS THE CENTRAL, GRANADA & YORKSHIRE REGIONS



10.000 DISTRIBUTED **VIA INTO FILM AT THEIR** HE NAMED ME MALALA, INTO FILM FESTIVAL LAUNCH





WEB APP

The TIIN web app was launched on October 7th, 2015 but continued to develop across the project as venue partners and contributors signed up. Conceived as being fully interactive, it had polling and data collection functions as well as being a place where users could find out about events and buy tickets.

Across the project the web app had:

13,539 PAGE VIEWS averaging about 40 users a day (source Google Analytics)

20,946 RECORDED **SESSIONS** by the app

725 USERS GOING ON **TO BUY TICKETS**

for screening

36 VENUE PARTNERS

set up with their own page on the web app

642 POLL ANSWERS

provided by 134 users.

We actively sought contributions on our Those that engaged online were web-app from diverse voices. Statistics gathered via our web-app demonstrate that we reached particularly diverse audiences through the app

The web polls were answered by 134 people,

50% WHITE BRITISH 8% INDICATED THEY **WERE OF MULTIPLE ETHNIC GROUPS** 4% ASIAN OR ASIAN

BRITISH

skewed toward younger age groups 25% 13 to 19 year olds and 41% 20 to 29 year olds. 11% of our online community identified as having a disability.

OUR VENUE PARTNER SURVEY REVEALED THAT 25% OF OUR VENUE PARTNERS FOUND THE **WEB APP EXCELLENT** WITH A FURTHER 57%**RATING IT AS GOOD.**

The smaller community venues valued being listed alongside the more established venues with equal weight given to their events and screenings. The TTIN web platform has been re developed to provide an expanded web presence for Film Hub North. Previously their online activity was hosted by the Showroom Workstation site. The new site has benefitted from the experience of developing the TTIN site, employing a similar structure with mulitiple log in levels for members to be able to contribute directly and the ability to tag articles and screenings. www.filmhubnorth.org.uk





Ed Richardson of **Beautiful Everything,**who designed the web

app, said this of his

experience of working

on its creation and the

possibility for future use:

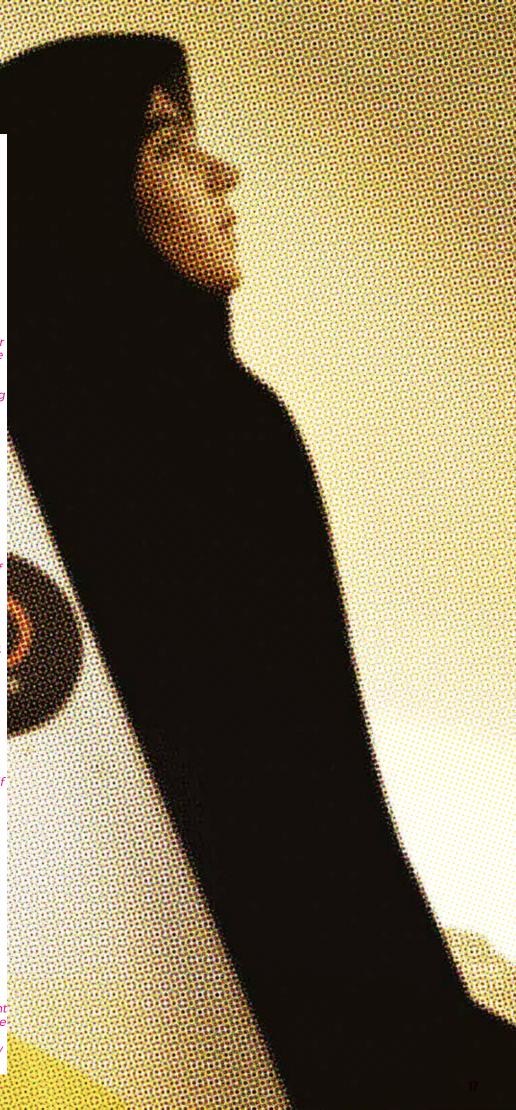
"The aim of the web platform was to provide a focus for the audience around the thematic subject of gender equality. The platform became a home for all content relating the theme and associated it with the films that were selected as part of the season. Allowing the community/audience to explore and become more knowledgeable about the subject matter and thereby hopefully increase interest in seeing other films in the season.

In addition, the editorial workflow was designed to allow each partner venue or organisation to have access to the platform to enable them to communicate with their specific audiences directly, encouraging them to participate through contributions of reviews and opinions.

The online platform was warmly received, particularly by those venues and organisations that might not otherwise have access or functionality. Assisting them with their ability to market events and screenings, but also by making the smaller groups feel part of a much larger nationwide movement or campaign.

Ideally the platform would have been operating much further ahead of the **SUFFRAGETTE** premier to allow the community to grow and establish itself before the big marketing push that accompanied the launch. This would have made the proposition more attractive to all partners. Online search alone took a few months to really become established.

Now the platform supports an online audience that sits around the theme and provides an essential marketing resource to a number of grassroots organisations, with a steady number of visitors coming to the site on a daily basis. With additional content planning and strategy it could continue to grow to provide a focus around the theme of gender equality, gaining some important insights into audience behaviour and be used to highlight other film releases of similar thematic content to a specifically grown audience."



TTIN AUDIENCES

OUR EVALUATION DATA INDICATES THAT WE WERE SUCCESSFUL IN

The press campaign was launched on October 8th with an introduction to the season and a screening of **SUFFRAGETTE** at HOME in Manchester. The social media campaign was launched a little in advance of the web app and press campaign. The combined project reach across press and social media can be seen in the table below:

FACEBOOK REACH GUARDIAN ZINE REACH INTO FILM ZINE REACH INSTAGRAM REACH ITTER REACH IUNDERCLAP REACH REACH TOTAL REACH

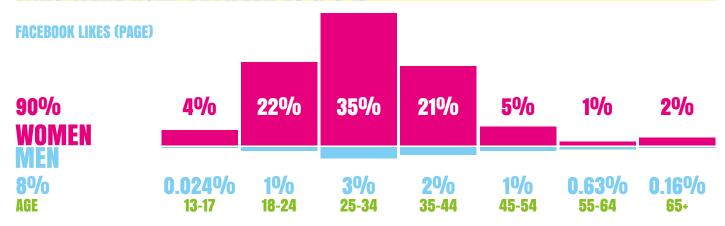
REACH FROM 17 AUGUST - 17 NOT 24,349 50,000	VEMBER
- 61,368 153,058 782,441 1,741,461 2,812,677	

REACH FROM 17 AUGUST - 17 FEBRUARY 288,082
- 77,237 2,604,464
- 1,899,931 4,869,714

WHOLE PROGRAMME
312,431
50,000
- 138,605
2,757,522
782,441
3,641,392 7,682,391
1,002,001

ONLINE

90% OF OUR ONLINE FANS WERE WOMEN, AND 54% OF OUR ONLINE



These figures correlate with those gathered via audience feedback at events suggesting that the social media campaign was successful at generating on the ground audiences. The percentage of audience that were both female and under 35 coming to events was 55%.

WHAT OUR AUDIENCES SAID

SHOWROOM GINEMA, SHEFFIELD:

"YES, IT'S INTERESTING TO SEE HOW SEGREGATION AFFECTS 'NORMAL' ACTIVITY. ALSO, IT WAS A GOOD FUN FILM, EVEN THOUGH I DON'T LIKE SPORT."

(Audience member, OFFSIDE)

OUEENS BELFAST:

"I REALLY ENJOYED THE WORKSHOP AND WOULD LIKE TO COME TO SIMILAR EVENTS AT OFT"

(Participant, ZINE WORKSHOP)

SANDFORD CINEMA LANARKSHIRE:

"VERY GOOD FILM WITH AN INFORMATIVE TALK THAT SET THE MOOD FOR THE FILM. SHOCKED AT THE TREATMENT SO RECENT IN OUR HISTORY. REALLY OPENED MY EYES."

Audience member, SUFFRAGETTE

MAC BIRMINGHAM:

"SPECIAL EXPERIENCE TO THINK ON AND DISCUSS THE MOVIE AT SUBSEQUENT Q&A. FANTASTIC FILMMAKING & INSPIRING STORY."

(Audience member, HE NAMED ME MALALA)

MAC BIRMINGHAM:

"GREAT TO SEE EVENTS
FOCUSED ON WOMEN IN
SPORT. MY DAUGHTER
LOVED IT."

(Audience member, **BEND IT LIKE BECKHAM**)

RIO CINEMA / CLUB DES FEMMES EVENTS:

"THESE FILMS WERE INSPIRING AND BEAUTIFUL, HILARIOUS AND AMAZING, GREAT EVENT. WELL DONE!"

(Audience member, CARRY GREENHAM HOME /

GREENHAM GRANNY)

LAWRENCE BATLEY THEATRE, HUDDERSFIELD:
"YES, THE MARCH
BEFOREHAND WAS GOOD FUN.
VERY GOOD AND THOUGHT
PROVOKING!"

(Audience member SUFFRAGETTE

LINCOLN FILM SOCIETY:

"YES! GREAT FILM FROM A
COUNTRY WE DON'T SEE ENOUGH
OF. GREAT TO SEE HOW PRIVILEGE
AFFECTS RIGHTS EVEN IN WHAT
WE'D CONSIDER A 'THIRD WORLD'
COUNTRY. POWERFUL!"

(Audience member, DIFRET)

SHOWROOM CINEMA, SHEFFIELD:

"GREAT TO SEE A SERIES OF WOMEN'S FILMS. HAVE GOME FROM SKIPTON! BEAUTIFUL, VERY SENSITIVELY DONE."

(Audience member, FATIMA)



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