



# IN THE SHADOW OF BEIRUT

by Stephen Gerard Kelly, Garry Keane



## SYNOPSIS

Filmed over four years with unique access to the families within these largely no-go areas and co-directed by Stephen Gerard Kelly (debut film) and Garry Keane (Gaza, 2019), *In The Shadow of Beirut* is marked by a deep intimacy with its subjects and a bold cinematic style, with much of its visual and character-led storytelling sharing creative DNA with the team's earlier film, *Gaza*. Co-Director Stephen Gerard Kelly built up his relationship with the families at the centre of the film over a six-year period.

The film follows its protagonists through the pandemic and the deteriorating economic crisis engulfing the country daily. However, given the storied neighbourhood's tough history and challenging living conditions, the struggles of the film's central protagonists began long before the deadly 2020 port explosion rocked the city in which they were born. [REAL FILMS]

## FESTIVALS

2023

Docs Ireland, winner of docedge FF

Woodstock Film Festival

IFI Documentary Festival

35 Galway Film Fleadh

HIFF32 – Heartland Indianapolis, USA,

Ireland's submission to the 96th Academy Awards for International Feature, OSCARS

## CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Stephen Gerard Kelly, Garry Keane

Ireland, Germany, Libanon, Great Britain 2023

92 min

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

Current Affairs, Children / Youth, Conflicts, Human Rights, Politics

### ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Arabic

### PREMIERE

Ireland (2023)

### COPRODUCTION COMPANY

[beetz brothers film production](http://beetzbrothers.com)

Berlin

Germany

[info@gebrueder-beetz.de](mailto:info@gebrueder-beetz.de)

<https://gebrueder-beetz.de/en/>

### FILM LOCATION

Libanon

### LINKS / REFERENCE

#### PRODUCTION

Cyprus Avenue Films, Belfast

<https://twitter.com/cyprusa...>

Real Films | Alison Toomey

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<https://www.realfilms.ie/in...>

ABOUT Productions | Myriam Sassine

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