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## One Earth Film Festival reaches 10-year milestone

*Annual launch party on March 5 kicks off 2021 season*

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**OAK PARK, IL** — One Earth Film Festival will celebrate “10 Years of Inspiring Change” during its annual [launch party](#) on March 5 that kicks off its 2021 season. While the entire festival will be all virtual, One Earth continues with its tradition of presenting compelling films along with subject experts who lead and connect audiences to action-oriented organizations. The [full festival](#) featuring 18 online events runs through March 14.

Special launch party guests include **Angela Tovar**, Chief Sustainability Officer for the City of Chicago, and **Jenn White**, host of NPR’s nationally syndicated show, “1A,” who will lead a conversation with three guest filmmakers: **Sanjay Rawal**, director of [“Gather.”](#) **Christi Cooper**, director of [“YOUTH v GOV.”](#) and Anthony Baxter, director of [“Flint: Who Can You Trust?”](#) **Sue Crothers**, founding director of the One Earth Young Filmmakers Contest (YFC) will introduce an award-winning film and filmmaker. All launch party guests will be automatically entered into a raffle to win a 24-hour Tesla test drive.

“A full year has passed since we held our last in-public event,” said festival director **Ana Garcia Doyle**. “And, although the pandemic forced us to pivot to online events, we have stayed true to our original model of a robust film review process that continues to select high quality, impactful films that explore environmental, racial and social justice themes. At 10 years old, One Earth Film festival, we believe, has established itself as a national voice on the most important topics of our time.”

Since its inception, One Earth Film Festival has developed strong and fruitful partnerships with organizations around the Chicago region and expanded into program areas that foster youth creativity and environmental awareness through the Young Filmmakers Contest and Austin Grown, a sustainability leadership program based in the Austin neighborhood of Chicago.

**One Earth Film Festival** *10 Years of Inspiring Change*

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