



# GENERATION RESTORATION FILM FESTIVAL

## HOST A WATCH PARTY!

8–10 November 2021, alongside  
UNFCCC COP26, Glasgow

[bit.ly/GenerationRestorationFilmFest2021](https://bit.ly/GenerationRestorationFilmFest2021)

**F**ilm is a powerful tool. It can show us concrete solutions to problems that often feel abstract and hard to tackle. It can also put a spotlight on the places where our planet is most vulnerable, where restoration is most direly needed.

Be part of the solution by bringing together your community, colleagues, family and friends – at home on your sofas, at the office or virtually. Use this guide to mobilize your networks and host a watch party as part of the Generation Restoration Film Festival.

Our world is in a climate crisis, and the Global Landscapes Forum (GLF) and the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) have teamed up for the [Generation Restoration Film Festival](#) to highlight the urgency to restore Earth. Selected films show powerful examples from the frontiers of degradation and restoration. Anchored in the [GLF Climate](#) conference, the [UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration](#) and the UNFCCC COP26 civil

society week, this festival is convening people from around the world – filmmakers, artists, activists, athletes and policy experts – as a global community in the fight against the climate crisis.

## Organizing your watch party

Whether you are a party of 2, 10 or 100 people, we want all of you to connect with the films' topics, share your impressions and emotions, explore ideas for solutions in your communities or globally, and ask questions during the live film festival panels. Make your watch party a lively one!

- Visit the [festival page](#) ([bit.ly/GenerationRestorationFilmFest2021](https://bit.ly/GenerationRestorationFilmFest2021)) to review the schedule and plan your screenings – unless indicated otherwise, films will be online from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> of November.

- **Invite your guests and spread the word:** promote your watch party online and grow your guest list; share pre-, during and post-party photos and thoughts, and join the conversation on social media with the hashtags: #GLFClimate and #GenerationRestoration, you could also add #ThinkLandscape. Connect to the movement and tag us on Twitter [@GlobalLF](#) | [@UNEP](#), Facebook [@GlobalLandscapesForum](#) | [@unep](#), Instagram [Global Landscapes Forum](#) | [UN Environment Programme](#) and LinkedIn [Global Landscapes Forum \(GLF\)](#) | [UN Environment Programme](#)
- **Plan your resources:** be mindful of what you need to welcome guests, be it a digital or in-person gathering. Check the “Resources” box below.
- **Food:** you can’t have a party without refreshments; invite each person to bring something and remember to be mindful of plastic packaging and if possible, use locally grown produce and plant-rich recipes. Plan well to avoid food waste.
- **Create the right atmosphere:** whether you’re inviting close friends or acquaintances you wish to get to know better, there is always an opportunity to learn new and interesting things about people. Need some inspiration for warm up exercises? Check out some tips in the “Warm-up Exercises” box below.
- **Think together:** when we come together in groups we get to draw on each persons’ experience and skills to come up with new ideas. Inspire your guests, encourage feedback and remember to listen to others attentively. Get inspired by the “Think Together Tips” box below.
- **Watch the Generation Restoration Film Festival** – Now it is time to settle down and enjoy the festival:
  1. On the [festival page \(bit.ly/GenerationRestorationFilmFest2021\)](#) check out films and panel dates, and decide which ones you want to watch with your crew. Get ready to interact with panel audiences and guests through the chat box that will be available through the festival platform!
  2. Decide which kind of gathering you are having: virtual or in-person.
  3. To gather virtually: create an online meeting using your favourite video meeting platform and stream the films and panels.
  4. For in-person gatherings be mindful of COVID-19 permissions and restrictions. The organizer should access the festival page and have a projector to display films and panels on a large screen or white wall.
  5. Enter the festival page – All you need is internet access; it’s free and no registration is needed.
- **Interact:** you will be able to exchange with the panels’ audience and send questions to the moderator through the chat box next to the video feature on the film festival platform – There is a chance your question is read live! You might want to provide everyone with paper or post-its so they can write down any questions or reflections that arise as they watch. You could even create a democracy wall featuring all your questions, reflections, comments or ideas and select which questions you want to put to the expert speaker or explore later as a group.
- **Check-out** – after you have finished watching, be sure to give some time and space for everyone to share how they are feeling and reflect on what they have seen and heard. This can be done similar to the check-in, in a circle with the whole group, or in pairs or small groups. Just make sure that everyone gets a chance to speak and reflect. You might want to close with a group affirmation – asking each person to share one action they will commit to as a consequence of the Watch Party.
- **What next?** Well, you got this far,

well done! It may just be that you all go away and ponder the topics individually, as part of your job, or you may decide you want to come back as a group again. If you created a democracy wall during the Watch Party you may want to assign someone to create a shared document with all the points raised and see if there are any follow-on actions to take.

Thank you for taking the time to come together and watch the Generation Restoration Film Festival. We wish you every success with your actions and initiatives towards a just and sustainable planet. Go #GenerationRestoration

#### Questions to spark reflection:

- After watching this film, do you feel more optimistic or more pessimistic about the future on our planet? Why?
- Can you think of something you as an individual would like to change after watching this film? What is it and how difficult would it be to achieve this change? Who or what could help you make the change?
- Can you think of something your wider community, country or region should change in relation to ecosystem degradation and achieving restoration? What would it be and how could this change be achieved?
- Are there any immediate action you as an individual or group would like to commit to following the watch party?

#### Resources to learn more and take action:

- Visit our [Act Now – Speak Up](#) page to learn about measures you can take around COP26 and against the climate crisis
- Take a look at our [Ecosystem Restoration Playbook](#) to learn how you can be part of #GenerationRestoration – where you are and with what you have

- [Play a game, restore the planet](#) – to engage in meaningful actions for the ecosystems you care about
- Check out [Restor.Eco](#) to find restoration initiatives near you, in places you care about – or even register your own project!
- Visit [Kiss the Ground](#) and become a soil advocate. Also, check other festival films' "take action" section, and go beyond learning.

## Resources

#### In person gathering:

- Strong internet connection
- Computer
- Projector
- Speakers/moderator
- Large screen (or suitable surface to screen, such as a white wall)
- A space for gathering
- Sustainable refreshments/food
- Post-its, pens, a board
- Covid-19 precautions: sanitizer, handwashing station, masks and/or social distancing)

#### Gathering online – all participants need:

- Strong internet source
- Computer/Phone
- Video conferencing app e.g., Zoom

## Warm up Exercises

- **'Check-in'.** Sit in a circle and ask each person to share their feelings. Maybe ask a simple question, it could be 'what do you love most about nature' or 'who inspires you right now and why?' If you are a large group or a shy group, consider creating pairs.
- **Walking and greeting exercise.** With a large group and enough space, you could ask people to walk around the room and when they feel ready, stop in front of someone and share with them the answers to a few questions that one designated person can call out. Once they have answered the first question, they can continue walking around and stop in front of a different person. The questions could be anything from 'what is your favourite tree?' to 'what action can we all take to help tackling climate change'
- **Object check-in.** Ask each person to bring with them an object that has special significance to them! Sit in a circle and in turn share what the object represents and place it in the centre of the circle. You can move these after but keep them together until the end of the party to signify your community.

## Think Together tips!

- **Listening exercise.** In pairs take it in turns to speak for 5 minutes on a subject that is meaningful yet potentially different for everyone. This could be something like 'what actions I am taking to ensure a sustainable future and what actions I would like to see other people take.' The listener listens in total silence, even if their partner runs out of things to say! After 5 minutes, swap roles. This exercise allows the listener to practice listening without responding and the speaker to experience the magic of speaking thoughts into reality.
- **Survive/Thrive.** Ask each person to create two columns on a piece of paper and write 'survive' at the top of the left-hand column, and 'thrive' at the top of the right-hand column. Then give everyone 4 minutes to write as many things that they need to survive and thrive in each column. Then share and discuss the columns of each person as a group or in smaller groups to see what has emerged. Notice the differences and similarities of each person in the group and explore the reasons for these.
- **Word association.** It seems simple but is actually a powerful way for us to connect to the meaning that we all attach to words and language that we use every day. Think of one word, or a pair of words e.g., landscape, restoration, rights, 'power & change' that you want people to explore and then give them 1 or 2 minutes to write down all the words that they associate with that word/words. Again, share the lists with partners or as a group and see what emerges.

Note - you will need someone to keep time for all these exercises and be sure to share and listen to each other with curiosity and without judgement - there are no 'right' or 'wrong' answers!

