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Together, We Rise

A Documentary Film

Running Time: 22 minutes

LOG LINE:

One in five teenagers suffers from a mental health disorder and fewer than half receive treatment. In **TOGETHER, WE RISE**, public school students from across Los Angeles County share honest accounts about their struggles with mental health.

ABOUT THE FILM:

TOGETHER, WE RISE is a 22-minute documentary featuring Los Angeles high school students sharing their real-life struggles with mental health. The film takes place at WE RISE, a provocative pop-up art experience that is part of the WHY WE RISE campaign, a national movement to break through barriers and defy old assumptions about mental health. Held in Los Angeles in May 2018, the event utilized artists, performers and workshops to spark conversations among teens and young adults about mental health and related social issues.

This inspiring documentary captures voices from a new generation that sees wellbeing as a civil right, fueling a youth-driven movement to fix a broken system. Everyone deserves to be well.

Trailer: https://youtu.be/QTFY_f32ack

ABOUT THE EVENT:

The WE RISE events and WHY WE RISE campaign are an innovative prevention and early intervention project of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH). Learn more at WhyWeRise.LA.

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ABOUT THE FILMMAKERS:

Josh Burstein (Producer and Director) – Director Josh Burstein is passionate about smart documentaries that make an impact. His current project is as director and host of [LAST GLIMPSE](#) (Amazon Prime), a travel show showcasing at-risk cultures in a positive, empowering light. He served in the Obama administration and reelection campaign, focusing on creative messaging strategy. In 2018, Josh led digital communications for [MARCH FOR OUR LIVES](#) and the creative launch of Michelle Obama's latest initiative, [WHEN WE ALL VOTE](#).



Georgia Koch (Director and Editor) – Filmmaker Georgia Koch has worked with clients such as Google, MTV, Facebook and Participant Media on a variety of socially relevant projects and is known for her ability to tell authentic and personal stories. She edited the feature film [MUSIC GOT ME HERE](#) as well as [LAUGHING MATTERS](#), a short film about comedy and mental health featuring Sarah Silverman and Rainn Wilson. Georgia is a graphic artist and graduate of New York University, where she studied film and digital media as a tool for social change.



EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS:

Mimi Martinez McKay (Executive Producer) – As part of the LACDMH leadership team, Mimi Martinez McKay has spoken at dozens of conferences and led panel discussions at many forums. She is a leading speaker on mental health reform.

Todd Flournoy (Executive Producer) – Todd Flournoy is the founder of The Flournoy Group and a leading strategist on creative community and talent engagement for public policy and social cause impact.

Mark Schubbs (Executive Producer) – Mark Schubbs is a media strategist and writer/producer with a background in journalism and broadcasting. He specializes in mission-driven creative engagement for change management and organizational growth.