TAKE ONE ACTION! film festival

FESTIVAL PROGRAMME 2018

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ABERDEEN
FRI 16-SUN 18 NOV

Celebrating the people and the films that are changing the world.

BELMONT FILMHOUSE

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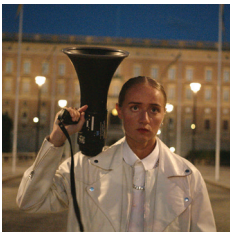
FRI 16 NOV

Silvana | 20:30 (Ages 15+)

Mika Gustafson, Olivia Kastebring, Christina Tsiobanelis | Sweden | 2017 | 91min | Swedish, Lithuanian, English with English subtitles



"Let's smash the patriarchy!" Swedish hip-hop artist Silvana Imam shouts through a megaphone, and hundreds of hands shoot into the air.

Feminism, antiracism and LGBT rights combine in Silvana's uncompromising lyrics. Her radically intersectional voice scratches at the polished surface of Sweden's progressive tolerance to reveal the many prejudices bubbling beneath. Her performances challenge bodyshaming, racial and gender stereotypes - and empowers thousands of young girls to seek a different understanding of their own strength.

Join us after the screening for a unique, specially-curated performance by Scotland-based artists whose work explores women's empowerment, marginalised experiences and notions of belonging.

SAT 17 NOV

The Green Lie | 15:00 (Ages 12+)

Werner Boote | Austria | 2018 | 93min | English & German with English subtitles

Environmentally-friendly electric cars, sustainably-produced food products, fair production processes... Can our purchasing power help save the world?

This surprisingly humorous documentary unpicks prevalent corporate green lies all the way to the sites of catastrophic environmental disasters, questioning whether our power lies in our wallets or in our actions and behaviours as voters, citizens and members of our communities.

Join us after the film to explore how to challenge corporate greenwashing.

Silas | 17:45 (Ages 12+)

Anjali Nayar, Hawa Essuman | Canada, South Africa, Kenya | 2017 | 80min | English

"When they tear down the trees and strip the land, they tear down our people and strip away their lives."

Spanning seven tumultuous years in the life of its protagonist, Liberian activist Silas Siakor, this is a global tale highlighting the links between private companies, government and environmental abuse. As Silas's battle to expose and crush environmental destruction gains momentum, it emboldens entire communities to seize back control of their lands and grow a new generation of resistance.

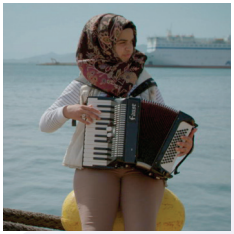
Join us after the film for inspiring conversations and opportunities for creative, effective personal action.

PLUS SHORT: *Plantae* Guilherme Gehr | Brazil | 2017 | 10min

SAT 17 NOV

What is Democracy? | 20:30 (Ages 8+)

Astra Taylor | Canada | 2018 | 117min | English



A timely enquiry into the meaning and value of a concept widely perceived as desirable but too rarely scrutinised.

With democracy under threat globally, Astra Taylor's timely essay probes the meaning of the institution itself. Taylor elicits fascinating and often funny responses from her contributors in this welcome invitation to ask questions and to think, together, of the role we can all play in bringing about a more equitable political system.

Join us after the film to fix the world - or, at the very least, to explore more representative and direct forms of democracy.

SUN 18 NOV

Island of the Hungry Ghosts | 15:00 (Ages 15+)

Gabrielle Brady | Australia, Germany, UK | 2018 | 94min | English, French, Farsi, Mandarin, Hokkien, Cantonese with English subtitles

Deeply moving documentary contrasting lush nature and expansive soundscapes with the trauma of displacement and detention.

Christmas Island, famous for the mass annual migration of forty million red crabs scurrying to the sea, also houses a high-security detention facility where those seeking asylum in Australia are detained indefinitely. This award-winning documentary follows a trauma counsellor as she attempts to support detainees and explores the island's terrain, its violent past and its inescapable present.

As conflicts, climate change and inequality continue fuelling humans' search for safer spaces, join us after the film to explore how to ensure a more humane welcome.

Anote's Ark | 17:45 (Ages 12+)

Matthieu Rytz | Canada | 2018 | 77min | English & Kiribati with English subtitles

What if your country was swallowed by the sea?

As rising sea levels threaten the low-lying Pacific nation of Kiribati, its president, Anote Tong, spends his last days in office desperately seeking international help to save his homeland from being swallowed by the sea. Faced with the destructive reality of climate change, however, some of his people are already forced to seek a new life thousands of miles away in New Zealand. This stunning portrait of paradise on the brink offers a powerful call to act while we have the chance.

Join us after the film to explore climate justice and Scotland's role within it.

WORLD-CHANGING CINEMA

Take One Action – Scotland's global change cinema project – returns to Aberdeen to premiere the most acclaimed international documentaries focusing on social and environmental justice.

At a time when concepts of truth and democracy are being stretched beyond recognition, the tide of political upheavals, environmental threats and isolationism can feel overwhelming. Our programme offers an antidote to despair and powerlessness.

We believe in the transformative power of film – and we are honoured to be sharing the stories of individuals and communities whose very resilience, tenacity and hope are radical acts of defiance. These include a Micronesian nation's president's urgent calls for climate action (*Anote's Ark*), a Swedish hip hop star whose uncompromising lyrics explore feminism, antiracism, LGBT rights and her own immigrant background (*Silvana*) and a tireless activist committed to ending corruption and environmental destruction in Liberia (*Silas*).

The films we screen and the conversations we foster do more than open eyes and minds: they are a direct invitation to reshape our world for the better – right here, right now.

Join us to celebrate the people and the movies that are changing the world.

Take a seat. Take a stand.

HOW TO BOOK

All screenings will be taking place at Belmont Filmhouse, 49 Belmont Street, AB10 1JS

Advance booking recommended via: belmontfilmhouse.com, in person or on **01224 343 500.**

Ticket prices: £10 / £8 concs
£5.50 16-25 year olds (with ID)

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BEYOND THE SCREEN: WIDENING THE CONVERSATION

Stay with us after the films: all screenings will be followed by inclusive audience conversations – an opportunity to respond and share ideas for local action.

Want to share more films like these within your community? Ask us about our Locals initiative to find out how we can support you.

AD-FREE Thanks to support from our audiences, all our screenings are shown without adverts. If you want to help us stick to what matters, you can donate too: visit **takeoneaction.org.uk/give-take**.

Please take your seats in the cinema at the advertised start time.

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ABOUT US

Take One Action nurtures communal exploration of the stories, ideas and questions at the heart of positive social change. Through film screenings, conversation and enquiry, we bring people together to inspire a fairer, more sustainable and more fulfilling world, in Scotland and beyond our borders. Come, take part, and be inspired.

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