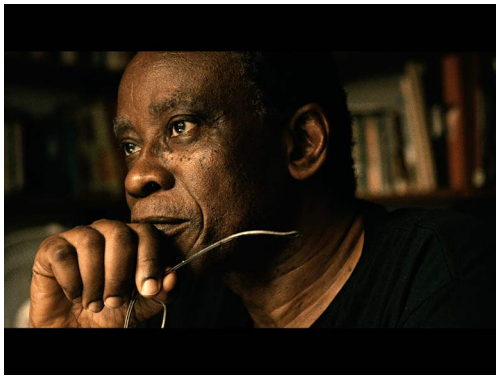




Hope is a Word

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Length: 82'

Nigerian poet and activist Nnimmo Bassey has spent his whole life fighting oil extraction. For decades, oil has poisoned the Niger Delta and brought violence and division.
Seeing around him a new generation full of fears and hopes, Nnimmo invites a group of young people to write with him. In that safe space, they begin to tell their own stories through poetry, finding a way to heal and a weapon for change.
After a lifetime of resistance, Nnimmo wonders: can they carry on the struggle?

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