

## **Worlds apart**

I wrote worlds apart as a play first and toured with it for a short run the response was great and the story was appreciated by the audiences that seen it . Worlds apart the play was before its time as we had very little public discussion of the positive role non-national community's here in Ireland and it was before the announcement of the ethnic recognition of the Traveller community in 2017.

Worlds apart is fictional from the point of view that the incident of rape , and conflict is not based on any real personal event in my extended family they are parts of stories I have heard over the years from both Travellers and settled people the issues are relevant to the experience of our community and indeed of Irish society the issues of immigration and discrimination is something that a lot of people in Irish society can relate to. It also portrays the role of women in Irish society.

The internal issues of feuding the role of women is been constantly challenged within the Traveller community and in this film it gives Travellers the chance to see the impact of some of the internal issues both on community and the way we treat others.

Last of all worlds of part in relevant first of all a love story a girls love for her family for husband and children for her country and for her love for her heritage and for her extended family especially her father. the impact of her decisions have taken 20 plus years to come to the forefront and the impact of what Winnie has been hiding has the potential to unite her family in all its complexities or to divide it in a way that can never be fixed and her time is running out and her cancer has returned.

I wrote this as a film as I believe that the time is right to tell this story to a wider audience and the medium of film has the potential to develop the other story's that could never be done on stage for instance the children from a mixed marriage and the cultural difference, worlds apart is an Irish story and it is a story that people can relate to and as a society we need this reflection at this.