

Introduction to Responsibility

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There's lots of ways to talk about the ethics of responsibility, and I want to focus on what I call relational ethics. One of the influences on me is the work of Emmanuel Levinas, who - distilling it very simply - he would say our primary responsibility is to listen, to understand and elucidate the experience of the other. So the filming moment is a crucible where it's possible, just possible, if I attend to my responsibilities and I am truly present to the other, we can create a bridge across which a broader human experience can be understood, and then communicated to a bigger audience.