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# ENVIRONMENTAL MOVIE SHOWING



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## HOW TO USE THIS KIT

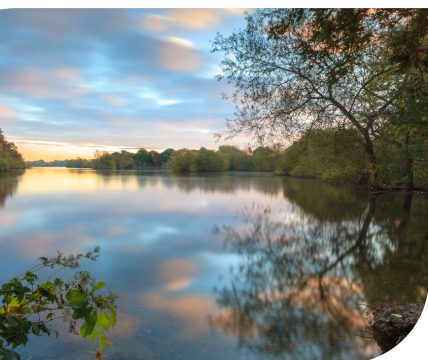
Learning about environmental issues is an important part of being a good environmental steward. That is why hosting a movie night at your congregation is an easy and effective way to educate congregants about an environmental topic of your choosing. Want to focus on plastics? Green energy? Water issues? Environmental justice? There is probably a movie for whichever topic you're interested in.

Coupling a movie viewing with a movie discussion makes for an engaging, affordable, and simple event that you can do multiple times throughout the year.

## WHERE TO FIND MOVIES

There are so many great environmental movies out there, but the question is: where can you find them? There are a number of websites that have a collection of environmental films you can view for free or rent for a limited amount of time. [WaterBear](#) is a free streaming platform with a good selection of environmental documentaries, short films, and shows. Another great option is [GoodDocs](#), which has a frequently updated collection of "documentaries that do good in the world".

If you are looking for suggestions of movies to watch, check out [IPC's resources page](#) for movie lists put together by our staff or search for the best current environmental documentaries on google.



"If people lose knowledge,  
sympathy and understanding  
of the natural world, they're  
going to mistreat it  
– David Attenborough

# HOSTING YOUR OWN DISCUSSION EVENT

## AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...

- 1. Get permission to host an event.** Plan early and get the permission you need from your leadership to organize an event at your congregation, if required.

## 4 WEEKS PRIOR TO EVENT...

- 2. Pick a movie.** Find the movie you want to show and make sure it is available for streaming and within your event budget.
- 3. Pick a venue.** If your movie viewing is in person, pick a venue and reserve the space if needed. Make sure you have all of the tech that you'll need to show the movie (projector, screen, speakers, computer, etc). If your movie viewing is virtual, pick a meeting platform and set up your virtual event.
  - Google Meet: Free with unlimited time, requires participants to have a google account.
  - Zoom: Free but limited to a 40 minute session. To host an event longer than 40 mins you must have a Licensed account. Your congregation may have a Licensed account that you could use for your event. If so, determine who the appropriate person to contact at your congregation is.
- 4. Set up an RSVP form.** We encourage you to collect contact information from attendees so that you can engage them in more events in the future.

## 2-3 WEEKS PRIOR TO EVENT...

- 5. Publicize your event.** Get the word out! Determine what platforms are available to you for promoting your event and how you'll be able to promote your event on these platforms (Can you post to them directly? Do you need to ask permission? Is there a deadline to submit announcements?).

- 6. Plan out your event.** Determine the structure of your event. Assign tech and helping roles so that your event runs smoothly. We encourage you to open your event with a prayer, meditation, or inspirational excerpt as is customary at IPC. [Click here to access IPCs prayer card.](#)
- 7. Write discussion questions.** If you would like to have a discussion after the movie, come up with a list of discussion questions that you can use at your event.

### WEEK OF EVENT...

- 8. Send out final reminder emails to people that signed up for your event.**