

Leeds Palestinian Film Festival – Licensing Officer Comments

The following films are all proposed to screen in the Leeds Palestinian Film Festival - Scalarama at The Holbeck, Jenkinson Lawn, Holbeck, LS11 9QX at one event held on 23rd September 2022.

No	Title	Synopsis	Recommended Classification	Officer Comments
1.	Shireen of Al Walajaa (27.04mins)	An intimate portrait of the day-to-day life of a dynamic popular resistance leader from Palestine who left her full-time job with the UN to return to her home village of al-Walaja and fight for its survival.	15	A political documentary with protests towards the end of the film that become relatively aggressive. There are minimal concerns when considering the film in accordance with the applicant's recommended 15 rating and BBFC guidelines.
2.	We Refuse to be Enemies (8.47mins)	The film is about Daoud Nassar, a Palestinian Christian who lives under constant threat of land confiscation by the Israeli government and harassment from the surrounding Israeli settlers. This is his story of faith, hope and love.	15	No concerns when considering the film in accordance with the applicant's recommended 15 rating.
3.	Made in Palestine (8.23mins)	The Keffiyeh is an ancient and practical Arabic headress which, over recent decades, has come to symbolise the Palestinian struggle for self-determination. Hirbawi Textiles is the last remaining factory in the West Bank that produces the Keffiyeh. The documentary looks at the maker who is 75 years old. Through the story of the history of the last remaining factory we discover the history and significance of the different types of Keffiyeh.	15	No concerns when considering the film in accordance with the applicant's recommended 15 rating.

4.	Gaza - One Football, One Leg (20.29mins)	A lively, joyful, but uncompromising film about a team of amputee footballers from the Gaza Strip.	15	No concerns when considered in accordance with the BBFC guidelines for a 15 certification.
5.	Israel/Palestine A Very Short Introduction (6.28mins)	Easy to understand, historically accurate mini-primer about why Israelis and Palestinians are fighting, why the US-backed peace process has been an impediment to peace, and what you can do to make a difference. This conflict is essentially about land and human rights, not religion and culture. Endorsed by Palestinian, Israeli and American scholars and peace activists.	15	Animated short film explaining the Israeli and Palestinian conflict. No concerns when considered in accordance with the BBFC guidelines for a 15 certification.