

A Biodiverse Big Screen

Programming for
our Planet 2020



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Introduction

From microbes to mountain lions, plants to people, the variety of life on our planet is incredible and all at risk.

Climate emergency is the defining issue of our time. Where do we begin to make change? Film is a hugely powerful tool to communicate and enable action. With environmental movements eclipsed by the Covid-19 pandemic, cinema offers us a chance to reconnect with the natural world after isolation.

With environmental sustainability also forming part of our BFI FAN funding criteria, we've put together a selection of films covering everything from sustainable farming, to post-apocalyptic adventure, designed to support programming as you reopen. This pack includes just a selection, find a detailed list [here](#).



Films

Climate Change

Titles that explore the impact of climate emergency on communities, from farming in Kenya, to Swedish advocate Greta Thunberg.

1 I Am Greta (2020) ^{PG}

Documentary follows teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg on her international crusade to get people to listen to scientists about the world's environmental problems.

Booking: [Dogwoof](#)

2 An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power (2017) ^{PG}

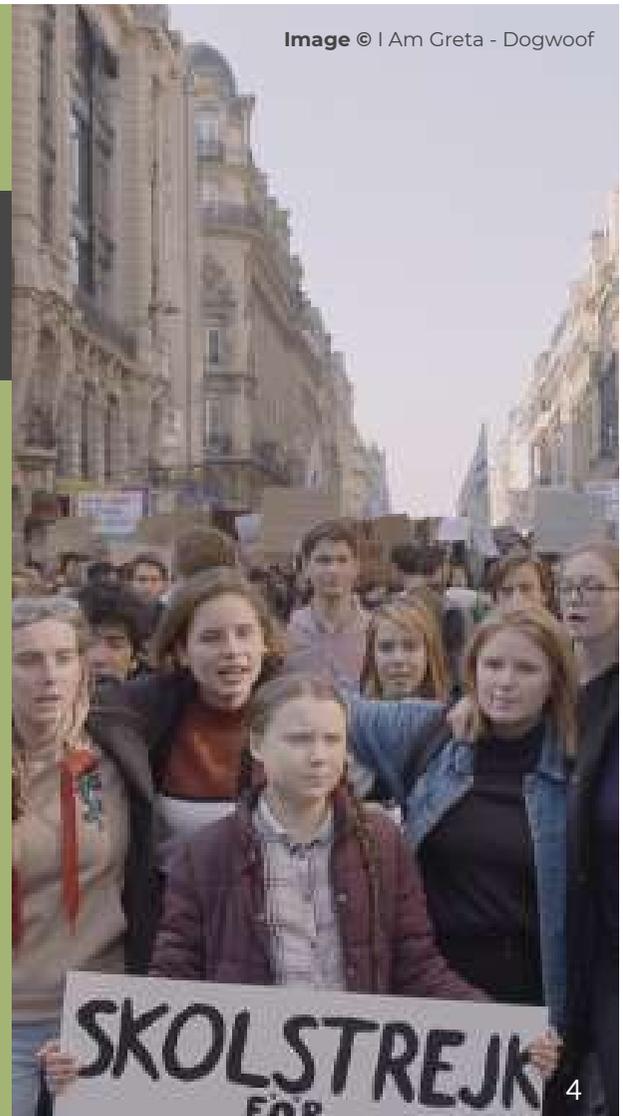
A decade after An Inconvenient Truth (2006) brought climate change to the heart of popular culture, the follow-up shows just how close we are to a real energy revolution.

Booking: [Park Circus](#)

3 Thank You for the Rain (2017) ^{Uncertified}

Kisilu, a Kenyan farmer, uses his camera to capture the life of his family, his village and the damages of climate change.

Booking: thankyoufortherain.com/host-a-screening



4 Rebuilding Paradise (2020) ^{12A}

Residents of Paradise, Calif., come together to heal their community after a devastating wildfire.

Booking: [Dogwoof](#)

5 2040 (2019) ^{PG}

Practical solutions to environmental concerns are addressed with the hope that the filmmaker's daughter, 21 years old in the year 2040, will face a hopeful future.

Booking: [Together Films](#)

6 Demain/Tomorrow (2015) ^{PG}

The world's climate is changing. Instead of showing the worst that can happen, this documentary focuses on the people suggesting solutions and their actions.

Booking: [Elle Driver](#)

7 David Attenborough: A Life On Our Planet (2020) ^{PG}

One man has seen more of the natural world than any other. This unique feature documentary is his witness statement.

Booking: [Altitude \(available pre Oct 26th\)](#)

Activity Idea:

A socially distanced beach clean-up, local litter picking, or tree planting in partnership with a local conservation trust. Into Film also have a resource on [2040](#).

Look out for conferences and virtual events from during Welsh Government's [Wales Climate Week](#), 2nd to 6th November 2020.



Animal Welfare

Films that focus on the relationship between humans and animals, from the ravages of global trophy hunting, to end of life care for farm animals.



Image © The Champions - Firefly Films

Event Idea:

Get your audiences to [build a home for hedgehogs](#) and share their photos with you online or run an appeal for supplies in partnership with your local dogs home.

1 Crannog (2018) Uncertified

A quiet reflection on kindness in the face of death, the short film intimately explores the fragility and strength that comes from dedicating one's life to the care of others.

Booking: [Scottish Documentary Institute](#)

2 Born Free (1965) U

The story of George and Joy Adamson and the orphaned lion cub, Elsa, they adopt.

Booking: [Park Circus](#)

3 The Champions (2015) Uncertified

The Champions is an inspirational story about the pit bulls rescued from the brutal fighting ring of former Atlanta Falcon's star quarterback Michael Vick, and those who risked it all to save them. It's a story of second-chances, redemption and hope.

Booking: [Firefly Films](#)

4 Black Fish (2013) 15

A documentary following the controversial captivity of killer whales, and its dangers for both humans and whales.

Booking: [Dogwoof](#)

5 Blood Lions (2015) 16+

This documentary exposes the exploitation related to unethical and insidious practices associated with wildlife interactive tourism, including cub petting and walking with lions.

Host a screening: info@bloodlions.org

1 **73 Cows (2018)** Uncertified

A beef farmer struggles with his conscience every time he takes his cows to slaughter, and so sets about doing something extraordinary.

Booking: [Lockwood Film](#)

2 **Honeyland (2019)** 12A

The last female bee-hunter in Europe must save the bees and return the natural balance in Honeyland, when a family of nomadic beekeepers invade her land and threaten her livelihood.

Booking: [Dogwoof](#)

3 **The Biggest Little Farm (2018)** PG

Documentarian John Chester and his wife Molly work to develop a sustainable farm on 200 acres outside of Los Angeles.

Booking: [Parkland Entertainment](#)

4 **Food Inc. (2008)** PG

An unflattering look inside America's corporate controlled food industry.

Booking: [Dogwoof](#)



One to watch out for in 2021: [Rooted Film](#)
[Activist and urban farmer Germaine Jenkins' fight for food justice in South Carolina.](#)

Eco Farming

Films that explore revolutionary farming practices, from the first UK beef farmer to go vegan, to sustainable farming in LA.

Image © Biggest Little Farm - Parkland Pictures



Activity Idea:

Invite your audiences to take part in into Film learning activities. They have all sorts of environmentally themed resources, including **the Biggest Little Farm**. You could also offer a 'shop local' incentive in partnership with nearby stores or markets.

1 Hands On – Women, Climate, Change (2014) ^U Uncertified

Five women from four continents tackling climate change through policy, protest, education and innovation.

Booking: [Concordia](#)

2 Plastic China (2017) ^U Uncertified

A woman and her family live next to a recycling plant, in mountains of plastic waste from Asia, Europe and the U.S.

Booking: [Journeyman Pictures](#)

3 The Last Safari (2013) ^U Uncertified

Renowned Photo-journalist Elizabeth L Gilbert sets out on an unforgettable journey through remote Africa to reconnect with the tribes-people she documented a decade earlier.

Booking: [AKJAK](#)

4 FernGully (1992) ^U

The magical inhabitants of a rainforest fight to save their home, which is threatened by logging and a polluting force of destruction called Hexxus.

Booking: [Park Circus](#)

5 Embrace The Serpent (2015) ¹²

The story of Karamakate, an Amazonian shaman and last survivor of his people, and two scientists who work together over the course of forty years to search the Amazon for a sacred healing plant.

Booking: [Peccadillo Pictures](#)

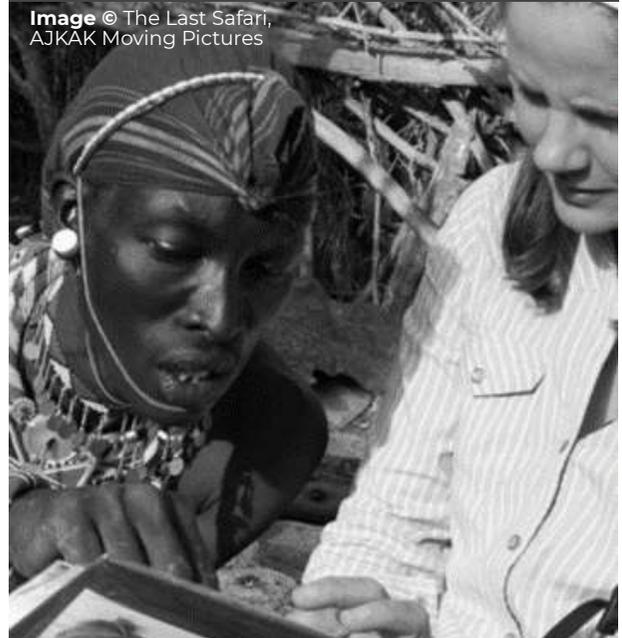
One to watch out for in 2021: *Maxima*

Environmentalist Máxima Acuña and her family try to save their Peruvian farmland from corporate development.

Humanity in Nature

Explore the impact of human activities on our natural world and how we rely on the planet for our survival. From the plastic recycling facilities of China, to the sacred healing plants of South America.

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Activity Idea:

Challenge your audience to swap one plastic product for an eco-alternative and share their journey with you online. Or promote free online courses from topics of migration and climate refugees to [National Geographic](#). There is also a resource for [Stand with Maxima](#).

1 **Koyaanisqatsi (1982)** ^U

A collection of expertly photographed phenomena with no conventional plot. The footage focuses on nature, humanity and the relationship between them.

Booking: Park Circus

2 **Home (2009)** ^{12A}

With aerial footage from fifty-four countries, 'Home' is a depiction of how Earth's problems are all interlinked.

Booking: Filmbank

3 **Secrets of Nature (1926)** ^{Uncertified}

Groundbreaking techniques of time-lapse, microscopic and underwater cinematography are on display in this collection of films exploring animal, plant and insect life.

Booking: BFI

4 **The Hellstorm Chronicle (1971)** ^A

A scientist explains how the savagery and efficiency of the insect world could result in their taking over the world.

Booking: Park Circus

5 **Earth (2007)** ^{PG}

This documentary film, from the makers of Deep Blue, is a north-to-south journey throughout the planet, going through the four different seasons and showing contrasts between different places and how they change.

Booking: Filmbank

The Natural World

Basque in the beauty of our nature world on the big screen with breath-taking photography and aerial footage of Earth and its inhabitants.

Image © Secrets of Nature - BFI



Activity Idea:

Run a photograph or film competition with your audiences where the best nature footage wins a prize.

Sol Cinema also have a range of environmental shorts that you could screen alongside including Power Trip: Fracking in the UK.

Support

If you've made an application to the BFI FAN Film Exhibition Fund, you might like to consider including some of the titles and activity costs in your reopening programme.

See the full list of titles [here](#).

Marketing

Share your programmes with us @Filmhubwales using the hashtag #GreenBigScreen #BFIFAN

Training

Consider joining our **online climate emergency session** with Cynnal Cymru on the 29th October for best practice guidance on climate risk analysis and planning for your cinema or festival.

You might also like to join their **Carbon Literacy Distance Online Learning course** from the 5th-8th October. The course will also run in November, with dates to be announced. FHW can offer **bursaries for members** to help with fees.



Resources

- [Business Declares Climate Emergency](#)
- [ICO greening Cinema toolkit](#)
- [Into Film](#)

Find many more [on our website](#).

Programme Inspiration

- [Wildscreen](#)
- [Open City Docs Fest](#)
- [UK Green Film Festival](#)
- [Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital \(DCEFF\)](#)
- [San Francisco Green Film Festival](#)
- [International Wildlife Film Festival](#)
- [Planet in Focus](#)
- [Jackson Wild](#)
- [Wild and Scenic Film Festival](#)
- [Greenpeace Festival](#)
- [Mountain Film](#)
- [Human Rights Film Festival](#)
- [Wiki Environmental Films List](#)
- [Oceans Film Festival](#)
- [Welsh Government's Wales Climate week](#)

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Lockwood FILMS



Environmentally Friendly Venue Examples

- [Lewes Depot](#)
- [Scott Cinemas](#)
- [HOME](#)
- [Curzon](#)

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