



## Press Release

# ECFA Documentary Award for “Det trygge huset / The Shelter” (NO 2016) by Robin Jensen

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“The film tells a well-balanced and honest story that does not hide away from the sad truth yet offers a positive outlook. The film empowers those who encounter similar difficult circumstances and might not be able to share them.” (ECFA Jury 2017)

„Det trygge huset / The Shelter“ by the Norwegian director Robin Jensen is the winner of the ECFA Documentary Award. The European Children's Film Association (ECFA) honours the best European Children documentary. The award celebrated its premiere last year in Duisburg.

In the animated documentary five children and youths tell about their experiences with domestic violence and their time in a shelter, where they and their mothers received protection and support. The jury continues: “The simple yet beautiful mix of aesthetic and narrative features stays close to the children and has universal relevance. We love the original and symbolic way of story-telling, the fluid rhythm and the strong authentic details in image and sound that create tangible emotions for the audience.”

The three-member jury consisted of Elise Van Beurden (Belgium) and Remke Oosterhuis (Netherlands), two representatives of the over 100 ECFA-membership organisations and Marc-André Schmachtel (Germany). The expert jury had the choice between nine nominated films that were scheduled during the festival in the age group 6 to 12.

The *doxs!* festival was founded in 2002 as the children and youth section of the Duisburger Filmwoche and shows documentary films that are creative, intelligent and approach young people on eye level. In addition to the ECFA Documentary Award the GROSSE KLAPPE film prize was handed out for the seventh time. This award honours political children and youth documentaries and is donated by the German Federal Agency for Civic Education.

The detailed jury statement, printable visual material of the award winning films and pictures of the ceremony are available on our website at [www.do-xs.de/presse.html](http://www.do-xs.de/presse.html).

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