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Ready to make #realchange?

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- Tell others what you learned at One Earth Film Fest: word of mouth, social media, in an op-ed or letter to the editor
- Watch/rewatch past One Earth Film Fest films (here and here) & discussions (here, here, and here)
- Change your mindset: Everything you do is related to the ecosystem!
- Spend more time in nature
- Lend support & resources to BIPOC and low-income communities who are disproportionately impacted by our climate crisis
- Make space for those whose access to farms, gardens, and green spaces have been cut off due to environmental racism
- Improve society, fostering equity for all
- Connect with and join eco- and climate justice organizations in your community; some are listed at agoodneighborfilm.com/the-cause
- Become a champion of people and places too precious to pollute earthworks.org/issues/oil and gas health effects

- Visit or learn about beautiful places and communities impacted by industry: Voices for **Biodiversity**
- Learn if your garbage is polluting the environment via EPA's Environmental Justice Screening & Mapping Tool
- Lend your voice to the fight for clean drinking water here and here
- Lend your voice to the fight for clean air
- Be a leader: build a network, create content, join a board, run for office
- Contact your legislators with a (group) letter; VOTE for candidates with strong environmental & climate justice platforms
- Ask your legislators to support legislation ensuring clean water access. In Illinois: ilenviro.org/clean-water
- Ask your legislators to support legislation ensuring clean air access. In Illinois: epa.illinois.gov/topics/cleanup-programs/lead-based-paint/ai r-pollution-control.html
- In IL, join the IEC May 9 Climate Action Lobby Day
- In Chicago, ask your Alder to support the Clean and Affordable Buildings Ordinance
- Online environmental justice resources: Aspen Institute, EPA, U.S. Dept of the Interior