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**Family  
Love  
Hope  
Identity  
Relationships  
Loss**



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Poverty  
Childhood**



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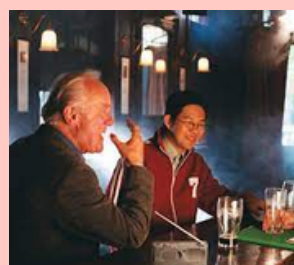


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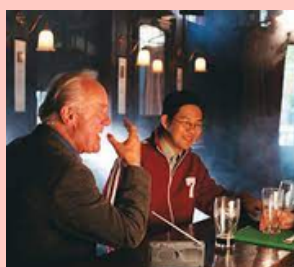


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Purl is a ball of yarn that goes to work in a male dominated start up company called B.R.O. Capital. Antics ensue as Purl seeks to gain acceptance in the fast-paced environment.

#### **THEMES INCLUDE:**

**Belonging  
Decision making  
Understanding  
Lonliness**



### **ALIKE - 8 MINS**

Set in a world where creativity is no longer present, only Copi and his son, Paste, are drawn in colour. Paste's creativity is lost in a rigid school system, mirroring his father's work life. When he realises his son is unhappy in life, Copi makes a stand to bring happiness and colour back to his son and himself again.

#### **THEMES INCLUDE:**

**Childhood  
Creativity  
Work  
Education**



### **CORTO IAN - 10 MINS**

"Ian" is a short, animated film inspired by the real-life Ian, a boy with a disability determined to get to the playground despite his playmates bullying him. This film sets out to show that children with disabilities can and should be included.

#### **THEMES INCLUDE:**

**Childhood  
Disability  
Friendship  
Perseverance**



### **J'AMIS SANS MON DENTIER - 5 MINS**

Four retirement home residents want to watch their favorite series 'Never without my denture', but the remote control is taken away. As a result, they team up to get their remote back.

#### **THEMES INCLUDE:**

**Cooperation  
Getting older  
Rebellion**



### **LOUIS' SHOES - 5 MINS**

In Louis' Shoes, a boy named Louis has to introduce himself to his classmates in his new school. He gives viewers an insight into his life and the additional challenges for students with autism.

#### **THEMES INCLUDE:**

**School  
Inclusivity  
Physical and  
intellectual  
disability**



### **COIN OPERATED - 5 MINS**

The story starts with a boy who has the dream to travel in space. He overcomes a first disappointment when a rocket kiddie ride doesn't help him to reach his goal. He then decides to start selling lemonade to make enough money to get into space one day. Will he eventually get there?

#### **THEMES INCLUDE:**

**Childhood  
Dreams  
Money**



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