

# “OneHood Peace”

## Synopsis

Boston’s One Hood Youth Peace Basketball League is entering its 11<sup>th</sup> year of operation this summer. The proposed documentary is a retrospective of this endeavor and an update of its current state. The league brings together rival gang members and puts them on the same team. The goal is for troubled individuals to leave their turf wars aside, put weapons down and come together to create “one hood.”

## Treatment and Episodic Description

The documentary consists of three distinct episodes: *The Players*, *The Games* and *One Hood*. Each episode runs approximately 60 minutes. Through the three episodes, this documentary will show the progression of the league and give an inside look on how the teams are assembled and show how the players are able to come together to set aside differences.

**The Players:** The first episode traces the 11 year history of the project. The “key players” of the program are introduced. The tone of this segment is retrospective, people remembering the difficulties involved in getting the program up and running. The “key players” frame the main philosophy of the program: developing peace and trust in hostile gang-infested neighborhoods. We witness the transformation of traditional roles played by city and neighborhood administrators and police officers into educators and coaches. Their suppressive stance towards troubled youth evolves into an educational and peacemaking role. Interviews:

- Player #1: Officer from the 4D precinct.
- Player #2: Housing Administrator for Roxbury, Angel Lopez. (617)-988-4000
- Player #3: Lauren Bard, director of youth development at IBA Boston
- Player #4: Former player from the league.

**The Games:** The second episode focuses on the actual players and the games. 2018 players and players from previous years are introduced. The tone of the segment is a mix

between the retrospective views of older players and the active voice of players of 2018. This segment also follows the games as pure sports history.

- Player Team Lenox Street #1
- Player Team Lenox Street #2
- Player Team Castle Square #3
- Player Team Castle Square #4
- Player Team Villa Victoria #5
- Player Team Villa Victoria #6

**One Hood:** The closing segment addresses the issues faced by the communities, the larger picture of broken, homes, violence and delinquency. The tone of the segment is of honesty; a listing of success stories about growth, friendships, while at the same time avoiding of the projection of false hope. Interviews with team alumni, coaches and community members.

### **Project Timetable**

Planning and Outreach: June 1st – July (2018) \*Schedule for league still pending.

1. Episode One (The Players): TBA
2. Episode Two (The Games): TBA
3. Episode Three (One-Hood): TBA

Post Production: TBA

### **Interactive Elements**

Interview material will be available as a podcast-series. The historical schedule and results of the games will be retained as interactive web material.

### **Budget**

Equipment: \$13,000

Travel: \$2,000

Post Production:

AV studio rental: \$2500

Audio Edit/mixing: \$1000

Outreach/Marketing: \$2500

Producers Rent for duration of filming: \$4000

## **Key Personnel**

Consultant #1 Police Department: G-4 Police Unit

Consultant #2 Program Head Angel Lopez: (617) 988-4405

Consultant #3 Basketball Coach: [League has yet to assign coaches for upcoming season]

Producer: Henry Hargitai & TJ Butzke

Director: Henry Hargitai & TJ Butzke

Writer: Henry Hargitai

Cinematographer: TJ Butzke

Editor: Henry Hargitai & TJ Butzke

## **Sample Work**

The Bobo Story: <https://nesnnext.nesn.com/2018/02/01/the-bobo-story/>

Adam Wright: The Comeback: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0tA6toolhWs>

## **Educational Materials**

The Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program is a school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curriculum. The program's primary objective is prevention as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership. G.R.E.A.T. lessons focus on providing life skills to students to help them avoid delinquent behavior and violence to solve problems. The G.R.E.A.T. Program is administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, a component of the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. Since its inception in 1991, more than 12,000 law enforcement officers have been certified as G.R.E.A.T. instructors, and more than 6 million students have graduated from the G.R.E.A.T. Program. (add url for source)

The documentary, the podcasts and the web presence will serve as supplemental education material for the G.R.E.A.T program with the specific goal of prevention and immunization against delinquency, youth violence and gang membership. The program's emphasis on friendship, camaraderie, sportsmanship, physical activities and mutual respect will serve as guiding material young people can identify with.

**Target:** General Audience, sports fans, greater Boston Community.

