




**Thursday
March 8
1 - 2pm**

**The View
Áras na MacLéinn**



**Huston School
of Film and
Digital Media**
present *Near and Far* –
a series of short films



NUI Galway's Huston School of Film & Digital Media presents a lunchtime showcase of recent short filmmaking, international and local. Shorts remain a playful visual space for brave film-making which resists the aggressive commercialisation which has taken place in many areas of film and television. This screening includes some recent shorts from students in the Huston School including *Screenshot* (about cyber bullying) *Ghosts before Dawn* and *Without Words*.

Ghosts Before Dawn, MA in Digital Media - Huston School of Film & Digital Media - modelled, animated and produced by Leon Butler. Nima, who wakes up in the middle of the night by an automated call from the Israeli Defense Force telling her to leave her house as it has been identified a legitimate target, thinks that the ghosts are coming. Her mother finds her crying and comforts her by telling her the ghosts will be gone before the dawn arrives. Unfortunately Nima slips out of the house in the night to find what she thinks are the stars falling. The "stars" are in fact white phosphors bomb. Her mother screams for her not to touch them. The film deals with the tactics used within the offensive and also examines the human factors as the mother's attempts to shield her daughter from the true realities of war.

