

Labour Movement Film Festival

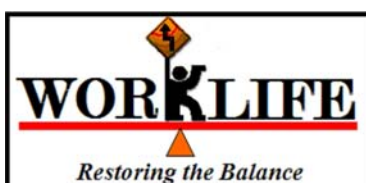
16 April: *Amongst Equals* (documentary, 88 mins.) A film about the history of the Australian Trade Union movement - starting with the Shearer's strike of the 1890's and leading to the present day, featuring interviews with prominent unionists. The film was sponsored by the Australian Council for Trade Unions which eventually withdrew their support for the project after disagreeing with the filmmaker's interpretation of history.

21 May: *The Willmar 8* (documentary, 50 mins.) – This film is about the longest bank strike in United States history. In the 1970s in rural Minnesota, unequal pay, denial of promotional opportunity and lack of respect drove eight unassuming, church-going women to form a union and begin the first bank strike in the state's history.

18 June: *Final Offer* (documentary, 79 mins.) – This film focuses on the negotiations in the 1984 dispute in Canada between the United Auto Workers and General Motors. Union leaders are caught between the aspirations of their rank and file members and instructions from their American-dominated parent union. In the end, the Canadian autoworkers secede from the “international” union.

16 July: *Friends and Enemies* (documentary, 88 mins.) – Tom Zubrycki's film of the 1985 SEQEB dispute is a blow by blow account of a year-long dramatic industrial dispute in Queensland where a small union takes on the notorious Bjelke Peterson state government. At issue is the replacing of the permanent workforce with individual contractors. The film tells the story from both sides shifting between union offices, worker rallies, garden parties and country shows.

Worklife is proud to present a series of free film evenings at the Paddington Workers' Club. Each film examines and celebrates an aspect of labour history. Drinks will be available and pizzas can be purchased just down the road. All showings commence at 7pm on the third Thursday of each month.



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