

WOMAN'S REHAB

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My last documentary, "Woman's Rehab," tells the story of the women's district of Hangzhou City's Compulsory Detoxification Center from the fall of 2017 to the summer of 2018. There are still places in our city that are unknown to the outside world. The students here would receive a 1-2 year mandatory closed treatment and cannot get out of the 2nd floor because of taking drugs (ice, heroin, etc.). The women's area is one step. Both young and old need to accept the same collective life: eating, taking medicine, doing aerobics exercise, working in labor factory , receiving education... Thus, they gradually overcome the difficulties and obstacles through the process of day-to day drug rehabilitation.

The long-term shooting of the Compulsory Detoxification Center in Hangzhou is a life experience shared by me and drug addicts. I was shocked when I first entered this place: everyone has a similar hair style, and a dozen of people has to share a 20-square-meter bedroom where they had daily tasks like eating and drinking Lazar. People were treated inhumanely, let alone freedom. However,when I got to feel their life trajectory, listened to their stories about their marriage, children and work, I was touched. When facing the irrevocable mistake of "drug abuse" , their self-reflection and discipline education in the process of drug rehabilitation gradually moved them closer to normal life and made them rehabilitate themselves. Several people was released during shooting and I really wanted to take pictures of the changes they have made after the drug rehabilitation.

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