



# A Biodiverse Big Screen

Programming for  
our Planet 2023



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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. Cinema offers us a chance to connect with people, places and wildlife across the natural world.

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.

This pack includes just a selection, find a detailed list of over 280 titles [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 **To the End (2023)** Unrated

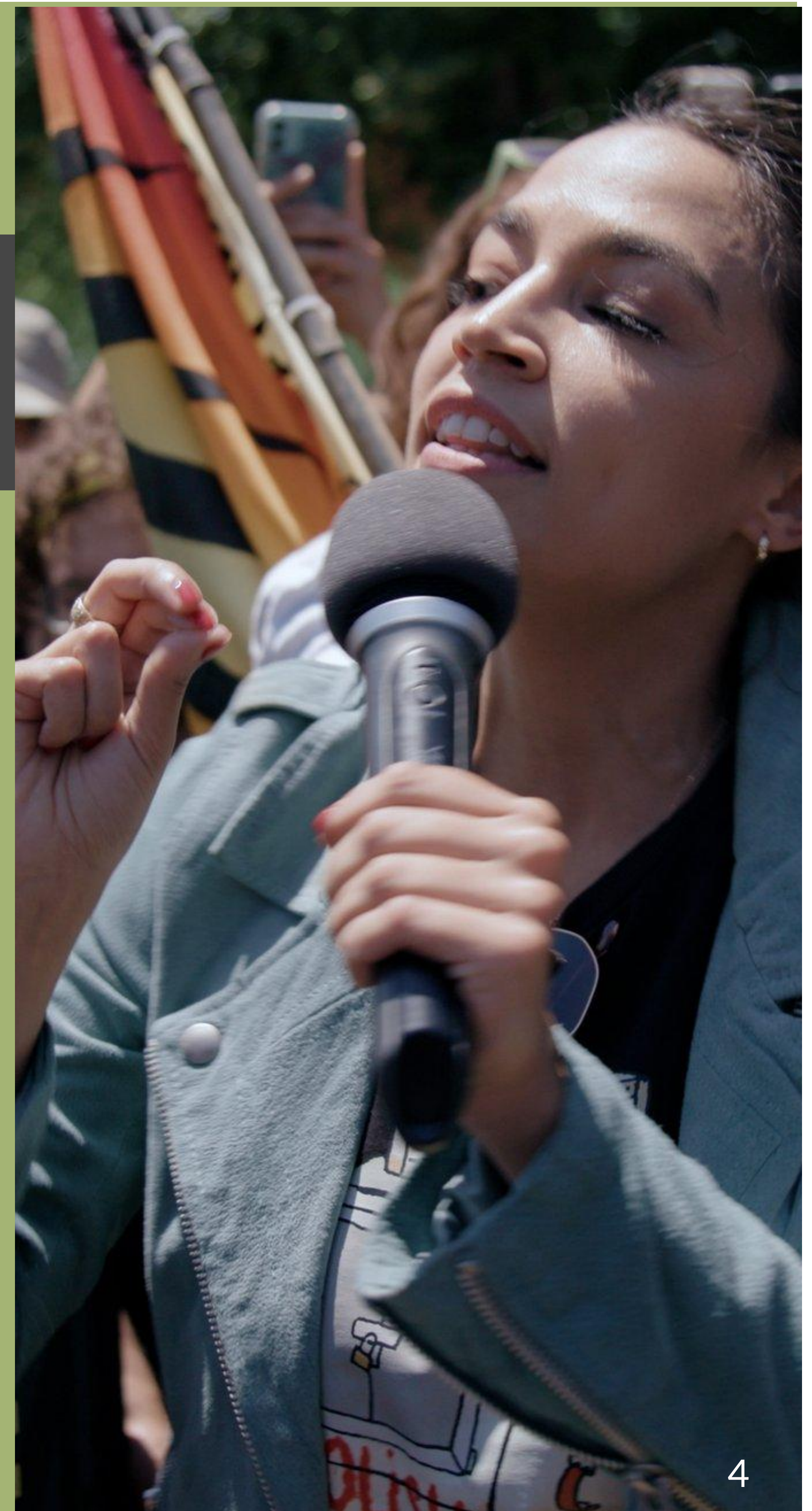
*A decade of remarkable young women (Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, activist Varshini Prakash, climate policy writer Rhiana Gunn-Wright, and political strategist Alexandra Rojas) work together to lead the movement behind the most sweeping climate change legislation in U.S. history.*

**Booking:** [Journey Man Pictures](#)

### 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](https://thankyoufortherain.com/host-a-screening)





## 4 **Afire (2023)** <sup>12</sup>

A group of friends in a holiday home by the Baltic Sea where emotions run high as the parched forest around them catches fire.

**Booking:** Curzon/Artificial Eye

## 5 **2040 (2019)** <sup>PG</sup>

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 **Hands On – Women, Climate, Change (2014)** <sup>Uncertified</sup>

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

**Booking:** Concordia

## 7 **David Attenborough: A Life On Our Planet (2020)** <sup>PG</sup>

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

**Booking:** Altitude

### 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 like Welsh Government's Wales Climate week and movements like Climate Cymru.

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# 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) <sup>U</sup> 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) <sup>U</sup>

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

**Booking:** Park Circus

# 3

## The Champions (2015) <sup>U</sup> 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) <sup>15</sup>

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

**Booking:** Dogwoof

# 5

## Eyes of the Orangutan (2021) <sup>U</sup> Uncertified

From the studio that brought you 'Ivory Game' and 'Sea of Shadows' comes a new and powerful documentary. A captivating exploration of one of the most troubling facets of modern wildlife tourism, and an uplifting celebration of one of our closest living relatives: the orangutan.

**Host a screening:** events@bos-uk.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

**Luzzo (2021)** 15

To support his wife and child, a Maltese fisherman enters the world of black market fishing.

**Booking:** Pecadillo Pictures



# 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, or host waste free pop-up shops.



1

**Becoming Cousteau (2021)** <sup>12A</sup>

A look at the life, passions, achievements and tragedies surrounding the famous explorer and environmentalist Jacques Cousteau, featuring an archive of his newly restored footage.

**Booking:** Dogwoof

2

**Fashion Reimagined (2023)** <sup>12</sup>

Fashion designer Amy Powney is at the peak of her career, but she's troubled by her industry's wasteful practices. Follow her transformative global journey to create a sustainable collection.

**Booking:** Met Films

3

**The Last Safari (2013)** <sup>Uncertified</sup>

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)** <sup>U</sup>

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

**Maxima (2019)** <sup>15</sup>

Faced with intimidation, violence, and criminal prosecution, Máxima Acuña fights tirelessly for justice in the face of widespread oppression of indigenous people, and crucial environmental resources.

**Booking:** Stand with Maxima

# 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.*



Image © Maxima, Stand with Maxima

## 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)** <sup>U</sup>

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)** <sup>12A</sup>

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

**Booking:** Filmbank

# 3 **Fire of Love (2022)** <sup>PG</sup>

The extraordinary love story of intrepid French scientists Katia and Maurice Krafft, who lived capturing the most spectacular imagery ever recorded of their greatest passion: volcanoes.

**Booking:** Dogwoof

# 4 **The Hellstorm Chronicle (1971)** <sup>A</sup>

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

**Booking:** Park Circus

# 5 **Deep Sea (2023)** <sup>Uncertified</sup>

Shenxiu has felt a deep sadness since her mother left. A storm plunges her into a dreamlike world of swirling colour. Led by the Hyjinx, and joined by inventive underwater chef Nanhe, she embarks on a quest to find solace in the Eye of the Deep Sea.

**Booking:** Fortissimo Films

**Image** © Deep Sea - Fortissimo Films

## 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.*



## 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.



# Funding

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 programme.

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

# Marketing

Share your programmes with us [@Filmhubwales](#) using the hashtag [#GreenBigScreen](#) [#BFIFAN](#)

# Training

As part of the BFI Sustainable Screen Programme, FAN is working with Julie's Bicycle on a variety of [resources and events](#). We also have some additional environmental resources on our [website](#), including our [climate emergency session](#) with Cynnal Cymru.

# Resources

- [Julies Bicycle](#)
- [Business Declares Climate Emergency](#)
- [ICO greening Cinema toolkit](#)
- [Into Film](#)
- [Cynnal Cymru](#)
- **Find many more [on our website](#).**





# Programme Inspiration

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

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## Environmentally Friendly Venue Examples:

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



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