

The Northwest Network

Of Bisexual, Trans, Lesbian & Gay Survivors of Abuse

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SIFF FILM INSPIRES AWARDS FOR SEATTLE NON-PROFITS ON “LOVING DAY”

Seattle filmmakers’ project “A Lot Like You” highlights issues of multiculturalism and violence, prompts recognition for OneAmerica and Refugee Women’s Alliance

Immigrant justice organizations OneAmerica and Refugee Women’s Alliance will receive awards in recognition of their work on Sunday, June 12, immediately following the Seattle International Film Festival screening of “A Lot Like You,” a project by Seattle-based filmmaker Eliaichi Kimaro. The film screening and awards ceremony will take place at the Admiral Theater in West Seattle at 1:00 pm, followed by a reception hosted by non-profit The Northwest Network of Bisexual, Trans, Lesbian, and Gay Survivors of Abuse. The awards recognize the efforts of these non-profits to support immigrant communities, women, and families by connecting the mission of all three organizations to the powerful message of the film, which is “a compelling study on the roles that race, class, and gender play in forming our cultural identities.” OneAmerica and Refugee Women’s Alliance will each be presented with a Certificate of Honor and a \$1,000 award from The NW Network. The film and reception align with “Loving Day,” which marks the 44th anniversary of the 1967 Supreme Court Case, *Loving v. Virginia*, which struck down all state laws banning interracial marriage.

Refugee Women’s Alliance promotes inclusion, independence, personal leadership, and strong communities by providing refugee and immigrant women and their families with culturally and linguistically appropriate services.

OneAmerica works towards principles of democracy and justice at the local, state, and national levels by building power within immigrant communities, and building coalitions with key allies.

The Northwest Network works within a broad liberation movement to support the safety and self-determination of LGBTQ survivors of abuse through education, organizing, and advocacy.

Eliaichi Kimaro is a mixed-race filmmaker and activist (born to a Korean mother and Tanzanian father), as well as a former staff member and current Board President of The NW Network. Kimaro intends to use her story as a springboard to further dialogue, introspection, and connection. Part of her goal is to connect viewers to the people and organizations who are working locally to address the various issues highlighted in the film, organizations such as OneAmerica, Refugee Women’s Alliance, and The NW Network.

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