

## REEL LIVES FILMS

Free lunchtime screenings of international, award-winning films that reflect the lives of older people, children and families, and persons with disabilities, will be shown from Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May in the 250-seater auditorium of NUIG's ILAS (Institute for Lifecourse and Society) building, Corrib Village. The movie venue has wheelchair access, a theatre-size screen, surround-sound.

All films start at 1 pm and are open to the public.

On **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May**, we will screen *'Ethel & Ernest'*, an animated true story based on the graphic novel by Raymond Briggs, creator of 'The Snowman'. Using the voices of Brenda Blethyn, Jim Broadbent, and Luke Treadway, *'Ethel & Ernest'* is a deeply moving film tracking the lifecourse of a couple, from young, newly-marrieds, into old age. The animation features beautiful hand-drawings, and is actually the story of writer Raymond Briggs own parents, narrating the historical and social events that shaped this London couple's lives. The film is both humorous and bitter-sweet, and a tribute to the extraordinary-ordinary lives that people lead.

On **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May** we screen *'Inside I'm Dancing'*, starring James McAvoy Steven Robertson, and Brenda Fricker. Set in a Dublin residential home for the disabled, the film chronicles the friendship between two disabled young men, and their relationships with family. Both funny and thought-provoking, *'Inside I'm Dancing'* follows the two protagonists' desire to survive on their own outside of residential care.

On **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**, we end with *'La Famille Bélier'*, a French, sub-titled movie, both charming and funny that tells the story of a family in which only the daughter, Paula can hear. Paula thus acts as her parents' and brother's ears and mouth. Their family life is thrown into disarray when Paula discovers an untapped gift for singing, and with the encouragement of her music teacher, auditions for music college. This award-winning film was number one at the French box office, and the voice of Paula, by Louane Emera is truly beautiful. A semi-finalist in the French competition 'The Voice', Emera won a César award, before going onto acting.

Please do join us for our sixth year of film screenings that are guaranteed to both inspire and entertain.

Parking is available on campus to non-NUI Galway personnel within the pay and display areas of Dangan car park, or a free shuttle bus runs regularly between the Orbsen building on the main campus and the terminus where ILAS is located. There are a limited number of car parking spaces for those with a disability directly outside of the ILAS building.

**The Saol Café is open each day in the ILAS foyer, serving lunches and snacks.**

For further information contact event organiser, Alison Herbert, 091-495461 / 087-2830757. Full details of the film programme are on: [www.icsg.ie](http://www.icsg.ie).

