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Truth Commission comes to Belfast

Julie reports on play

If you have been a victim of the violence in Northern Ireland, could you face the people who killed your loved one?

A play based on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa has opened in the Lyric Theatre in Belfast and -as UTV`s Julie O` Connor found out- the trials brought together victims and in many cases the people who killed their loved ones.

"This is a powerful play based on the effects of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa," reports Julie.

"The Commission brought together victims of violence together along with those who killed or maimed their loved ones.

"The play explores the nature of forgiving ones enemies and asks the question - can we forgive the past in order to survive the future?"

There have been calls for a similar truth commission to be set up in Northern Ireland, indeed many victims of the Troubles and ex-paramilitaries are due to watch the play and take part in a debate afterwards.

The show`s director Michael Lessac says Belfast is one of the main places they have been excited about performing in.

He said he wanted to bring the play to conflict zones around the world where forgiveness and healing were necessary in order for people and society to move on.

Next on its wish list is the Balkans and Israel.

Do you think a Truth and Reconciliation Commission should be set up in Northern Ireland? Let us know your thoughts by leaving a comment below.

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On 29 Oct at 17:40 - Colin from South Down said:

Yes. If everything gets out on the table, including collusion of the British Armed Forces and Loyalist terrorists to the location of the dissappeared by Republican terrorists; this is the next step forward for forgiveness, reconciliation and true peace.

On 29 Oct at 19:07 - martin from belfast said:

holey jemoley, ... honesty without blame, truth without recriminations.... we can dream

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DIRECTOR: David Singleton.

STARRING: Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, Mike Collins, Alan Bean.

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