

Ronachan Films

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Dear all at Different Strokes,

I am producer working with independent television production company Ronachan Films.

We have been commissioned by Channel 4 to make a 'Cutting Edge' documentary following the experiences of a young person as they readjust to life after an acquired brain injury.

The aim of this documentary is to explore the "hidden" challenges of ABI, as opposed to the more obvious physical ones. As part of our research we would like to speak to younger adults who do not have serious physical injuries, but who are dealing with the effects of an ABI.

- Are you a younger adult (aged 15-30), readjusting to life with an acquired brain injury? Or is someone you know dealing with this readjustment?
- Did you acquire the brain injury between the ages of 14 and 30?
- We would like hear from people without serious physical injury, who are coping with the hidden challenges of brain injury.
- Maybe you came home from hospital and things seemed on the surface back to normal? Maybe not?
- You might still be in rehab' or maybe you are back at home?
- What's it like being you?

We would like to hear from you. We would like to speak to younger adults and to their parents, families, friends or carers. We would like to hear from people who want to find the best way to cope.

What's it like to be a younger adult with an ABI, when there are no immediately obvious outward signs of the injury? What's it like to be a young person dealing with the cognitive, behavioural or emotional effects of an ABI? What's it like for friends and family?

We want to make a documentary that explores the challenges, but also one that looks at the way people deal with and sometimes overcome those challenges.

If you would be happy to speak to us, in confidence and without any commitment to taking part in the documentary, we would really appreciate the opportunity.

You can reach me by phone on 020 7665 4228 or by email at zbeattie@ronachanfilms.co.uk

With many thanks and best wishes,

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