

“The Life and Times of Living on the Border” - A Documentary

“I got married in 1976 and I came down to live in Belleek, I’m living on the border here, I lived on the border at home...I lived on the border all my life”. Rosemary McCauley (nee McGrath).

The border experience is hard to define and only those who grew up and live “on the only land frontier in either Ireland or the UK” can explain what it means.

“The Life and Times of the Border” is a one-hour locally produced documentary that seeks to explore and define what life and work was like on the border.

Dr. Michael Kennedy, Executive Editor on Documents on Irish Foreign Policy, Royal Irish Academy in Dublin uses his vast depth of knowledge to outline the historical timeline of the border and how it came about.

Interviews with locals from border areas in Donegal gives an insight into real people’s experiences, good and bad, living on the edge of two different communities, while ex-customs man Jim O’Shea outlines his time working along the Louth/Armagh border.

Director Jennifer O’Shea says *“I really enjoyed making this documentary, hearing all the stories from people who grew up on the border was fascinating. I have an interest in the border as my mother’s family is from Donegal and since I began work in LMFM 3 years ago I’ve come to know a lot of people living in north Louth. I just hope people enjoy listening to my depiction of life on the border in the 1950s and 60s.”*

The documentary will be broadcast live on LMFM radio 95.8FM after the one o’clock news on August Bank Holiday Monday and it will be streamed live on www.lmfm.ie.

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