



Communities in Resistance

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Langara College, Vancouver

***Communities in Resistance* is the inspirational theme of the 9th annual World Community Film Festival, being held January 29-31 at Langara College. Around the world, communities are uniting to build better ways of life - movements that are reflected in many of the films in this year's festival.**

The ninth annual film festival features over 40 documentaries on social justice and environmental issues set around the world and across the street. The focus of the festival is to motivate the audience to action through awareness of issues both local and global.

"Many of the documentaries that we will screen this year show how people in many different communities are working together for positive change, sometimes in the face of incredible hardship and oppression. We hope these films will help inspire our audience to make a difference in their own lives," says festival coordinator Erin Mullan. "The spectacular opening film, **Sweet Crude**, is an incredible story of resistance against the oil industry and the military in the Niger Delta, and **one of the filmmakers will be present**. Our Saturday night feature, **Under Rich Earth**, tells of farmers in Ecuador resisting being forced off their land by a Canadian mining company. Both films present moving stories of hope, determination, and ultimately, resistance."

Also included in the weekend-long festival is a Saturday daytime program on water issues, including the film **Tapped** followed by a panel of activists in the control of this vital resource. **This screening is a BC premiere.**

The World Community Film Festival also has a "Social Justice Bazaar" where filmgoers can purchase fairly traded goods and connect with activist organizations.

The festival is produced by CoDevelopment Canada and the World Community Development Education Society, and cosponsored by Langara College. For the full festival schedule, film descriptions, and ticket information see: <http://www.codev.org/filmfest>

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