



Host your own screening of  
**Bending  
the Arc**

A feature film from Kief Davidson and Pedro Kos

**Thank you for helping us share *Bending the Arc* with your friends and family!**

We are grateful for your interest to share this film that tells the story of Partners In Health, from its founding as a small group of friends and activists in rural Haiti, to hard won victories against deadly epidemics and the entrenched ideology that claimed it was too difficult to provide health care for all.

In this toolkit, **you'll find all the information and tools you need to host a watch party or film discussion.**

### **Snapshot of what to do:**

1. Pick a date, time, and venue/platform
2. Invite your friends/network
3. Plan the agenda
4. Host the event
5. Follow up with attendees



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## How to Watch together:

- Watch on **Netflix**
- **Teleparty:** This Chrome extension lets you watch with friends online with a group chat function.
- **Microsoft Teams, Google Meet, Zoom, or other virtual meeting tool:** Start a meeting with your friends and share your screen.
- **Text, Facebook Messenger, Whatsapp, or other messaging app:** If everyone has Netflix, you can watch the documentary at the same time and chat about the film.

## Platforms to Host a Discussion:

Given COVID-19 concerns, we recommend using easily-accessible online platforms to host your event. Here are some potential platforms to get you started:

- **FaceTime**
- **Google Hangout**
- **Microsoft Teams**
- **Zoom**

## Suggested discussion questions:

While the event agenda is up to you, below are some discussion questions you can use to start a conversation:

- Have you heard of PIH before watching the film? And if you did, does the film reflect what you knew about the organization?
- Did you like the film? Why or why not?
- Was there a moment or scene that stuck out to you the most in the film?
- What do you think of PIH's model? Is it revolutionary to you or not?
- If you could ask anyone featured in the film a question, what would you ask and why?
- What do you think our duty is to our fellow citizens in our city/state/country/world? Does that duty change as the territory expands? Do we have a duty to fellow citizens in a place like Haiti?
- Do you believe health is a human right? Why or why not? If yes, what will it take to make this a reality?
- Jim Kim says towards the end of the documentary that a "pessimism of the intellect, but an optimism of the will" is key in his line of work. What does that mean to you? Why is optimism essential in this line of work, and how do you think they remained so optimistic while facing such odds?
- Why do you think there was so much backlash to PIH trying to prove that MDR-TB patients are worth treating and that the drugs are effective in treating it? This seems to be a consistent pattern that plays out in the film, why do you think there is always backlash against PIH for trying to treat their patients?
- Do you think the landscape of global health has changed since COVID-19? Why?
- What questions do you have about PIH after watching this documentary?

## Email Templates:

Below are potential email templates you can send to invitees before and after your event. We provide these in case they are helpful. Please feel free to edit them as you deem appropriate or create emails of your own.

### Email Invitation Text:

Hi <<NAME>>,

I am hosting a special online event centering on a discussion of *Bending the Arc*, a groundbreaking documentary that was recently released on Netflix and that tells the story of Partners In Health, an organization whose mission I fully support and believe in. I hope you will join me!

You may have heard of PIH through their U.S. COVID response, their fight against Ebola in West Africa, or their 30 years of work in 11 countries. *Bending the Arc* is the story PIH, and the work of extraordinary doctors and activists—including Dr. Paul Farmer, Dr. Jim Yong Kim, and Ophelia Dahl—whose work 30 years ago to save lives in a rural Haitian village grew into a global battle in the halls of power for the right to health for all.

In its 30+ years, PIH has successfully challenged deeply entrenched ideas, transformed global public health policy, and saved millions of lives by accompanying the most vulnerable and treating them with the dignity and care all people deserve. PIH is an exceptional organization with an astounding story to tell, and *Bending the Arc* portrays it beautifully.

You can find information on the film at [www.bendingthearcfilm.com](http://www.bendingthearcfilm.com).

I encourage you to watch the film on Netflix at your leisure, and then join me at << Time >> on <<Date>>, on <<Virtual Platform>> to discuss the film. You can also learn more about PIH online at [www.pih.org](http://www.pih.org).

Let me know if you can join me, or if you have any questions. I hope to see you soon!

Best, <<SIGNATURE>>

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### Post-event follow-up email text:

Hi <<NAME>>,

Thank you so much for joining me to discuss *Bending the Arc*. I hope you enjoyed the film and conversation as much as I did!

It's easy to learn about Paul, Jim, and Ophelia's work and feel paralyzed by the enormity of what it takes to make a difference. Access to quality health care is a life-and-death issue, and I hope *Bending the Arc* inspired you to participate, be informed, and look outside yourself to make real strides towards equity, like it did for me.

If you are interested in joining PIH's advocacy efforts to ensure that health is a human right across globally, you can sign up to receive updates and join the movement on the PIH website. If you are interested in donating to PIH, you can make a donation directly online at [donate.pih.org](http://donate.pih.org).

You can also continue to stay up to date and informed on all PIH is doing at [www.pih.org](http://www.pih.org), and on their social media platforms.

Thank you again for learning more about PIH. I hope you are as inspired by this work as I am, and together, we can help to bend the arc towards justice a little faster!

Best, <<SIGNATURE>>