



## The Story of Queens Park Rangers Football Club hits the big screen

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**'R Story' was created over a two-year period, by a group of young and mostly unemployed people**

This recently launched 60-minute documentary film, 'R'Story', about Queens Park Rangers Football Club will premiere to the public at the end of February. Details of the venues, dates and times can be found at the end of this release.

The Octavia Foundation and the QPR in the Community Trust have partnered up to support the project, The Story of QPR, which has helped the young people involved gain valuable skills for future employment and opportunities.

Twenty-three-year-old Ross Norman became involved in the project to gain work experience in the film industry, and now has a job with an international news channel as a result.

He says –

*'The Story of QPR has given me more confidence in what I am able to do and what I am capable of in my career. I feel proud and privileged that I get to be involved in such a unique project'.*

'R'Story', charts the story of the club's beginnings in 1882, through to the present day using a tapestry of voices which include memorable players as well as passionate and long-standing fans.

Running parallel to the unique story of the club is a wider story of what football means and has meant to British society, and in particular to London's working class and diverse local communities. The club's current midfielder, Joey Barton, who also stars, says the club has always been about the community.

Reena Mukherji, Director of The Octavia Foundation says –

*'We're really proud of all the young people involved in the creation of this film. They have learned so much from the experience, about how to film, how to script, conduct interviews, how to edit footage, as well as the research and shaping the film into the high quality documentary that it is today.*

*Some have gone on to find employment in the media industries as a result, and this is why we continue to support young people who are neither employed, nor in education, to provide opportunities to do the best that they can'.*

Please see below for details of the venues, plus times and how to get tickets.

See here for more information on the film and to download images

[http://www.octaviafoundation.org.uk/our\\_work/activities\\_and\\_projects/149\\_the\\_story\\_of\\_qpr](http://www.octaviafoundation.org.uk/our_work/activities_and_projects/149_the_story_of_qpr)

For more on QPR in the Community Trust see <http://www.qprcommunitytrust.co.uk/>

For full case studies, please see below

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### Case study

#### ROSS NORMAN, 23



*"I am big fan of both QPR and documentaries and being a part of the Story of QPR, something that linked them together, sounded like a great project to be part of.*

*I'm hoping that it will help me further my career within the media industry as a camera operator and editor. So far I've learnt better techniques on how to conduct interviews and I've noticed that my editing skills and camera operating skills have improved. In fact while taking part in the project I successfully got a job with an international news channel called 'Arise News' where I set up and play all the non-live footage such as news reports for the live shows. But hopefully with the help of this project I'm hoping that I'll be able to work as a camera operator soon.*

*The Story of QPR has given me more confidence in what I am able to do and what I am capable of. I've enjoyed being able to film on the pitch at Loftus Road, especially the playoff game against Wigan. It's not that often you get to walk alongside the QPR players and film them after they have just secured a place at Wembley Stadium with Loftus Road rocking! I feel proud and privileged that I get to be involved in such a unique project."*



*more than just great cinema!*



### **Screening tour**

The film's Public Premiere will take place at **The Lexi Cinema** - [www.thelexicinema.co.uk](http://www.thelexicinema.co.uk)

Date: Saturday 28 February

Time: 2pm

Venue: The Lexi Cinema

Price: £5

Ticket info: 0871 704 2069

Venue info: 194b Chamberlayne Road, London NW10 3JU

**The Bush Theatre** - [www.bushtheatre.co.uk](http://www.bushtheatre.co.uk)

Date: Monday 2 March, Tuesday 3 March and Wednesday 4 March (special pre-match screening)

Time: 7pm – 10pm

Venue: The Bush Theatre

Price: £3

Ticket info: [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

Venue info: 7 Uxbridge Road, London, W12 8LJ, Tel 020 8743 5050

Additional info: Exclusive Film Screening of 'R'Story' followed by a Q&A with the film-makers and special guests:

Monday 2 March: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rstory-film-screening-qa-tickets-15514662774>

Tuesday 3 March: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rstory-film-screening-qa-tickets-15514721951>

Special pre-match screening: 5.30 pm

Wednesday 4 March: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rstory-the-story-of-qpr-film-screening-tickets-15515174304>