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Electric December: Bristol Stories
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'If you ever think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in bed with a mosquito.' A Mosquito in Easton.

From dumped cars and drug dealers, to street parties and murals, Reethah Desai's 'A Mosquito in Easton' tells the story of her two-year campaign to reclaim and brighten up the streets.

Made as part of a digital storytelling project, this film travels from Reethah's childhood in Tanzania and India to the streets of Bristol today. Produced during a training workshop for staff from the Museum of Bristol in September 2005, the finished piece uses audio, video and stills to reflect Reethah's commitment to improving the area where she lives in Easton.

Digital Storytelling is a collaboration between Watershed, the Museum of Bristol, Knowle West Media Centre and Community at Heart, Barton Hill. The digital storytelling project aims to enable a diverse range of individuals from across Bristol to tell stories about people, places, events, backgrounds, cultures and life experiences, and produce them in digital format.

Stories produced are published on the Bristol Stories web site; and selected stories will be featured by the Museum of Bristol in the new exhibition planned for 2008, telling the story of Bristol from the point of view of its' inhabitants.

Electric December is Watershed's widely acclaimed online digital advent calendar, which offers a new and totally unique digital present every day from 1 Dec - counting you down to Christmas.

Notes:

- Find out more and watch other Bristol Stories at <http://www.electricpavilion.org/bristolstories>
- Find out more about **Electric December**, and download images and press releases at <http://www.electricdecember.org/05/press>
- Find out more about Connecting the UK: The Digital Strategy at www.dti.gov.uk/industries/telecoms/pdf/digital_strategy.pdf
- The Digital Challenge offers a £10m prize to develop a showcase zone for eGovernment and ICT innovation - find out more at www.egovmonitor.com/node/1716
- **Electric December** is a Watershed project supported by Learning & Skills Council West of England, The Campus Bristol, BBC West, Bristol Evening Post and Creative Bristol (an initiative of Bristol Cultural Development Partnership, Arts Council England South West, Bristol City Council and Business West).
- You can see the last six years of **Electric December** now at www.electricdecember.org
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