



A short film about building a stronger community - one conversation at a time on a bench.

This bench tells a story and invites others to tell theirs.

Twelve people were invited to take part in a short film with the bench: one person in each pairing is a native Utican and the other is a refugee or immigrant. Bosnia, Sudan, Columbia, Iraq and Burma are represented. They met for the first time on the day of filming and were asked to simply talk to each other for about an hour (many times it was longer!). They told each other their stories, found commonalities, talked about everything from kids and music to food and their hopes for the future... *and built relationships with each other*. Imagine what our community would look and feel like if these six conversations became six hundred – or six thousand. This film is a start: **#meetonthebench**

Join us at the film premiere on November 29, 2018 at 6pm at Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute

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