



# CHILDREN OF THE SNOW LAND



***“An incredibly inspiring story from the roof of the world.”***

Bear Grylls

CHILDREN OF THE SNOW LAND tells the incredible story of a group of children born in the High Himalayas of Nepal; a remote area of great natural beauty but where life is extremely tough. From just four years old, some children are sent by their parents to the capital city, Kathmandu, to a school run by a Buddhist monk, in the hope that education will give them a better chance in life.

For ten years or more they do not see or speak to their parents, due to the remoteness of their villages.

Upon graduation, aged 16, the children must make the journey home; an arduous trek across mountains that takes them to the highest inhabited place on the planet; a faraway, off-grid land where the way of life has not changed for thousands of years. The young children who left their parents many years ago will return to their villages as teenagers who have been brought up in a world of mobile phones, social media and most modern conveniences. And then the earthquake strikes.

Directed by Zara Balfour and Marcus Stephenson, and executive produced by Christopher Hird, CHILDREN OF THE SNOW LAND film documents the scary, moving, funny and humbling stories from the world’s longest walk home from school.

Partly filmed by the Nepali children featured in the film, CHILDREN OF THE SNOW LAND offers a view of a remote, ancient place, where the way of life has remained unchanged for the past 2,000 years and explores the human spirit’s extraordinary capacity to survive and thrive in difficult circumstances with meagre resources, whilst asking the universal question - *what makes a family?*