

Film Summary

The film centres around the young, rebellious Rory who has muscular dystrophy and yearns for a more independent life. During the early stages of the film, Rory is moving into the Carrighmore Residential Home in Dublin, where he forms a friendship with institutionalised, placid Michael, who has cerebral palsy. Together, the wheelchair-bound buddies manage to secure a move out of the home to a flat, in order to pursue a more independent lifestyle and explore the wider world. With the help of their carer, Siobhan, they embark on this challenging and life-changing journey. The film tackles disabled rights head on and cleverly explores the wider public's attitudes and prejudice towards them. It is thought provoking, humorous as well as emotional.

It's especially appropriate for pupils considering working in care homes or other similar institutions as well as educational institutions. However, it provides a valuable lesson for us all.

Classification 15 Duration; 104 minutes