Mairead McClean’s first documentary deals with personal issues of memory, memorialism and testimony in a complex political landscape. In addition it brings into focus the wider political issue of detention without trial and questions its use in times of political unrest.

Northern Ireland, December 1956: The IRA launch a border campaign (Operation Harvest) from the south with the aim of overthrowing the Northern State and creating a United Ireland. PJ McClean, one of the first 32 men arrested in an attempt to curtail insurgent activity, is not a member of the IRA nor is he accused of being one. However the Northern Irish Government detain him for almost 4 years in Crumlin Road Prison, Belfast. Some 50s later through this Father / Daughter dialogue on film he shares his story.

Born in 1933, PJ McClean, a retired school teacher, was chairperson of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1970’s and was interned both in the 50’s and in Long Kesh in 1971.

The film-maker and PJ McClean will attend the screening.