



BLOOD RISING

'Daughters of Juarez. A Story of the World'

A FILM DIRECTED BY MARK MCLOUGHLIN IN COLLABORATION WITH BRIAN MAGUIRE
SOUNDTRACK COMPOSED BY GAVIN FRIDAY

11 February 2014, 13.00–16.00, ASP 3H1

Film Screening and Panel Discussion on Femicide
with director Mark McLoughlin and artist Brian Maguire

Hosted by Emer Costello MEP

Mark McLoughlin's documentary, *Blood Rising*, examines the phenomenon of femicide – the killing of women ostensibly due to their gender – in the Mexican city of Juarez.

Abandoned by their government, the mothers of the femicide victims have engaged prolific Irish artist Brian Maguire to bring their stories to the international community. Only 2% of these murder cases have been investigated and many of the mothers have themselves received death threats for simply demanding justice.

Art has become the last weapon available to them to fight the drug cartels and serial killers. Brian Maguire has spent 6 years working in Juarez.

The artist Brian Maguire worked with the families of the victims, spending many months over the past two years in Juarez visiting with the families and conducting workshops with the victims' children. He was helped in this work by the organisation *Nuestras Hijas de Regreso a Casa* which is based in Juarez.

The purpose of the event is to draw the attention of the parliamentarians to the fate of these factory workers. The products they produce in the Juarez factories are in our cars and televisions across Europe. Their story has its place in Brussels.

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Hosted by Emer Costello MEP, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists & Democrats in the European Parliament