

When Life Isn't What You Expect

In the Club

New Drama Series Premieres Saturdays, May 21 – June 25 from 9:00-10:00pm on WETA UK

ARLINGTON, VA (April 26, 2016) — *In the Club* is a new television drama series following the lives of six pregnant women and their partners who have formed a tight-knit bond through their local parenting class. As the babies begin to arrive, only one thing's for sure – nothing will ever be the same! The six-part drama series begins Saturday, May 21 at 9pm on WETA UK.

"In the Club is warm, funny, and relatable," says Kevin Harris, WETA Vice President and Television Station Manager, "The series is a contemporary take on a genre made popular on public television by *Call the Midwife*, and we're proud to bring the *In the Club* U.S. premiere exclusively to WETA UK viewers."

WETA UK, one of four WETA television channels carried in the national capital area, features the best in British television programming. Presenting a range of series, from classic comedies and contemporary dramas to new favorites, the channel is available free on Channel 26.2 in Greater Washington. On subscription services, the channel can be found on Comcast 265, Cox 800, Verizon FIOS 474 and RCN 39.

Created by British television veteran Kay Mellor, *In the Club* features a diverse range of ensemble characters: Roanna (Hermoine Norris, *Spooks*), a career businesswoman going through a messy divorce; Diane (Jill Halfpenny, *Eastenders*), a housewife anticipating surprise twins while her husband Rick (Will Mellor, *Broadchurch*) conceals his unemployment and their mounting debts; Rosie (Hannah Midgeley, *Emmerdale*), a scared teenager concealing her pregnancy secret; and expectant partners Kim and Susie (Katherine Parkinson, *Doc Martin*; Tara Fitzgerald, *Game of Thrones*) caught in a love triangle with the child's biological father. The cast also features British actors familiar to public television, Sacha Dhawan (*Mr. Selfridge*) and Brendan Patricks (*Downton Abbey*).

***In the Club*: Saturdays, May 21 – June 25, 2016 at 9:00pm on WETA UK**

Episode 1 - Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 9:00-10:00pm

Six women prepare for the arrival of their babies, each with their own issues.

Episode 2 - Saturday, May 28, 2016 from 9:00-10:00pm

Diane struggles to cope with Rick's actions. Kim's caring nature for Rosie is stretched to the limit.

Episode 3 - Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 9:00-10:00pm

Roanna and Simon's financial future comes into question, and Jasmin has an unwelcome visitor.

Episode 4 - Saturday, June 11, 2016 from 9:00-10:00pm

Kim and Neil's secret threatens to bubble to the surface. Rosie's future becomes more uncertain than ever.

Episode 5 - Saturday, June 18, 2016 from 9:00-10:00pm

A secret relationship becomes public knowledge. Rosie reveals the identity of the father.

Episode 6 - Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 9:00-10:00pm

Dr. Bellingham is forced to confront his feelings, while Jasmin and Dev struggle with the challenges of parenthood.

Visit wetauk.org for program and schedule information. Press materials and photography can be found at weta.org/press.

In the Club is a Rollem Production for the BBC, created by Kay Mellor (*The Syndicate*). The executive producer and writer is Kay Mellor. The producer is Yvonne Francas. The directors are Kay Mellor, Sarah O'Gorman and Neasa Hardiman.

About WETA UK and WETA

The WETA UK channel presents the best in contemporary and classic programming, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. WETA Television, serving viewers throughout the national capital area for more than 50 years, is home to four television channels – primary channel WETA TV 26, and WETA HD, WETA Kids, and WETA UK. WETA is one of the largest producing stations of new content for public television and serves Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia with educational initiatives and with high-quality programming on four digital television channels. Other WETA productions and co-productions include *PBS NewsHour*, *America After Charleston*, *The Kennedy Center Mark Twain Prize*, *The Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song* and documentaries by filmmaker Ken Burns, including *The Civil War* and *The Roosevelts: An Intimate History*. WETA studios and administrative offices are located in Arlington, Virginia. Sharon Percy Rockefeller is president and CEO. More information on WETA and its programs and services is available at weta.org.

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