

Presentation of the Documentary Badira Bagara

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This documentary is about Argia Ikastola in Tudela and it has been made by a group of Audiovisual Communication students as their Final Project.

On Friday, 6th September, at 7.30 pm, the documentary about Argia Ikastola in Tudela was presented at the Basque Culinary Center.

Besides the members of Argia Ikastola in Tudela, the event was also attended by the Chief Councillor of the Provincial Council of Gipuzkoa, representatives from the Basque Government Education Department and familiar faces from the worlds of politics, sport, culture and communication.

Badira, Bagara, is the work of Marta Prol, Itxaso Frau and Olatz Artola, students of Mondragon Unibertsitatea. In the 27 minutes it lasts, teachers, students and even grandmothers, narrate the daily work of this group, in which, in the authors' opinion, "women play a decisive role".

Susana Suárez, president of Argia Ikastola, explained during the event that this small Ikastola (Basque-speaking school) is "the only opportunity to study in Basque for 50% of the Non-Basque-Speaking Area", in reference to the existing linguistic zoning in Navarra, and she even stated that the Regional Act on the Basque Language (1986) "is suffocating us, suffocating the Basque language". When asked about the reasons behind her presence in the capital of Gipuzkoa, Suarez replied that "the Basque Autonomous Community is not aware of our situation, here, the fact that a child has to travel almost 100 km and their family has to pay all the costs to study in Basque, sounds like science fiction".

According to the organisers of the event, for its distribution, the documentary will be offered to all Basque-language support organisations so that everyone knows about the consequences of the Government of Navarra's language policy, "a policy that has been denounced on many occasions by European institutions". They also announced the presentation of the documentary in Catalunya, on 3rd December, "Euskararen eguna", and they recalled the slogan for this year's Nafarroa Oinez, which was organised by Argia Ikastola:

"Taupadaz bat egin."

For more information: <http://www.badirabagara.com>

