

THE WALTER KLEIN FOUNDER'S AWARD

James Lingwood

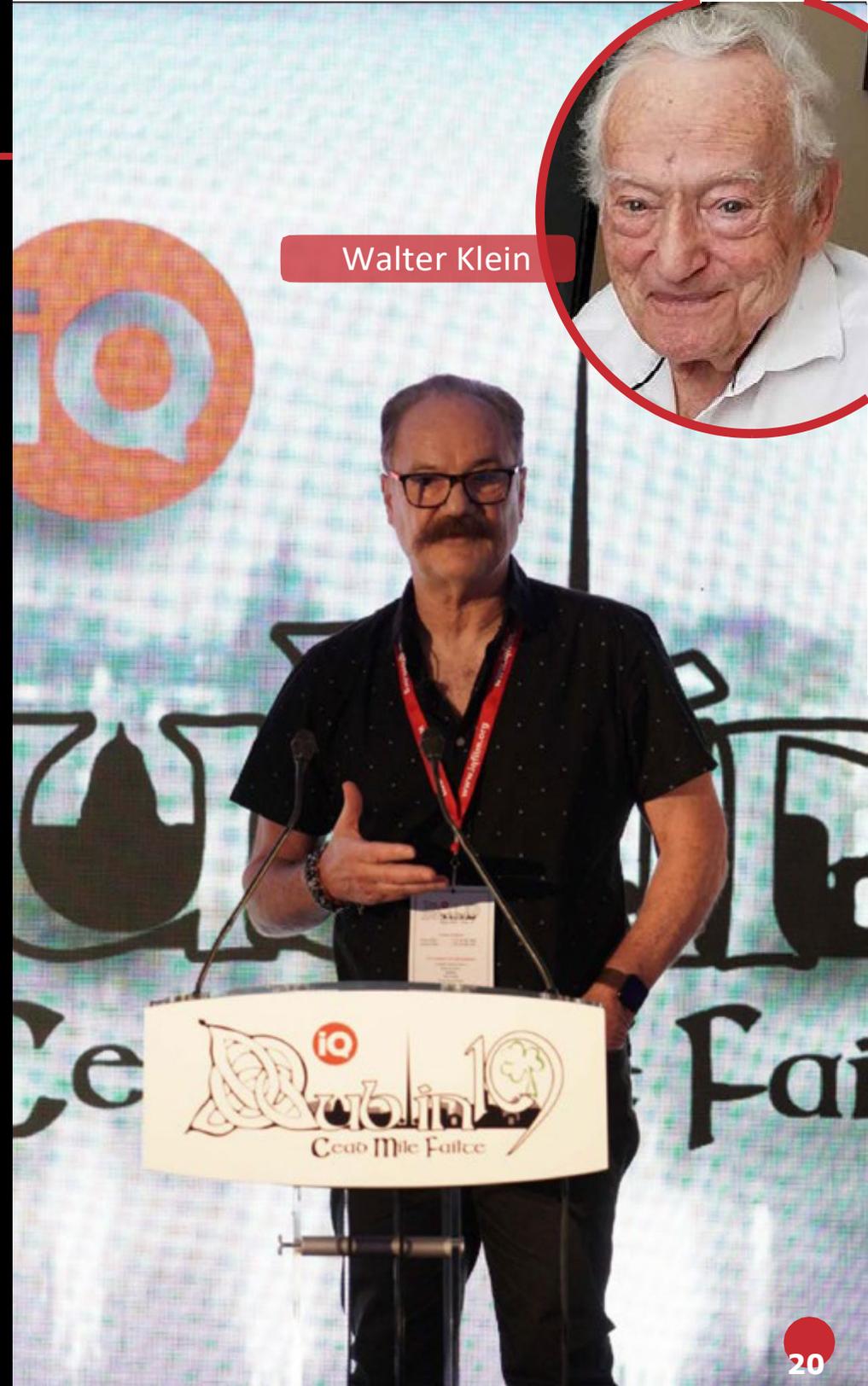
Congratulations to James Lingwood, recipient of the 2019 IQ Walter Klein Founder's Award as voted by IQ Member peers at the Final Banquet night of the Dublin Conference.

The IQ Walter Klein Founder's Award honors the most inspiring content presented at the IQ Conference each year. All active Members attending the Conference week are encouraged to participate in making the choice through an online secret ballot held at the Member Forum/Annual General Meeting at the end of the Conference week.

IQ Members shared the following comments in recognizing their inspiration for James' presentation and his latest work:

- Persistence, passion and gentle strength keeping Father Joe, alive for over a decade.
- His dedication, time and use of personal money over the last 15 years in getting the world to know what Father Joe is doing for the slums of Thailand.
- The heart and soul of his documentary was awe-inspiring. A wonderful life accomplishment.
- His giving back to a just cause and staying with it for over a decade is admirable.
- His dedication to the Father Joe Project has touched and inspired me.
- Most inspirational story and project components.
- Provocative filmmaking: impassioned presentation coupled with good pitch to panel; inspiring commitment to this project.

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In his presentation, James detailed a project he has been filming over a ten-year period, entitled *Father Joe and the Bangkok Slaughterhouse*. This is a story about an Irish/American Catholic priest, Father Joe Maier, and his work in the slums of Bangkok and the Mercy Centre in Bangkok. Over the past 50 years, Father Joe has put over 90,000 children through school and has been a saviour to thousands of people who owe him their lives. Father Joe is fighting to save his Klong Toey slum from the bulldozers of mass development and it's going to take more than an ounce of his wild Irish blood to stop them.

In addition, James contributed to the annual IQ Silent Auction, four artworks created by children at the Mercy Centre. 50% of the winning bids by fellow IQ Members were donated to the Mercy Centre in Bangkok to continue supporting these children in need, and we thank the IQ community for their contributions to this great cause.

Link to the film: <https://youtu.be/-fQggqiLsWc>



THANK YOU

IQ MERCY CENTRE DONATION

Dear IQ,

Thank you for allocating 50% of the funds raised from the paintings & batiks which were featured in the award-winning short film, *Through the Eyes of Children* to the Mercy Centre. The screening of the film at film festivals such as the Kolkata International Film Festival, and the recent International Quorum of Motion Picture Producers conference in Dublin, will help to spread the word about what Mercy Centre does and will garner more support amongst the public for Mercy Centre.

The film highlights how Mercy children have succeeded against all odds in creating beautiful works of art and being able to display their works of art in an art gallery in Australia. It is an inspirational short film that shows the resilience and tenacity of the children at Mercy Centre. We are deeply grateful for the support shown through the donation to the Mercy Center by the International Quorum of Motion Picture Producers.

We appreciate your loyal and unwavering support and we hope that the film will continue to gain recognition and support worldwide.

Best regards,
Mercy Centre

The Human Development Fund Mercy Centre founded in 1972, is a non-profit religious-based foundation that works to help the children and communities of the many slums of Bangkok. They create simple-but-progressive solutions that touch the lives of thousands of the poor every day. They build and operate schools, improve family health and welfare, protect street children's rights, combat the AIDS crisis, respond to daily emergencies, and offer shelter to orphans, to street children, and to children and adults with AIDS, always working together with the people they serve.

