



BRING OUT YOUR INNER FILMMAKER & HELP US INSPIRE CHANGE

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About the Film Festival

The Halton Green Screens "Amateur Film Festival" is all about getting our local community involved in environmental stewardship. We want to hear the local voice on environmental issues! Qualifying videos will be uploaded to our brand new YouTube channel, and may be included in our schools program. A selection committee will choose films to be shown on the big screen at a public event in June.

Who can participate?

The Film Festival is open to all residents of Halton, including post-secondary students who are currently away at a college, university, or professional skills school. Get in touch if you'd like

to book a workshop to get you started!

The Public Showcase

Films chosen to be included in our public showcase in June will be shown on the big screen at Film.Ca Cinemas in Oakville.

Deadline: Friday Aug 24

Details of the Public Showcase:

What: Halton Green Screens Amateur Film Festival

Date: Thursday Sept 13, 2018

Time: 7-9pm (doors: 6:30pm)

Place: Film.Ca Cinemas, 171 Speers Rd., Oakville



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General Requirements

Topic

We welcome films on any environmental topic. Films selected for screening at the public showcase will cover a range of topics. For suggested topics, refer to the registration form.

Format

Films can follow any number of formats including documentary, fiction, animation, stop motion, and more. The film should have a clear message.

Age of filmmaker

The Film Festival is open to all ages. Filmmakers under 18 must have permission from a parent or guardian.

Technical requirements

Films must meet the following criteria for consideration:



Running time: 2-12 minutes

- Language: English or French
- Must include 2 seconds of black at beginning and end
- Must include full credits with everyone who worked on or appears in the film
- Must be in .mov, .mp4, .wmv, or .avi file format
- Minimum resolution: 1080 p
- Speech must be audible against background noise or music
- Must be shot in landscape orientation
- All music used must be original or freely available for use (try youtube.com/audiolibrary)



- The Halton Green Screens Amateur Film Festival ("the Film Festival") is open to all individuals, organizations, and businesses in Halton Region.
- If applying as an organization or business, the film must not be an advertisement or recruitment tool but can cover some of your environmental

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- activities. The focus should be on education around the chosen topic.
- Every person who appears in or speaks in the film must sign a release form. Minors must have their forms signed by a parent or guardian.
 - We encourage use of original music. It can be as simple as a beat tapped on a tabletop. Any music used must be freely available, such as from the YouTube Audio Library.
 - If the entry is meant to address specific topics in the Ontario Curriculum, the

grade, subject, and topics should be clearly indicated.

- The films do not need to be professional quality but should tell a clear story. Consideration should be made for framing and other stylistic choices.
- Everyone who works on the film should be acknowledged in the credits. If you are completing the film as a class project, mention your school, grade, and teacher. Include "Special thanks to Halton Green Screens & the Halton Environmental Network".
- The film must be respectful of all people regardless of sex, gender, race, ability, sexual orientation, etc.
- The Halton Environmental Network maintains the right to make all final decisions regarding which films will be included in the Film Festival.
- All film submissions must be received by the deadline of Friday August 24, 2018.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Registration Form

Please complete one registration form for each film submitted. The Registration form must be accompanied by a release form for everyone who appears in or whose voice is heard in the film. Please upload the film, this registration form, and all release forms to Dropbox or Google Drive and share the folder with haltongreenscreens@gmail.com by Friday August 24, 2018.

Name(s) of filmmaker(s): _____

Age(s) of filmmaker(s) (circle or highlight all that apply):

<8	11-13	19-25
8-10	14-18	26+

Applying as a/an (please specify if you are completing a video as part of a class or a club/eco team):

Individual	Post-secondary student
Elementary school student	Community group or organization
High school student	Business

Name of school/organization/business (if applicable): _____

Contact information for primary contact (if filmmakers are under 18, please provide information for a parent, guardian, or teacher):

Name: _____
 Address (with city/town & postal code): _____
 Phone number: _____
 Email address: _____

Name of film: _____

Language: English French Both

Length of film: _____ minutes _____ seconds

Film type (circle or highlight all that apply):

Documentary	Animation	Artistic
Fiction	Stop motion	Other _____

Topic/theme (circle or highlight all that apply):

Climate change	Pollinators
Waste	Health
Energy	Water
Active transportation	Raising awareness
Habitat conservation	Activism/Inspiring action
Nature appreciation	Social justice
Food (security, waste, impact of food choices,...)	Other _____

Brief synopsis (this will be included in the description on YouTube and in the program for the Public Showcase, as applicable):

Year and month at end of production: _____

For which of the following would you like your film submission to be considered? The signed release forms must provide release for all selected.

Schools Program

Halton Green Screens YouTube channel

Public Showcase

If applicable, please indicate any curriculum ties, including grade(s), subject(s), and specific expectations met:

Credits (please fill in as applicable):

Director(s): _____

Writer(s): _____

Music: _____

Filmography: _____

Editing: _____

Cast: _____

Other: _____

Would you like to make a donation to support Halton Green Screens?

This will have no bearing on the selection process and is not required. Donations can be made by cash, cheque (payable to Halton Green Screens), or e-transfer to info@haltongreenscreens.ca

No thank you!

Yes please! (Specify amount) _____

By signing or typing your name below, you acknowledge that you have read and agreed to the rules of the Halton Green Screens Amateur Film Festival

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Release Form

The undersigned enters into the following agreement with the Halton Environmental Network (hereafter referred to as "HEN").

I am completing this release on behalf of:

- Myself
- A minor in my care (hereafter referred to as "my child")

I grant HEN the right to use my or my child's likeness, image, and/or voice as it appears in the film titled _____ (hereafter referred to as "the film") and submitted to the Halton Green Screens Amateur Film Festival. I confirm that I have the right to enter into this agreement with HEN and that I am not restricted by commitments to third parties.

I grant HEN permission to use the film in the following ways (check one):

- For use only in the HEN schools program, where the film will be shown in schools throughout Halton Region.
- For: i) use in the HEN schools program; ii) inclusion on the Halton Green Screens YouTube channel; iii) consideration for screening at the public Halton Green Screens Amateur Film Festival; iv) for screening at other events at the discretion of HEN; and v) use in promotions online, on social media, and at events.

By signing below, I attest that I have read, understand, and agree to all of the above and that the rights granted to HEN are perpetual. If I am signing on behalf of a minor, I affirm that I am the legal guardian of said minor.

Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____ Phone number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

If signing on behalf of a minor, please indicate their name and age as of September 13, 2018:

Name (please print): _____

Age on September 13, 2018: _____

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A Few Words of Thanks

Halton Green Screens is a program of the Halton Environmental Network (HEN). Halton Environmental Network (HEN) is an incorporated non-profit organization operating in the Region of Halton since 2004. HEN supports and enhances the capacity for local climate action and environmental sustainability across the region of Halton.

Our first ever Halton Green Screens Amateur Film Festival in June 2018 marked the culmination of a three-year Grow Grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Through the support of the grant, we held 130 community film screening events and 80 school screening events. We have reached over 18,000 people and inspired them to take action for the environment. We launched our #HaltonWasteChallenge in 2015 and it has grown each year since then. It was even featured in a Canadian documentary, which we screened at two of our public events!

In addition to our grant from OTF we have had support from many different sponsors over the years, which has been instrumental in allowing our program to thrive as it has. In particular we owe a debt of gratitude to Film.Ca Cinemas, who has been a major sponsor of the program from the start. Jeff Knoll, CEO of Film.Ca Cinemas and Oakville Councillor, is one of the two founders of Halton Green Screens and continues to support the program through Film.Ca.

We have been so happy with what we have managed to do over the past 3.5 years, and we could not have done it without the support and enthusiasm of all of our volunteers and everyone who has participated in our events. If that is you, thank you!

We are also forever grateful to the HDSB and HCDSB for welcoming us into their schools to work with their students on various stewardship activities. The level of enthusiasm and commitment we have received from their students gives us hope for the future. There is much that needs to be done for the planet, but it is in good hands.

