



Manchester Bomb - Our Story: FOUR CORNERS Monday 10th September 2018

Manchester Bomb – Our Story: the teenage survivors rebuilding their lives.

“My main present for Christmas last year was my Ariana Grande ticket...I’d never been to a concert before, so we were absolutely buzzing!” Caitlin

They were young girls and teenagers, on a night out to see their favourite pop star. Many were attending a concert, without their parents for the first time.

“Everything was just really exciting, really, it was new.” Izzy

As the show ended, a terrorist detonated a home-made bomb packed with shrapnel.

“There was, like, music playing while we got up and I was just making my way out onto the stairs and then we heard, like, a boom sound.” Niamh

22 people were killed, more than 250 injured and countless lives were impacted.

“We ran, and we were running for our lives. We didn’t know what the hell was going to happen next.” Charlotte

Filmed over many months, this program tells the story of several young survivors as they, and their families try to reclaim their lives.

“She wears a mask that to the outside world, she’s fine. She’s really not fine...People see this bright, bubbly, carefree girl, and I just think she wears this mask so well that sometimes she fools herself.” Erin’s mum

Some are able to return to their old routines, but in the privacy of their bedrooms, the girls reveal their struggles.

“It’s times when you kind of let your guard down a little bit and you try and enjoy yourself and then you feel guilty for feeling that way and you feel guilty for getting on with your life when other people can’t.” Niamh

Despite their darker days, some are trying to find inspiration for the future.



“It’s kind of made me realise like life is short and I want to do stuff and I want to get out there.” Amelia

Manchester Bomb – Our Story, from the BBC, and presented by Sarah Ferguson, goes to air on Monday 10th September at 8.30pm. It is replayed on Tuesday 11th at 1.00pm and Wednesday 12th at 11.20pm. It can also be seen on ABC NEWS channel on Saturday at 8.10pm AEST, ABC iview and at abc.net.au/4corners.

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