

Portland Row erupts in joy as Kellie Harrington takes home gold - Enda O'Dowd

I travelled to Portland Row for Kellie Harrington's last fight of the Tokyo Olympics. It was a news marking but in effect a colour piece and the crowd had gathered to watch the fight on big screens. I was interested at the time in moving as far away as possible from cliched news packages. Voice over/ pieces to camera/ vox pops/ talking heads. It was all there in the faces of those who watched the fight, I didn't need to vox pop them to tell me what it meant.



I was trying to create a space where one could reveal news as an observer not as an interpreter. This event afforded me that opportunity. I kept snippets of interviews of the family while trying to convey the melee, atmosphere and emotion to the fore.



I finished the piece on a 20 second three-shot. This was again a decision to breakaway from news/ online cliches. Kellie's fight started around 6:00 and the video went live on the website at 9:02. So It was a quick turnaround. The video got 90k views on Facebook and was the most watched on the Irish Times on the Sunday and into the following week.



'It has turned into my hell': Families affected by mica on their crumbling homes - Enda O'Dowd

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/it-has-turned-into-my-hell-families-affected-by-mica-on-their-crumbling-homes-1.4636070>

In July 2021 I travelled to Donegal to talk to various homeowners affected by Mica in their homes. I worked to illustrate how all consuming it was for the community while also trying to get across the political stalemate that had developed. I tried to connect it to Priory Hall and illustrate the lack of regulations within the sector and the issues around that. I didn't want it to be just a story of homeowners plight, even though I think I got good first-person accounts of what it meant to people and the stress it put on families/ individuals.



The story of Mica homeowners continued to develop over the year and I returned to there along with Mayo and Clare in subsequent months. The video was viewed 177,000 times on Facebook and was most viewed on the Irish Times website for the week it aired.

From Kyiv to Tullamore: A parents journey to catch a flight to Ireland

<https://www.irishtimes.com/from-kyiv-to-tullamore-a-parents-journey-to-catch-a-flight-to-ireland-1.4837271>



In March 2022 I travelled to Poland to meet refugees fleeing Ukraine and travel back with them to Ireland. When I was in Poland I had some downtime and made some contacts and got in touch with Ciaran, who was working with refugees trying to set them up in Poland while also taking them to airports/ providing accommodation etc. I liked the simplicity of the story. It was one mother torn by life captured in transit to an airport to a country she knew little about.

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