

# “How to Defuse a Bomb: The Project Children Story”

Film Viewing and Discussion with Denis Mulcahy



**Tuesday, February 27**  
**11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Room A104**

**Denis Mulcahy** will discuss his work with Project Children. Afterward, he will show segments of the documentary film, inspired by how ordinary people made a difference in the lives of 23,000 children and impacted the course of history: *How to Diffuse a Bomb*.

Denis Mulcahy is a retired NYPD bomb disposal expert, the founder of Project Children, and two-time nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize (1979 and 1993). The story of his effort to bring peace to Northern Ireland and provide a safe space for Irish children during the decades of violence in the 1970s and 1980s has been retold in a new documentary: *How to Defuse a Bomb*. Winner of the Audience Award at the 2016 Irish Film Institute and narrated by Oscar nominated actor, Liam Neeson, ***How to Defuse a Bomb*** tells the extraordinary story of how Denis Mulcahy, a NYPD bomb disposal expert and the founder of Project Children, played a key role in helping defuse the decades old “Troubles” in Northern Ireland. Project Children organization was established in 1975 and ran for 40 years. During that time, the organization brought 23,000 children from Catholic and Protestant backgrounds to the United States for a summer to escape the “The Troubles” and live together in the United States over the course of a summer.

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