



SOLIDARNOSC – HOW SOLIDARITY CHANGED EUROPE

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SYNOPSIS

After WWII, the Polish People's Republic was initially a model pupil of the Soviet Union. With a growing shortage of food and other supplies, however, protests started. In the summer of 1980, emboldened by the visit of the first Polish pope, John Paul II, the workers of the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk called a strike and founded the first independent trade union behind the Iron Curtain: Solidarność (Solidarity) – it was to change Poland and Europe forever. The film's perspective is very much that of the workers, who were supported by the Catholic church and oppositional intellectuals.

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Ania Szczepanska · SOUND Adam Stanislawski, Anna Rok · EDITOR Jeannette-Maria Giza

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52 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

History, Conflicts, Human Rights, Politics, Social issues

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German, French, Polish, English

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