

Water Documentaries



Looking for an activity for your next event? Screen a documentary to educate your schoolmates or community members on water issues. You could charge a small entrance fee to make it a fundraiser; hold a question and answer period to share ideas and reactions to the film; create a quiz about the film to test viewers' water knowledge; use the film to complement an existing hands-on project... The possibilities are endless!

FLOW

This award-winning documentary investigates the world water crisis, focusing on the privatization of the water, politics, pollution, human rights, and the emergence of a world water cartel. The film identifies the problem as well as the people and institutions providing practical solutions.

<http://www.flowthefilm.com/>

Thirst

Is water part of a shared "commons", a human right for all people? Or is it a commodity to be bought, sold, and traded in a global marketplace? The film tells the stories of communities in Bolivia, India, and the United States that are asking these fundamental questions.

<http://www.thirstthemovie.org/>

Dead in the Water

This documentary explores how powerful companies have tried to privatize a public resource around the world.

<http://www.cbc.ca/fifth/deadinthewater/index.html>

Running Dry

Inspired by former U.S. Senator Paul Simon's book "Tapped Out", the film addresses the world crisis in water and what we can do about it. There are three versions of the documentary, a full length feature, a one hour version, and a twenty minute video.

<http://www.runningdry.org/what.html>

Watershed

This CBC series takes an in depth look at the many ways water flows through everything we do and how a twist of the tap influences global politics, international economics and the ecology of the entire planet.

<http://www.cbc.ca/thecurrent/water.html>

Water issues in Asia

The Asian Development Bank has created several short video documentaries that feature compelling stories on water issues in Asia, designed to promote public awareness.

<http://www.adb.org/Water/CFWS/Water-Voices-Videos.asp>

Drowned Out

This documentary follows Jalsindhi villagers in India through hunger strikes, rallies, police brutality and a six-year Supreme Court case as they oppose the building of the Narmada Dam.

<http://www.bullfrogfilms.com/catalog/dout.html>

Reclaiming Water

The Third World Water Forum was held in 2003 in Kyoto, Japan. Grassroots activists attended for the first time, determined to present alternatives. The film presents their story, interweaving personal stories, strategy sessions, and analysis.

<http://waterwater.org/>

The Water Haulers

This documentary explores the challenges facing the Navajo Nation in the USA, a population of 70,000 without access to running water.

<http://www.knme.org/water/index.php>

A New Culture of Water

This learning tool and documentary film was developed in Soweto, South Africa in 2004. It is a compilation of perspectives from water stakeholders and engaged youth co-hosting a water workshop with *Waterlution* in their community. It is available for purchase, e-mail info@waterlution.org

http://www.waterlution.org/newsletters/waternews_002.php

Blue Gold: World Water Wars

This film follows numerous worldwide examples of people fighting for their basic right to water, from court cases to violent revolutions to U.N. conventions to revised constitutions to local protests at grade schools.

<http://www.bluegold-worldwaterwars.com/>

Mysteries of the Great Lakes

Now playing in IMAX theatres across North America, *Mysteries of the Great Lakes* is as much a celebration of Earth's greatest freshwater ecosystem as it is a rallying cry for protection. There are also educators' guides that accompany the film that are designed to teach students why the Great Lakes are a unique and precious resource.

Film: <http://sciencenorth.ca/consumer-sites/mysteries-lakes/great-lakes-home.html>

Guides: <http://sciencenorth.ca/media/m03motgle/about-home.html>

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