

BEYOND THE FACTORY WALLS

On March 3, five crewmembers from Actively Radical TV departed Sydney for the grit and grime of the industrial outskirts of Jakarta. They return in June to begin post-production on a feature length documentary, aiming to bring their experience with theatre group, Teater Buruh Indonesia (TBI), to a wider audience – to offer the story of TBI to those 'Beyond the Factory Walls'.

TBI's members are sweatshop factory workers. Six days a week they manufacture goods for companies such as Reebok and Marks and Spencers. And on Sunday, their only day off, they re-group to rehearse as Teater Buruh – using the transformative power of theatre to play out the stories of their gruelling working lives.

Project organiser, Bek Conroy, has been involved with TBI for five years. 'This project puts us in contact with the people of Indonesia who are never depicted on glossy tourist brochures.' Often denied dignity in their working environment, TBI is an example of workers regaining their humanity through self-directed learning and creating options for change.

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