

TROUBLE IN PORTSMOUTH

Awareness UNlimited in conjunction with *Larkin Ltd* and *a713production* present a screening of the short film, *TROUBLE* along with guest speakers at the Portsmouth Public Library, 175 Parrott Avenue(603-427-1540) on Sunday May 6, 2012 from 1p-330p.

TROUBLE is a film about children in trouble and how in the modern world children must cope with inner strength in difficult times. Directed by Mark Constance of *a713production* and shot on location in Portsmouth, NH, the film stars New England based actors Lucas Ardagna, Nate Krawshuk, Eliya-Quaye Constance, Jordan Celli and Drew Rydell. The topics of the film include homelessness, bullying, domestic violence and terminal illness.

Speakers at the event will include Fran Page, a theater artist and activist based in Portland, Maine and James Reilly, a Special Education instructor at Cooperative Middle School in Stratham, NH.

The mission of *Awareness UNlimited* is to facilitate awareness and diversity programming with schools, businesses, civic groups/organizations and communities, fostering understanding and respect, opening minds and worlds. Founded in 2007 by Deb Barry, and based on her experience as an educator for 21 years, *Awareness UNlimited* gives insight into the many challenges that students were facing not only academically, but socially, as acceptance, understanding and respect were often not part of their daily lives. Race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, interests or simply being the “new kid” posed daily, sometimes “invisible” issues for many students. Deb developed several programs and activities to help raise awareness and promote understanding of these issues and more on local, state, national and global levels

Sheila Duncan of *Larkin Ltd* created the original concept of *TROUBLE*. Sheila has made it her mission to bring the story of *TROUBLE* and the children’s book she authored, “*HERE’S TROUBLE*”, to as many children as possible. Sheila volunteers with local hospitals and children’s organizations, bringing *TROUBLE* to those most in need. She also works with the SPCA of Tennessee to provide homes for abandoned dogs and she has donated over \$20,000 to charity through proceeds of *TROUBLE* products. A portion of the proceeds of the sale of all *TROUBLE* products are donated to charities that help children and dogs in need.