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Rosalind Cooper is currently completing her Master of Education degree at the University of Oulu, Finland. Her research work aims to establish critical documentary making as a classroom activity, widely accessible to teachers and pupils in special education and mainstream schools. She is interested in challenging media misrepresentations through multiperspectival critical media education; empowering pupils to be media creators as well as critical media recipients.

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