This month, Trusted Source invites you to watch the trailer of *Intelligent Lives* - the new film by award-winning filmmaker Dan Habib (*Mr. Connolly has ALS, Including Samuel*).

*Intelligent Lives* stars three young American adults with intellectual disabilities - Naomie, Naieer, and Micah - who challenge the perceptions of
intelligence as they navigate high school, college, and the workforce. Academy Award®-winning actor and narrator Chris Cooper contextualizes the lives of its three central figures by divulging into his own emotional personal story of his son, Jesse. Using this backdrop, the film unpacks the shameful ongoing track record of intelligence testing in the United States.

For those local to New York City, *Intelligent Lives* is currently screening at Village East Cinemas. Additional screenings across the country will begin next week. To see a screening near you, please visit intelligentlives.org.

**THREE REASONS TO WATCH**

**CHALLENGES THE NORMS**

The film challenges the viewer to consider what it means to be intelligent, and points to a future in which people of all abilities can fully participate in education, meaningful employment, and intimate relationships.

**VERY WELL EXECUTED**

Utilizing the backdrop of Chris Cooper’s own story, the film is able to create a strong emotional bond with its central subjects. This helps make the film relevant for everyone to connect to.

**GIVES LIGHT TO AN ONGOING PROBLEM**

The film illuminates the still very contemporary problem of intelligence testing and forced sterilization.
The film presents a solution of how young adults with disabilities can unlock their potential without stigma.

There is so much exciting and well-made media about disability. The challenge is knowing where to find it, and how to use it.

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