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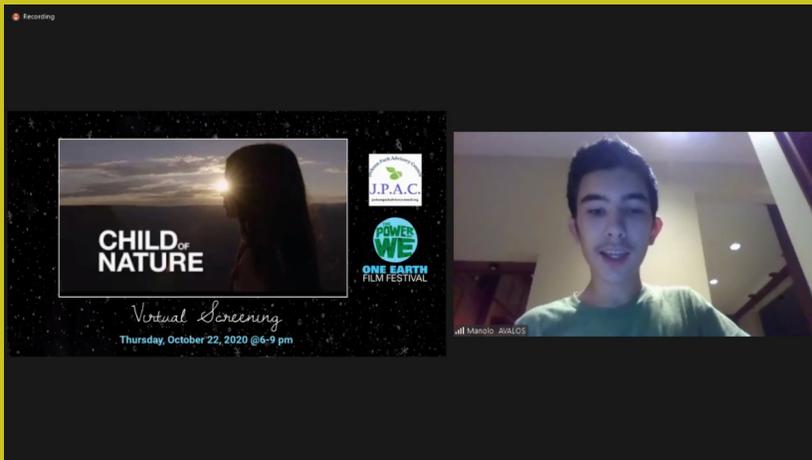
Find out more about It's Our Future



The One Earth Film Festival invites students from 3rd grade to age 25 to submit their films to the Young Filmmakers Contest by **Jan. 5, 2021**. Winning films will be screened at the One Earth Film Festival in March 2021. Scholarship awards, prizes, and matching grants (from \$100 to \$1000) for 3 to 8-minute films or 45+ second animations Visit One Earth Film Festival [Young Filmmakers Contest](#) for details and to see past winners, visit the [winners](#)

See the cutest Young Filmmakers 2021 Contest Invitation [HERE](#).

Join our film screening planning team



It's Our Future will be partnering with the One Earth Film Festival Youth Advisory Council this December on our final film screening of 2020.

Stay tuned for more info!

If you are interested in joining It's Our Future and One Earth Film Festival Youth Advisory Council on the film screening planning team, please contact amy@sevengenerationsahead.org.



Great Pumpkin Smash Nov. 7

Local Oak Park residents can smash old pumpkins down the Barrie Park sled hill. All ages are welcome. You need to sign up for your slot, smash your pumpkin and then add the scraps to the compost

receptacle. [SCARCE](#) has been promoting smashes for years and offers resources on how to have fun with this community activity. Given that this event is held outdoors and can be conducted with minimal contact the organizers do not expect to experience disruptions due to COVID-19. All participants are advised to wear a mask and maintain proper social distancing.

Friends don't let friends allow pumpkins to rot in landfills.

Register with Park District of Oak Park

Climate Reality Leaders ready to offer presentations

It's Our Future has two trained Climate Reality Project leaders that can inspire action for climate solutions in the Oak Park River Forest community and beyond. Jelena and Lizzie, both high school juniors from Oak Park, begin the presentation by telling their own stories about becoming climate activists and end by inspiring their audiences to take action.



Presentations take courage, commitment, and passion and Jelena and Lizzie are enthusiastic about providing your audience with tools and knowledge towards climate crisis solutions.

Events are anywhere from 15 – 45 mins in length via Zoom and time for additional Q&A can be arranged. Presentations can be adapted to suit a wide range of age groups.

These inspiring leaders join advocates working for climate solutions in over 100 countries worldwide. Contact us today for more information: amy@sevengenerationsahead.org

Understand the Right to Garden Bill



The Right to Garden bill in Illinois has been through three rounds of revisions and should go before the state legislature in its next session, which begins in early 2021. The Virgils are cautiously optimistic that their cause will prevail. "I'm just trying to do something good," Nicole says. "I want to help people live well and help each other and have food in abundance."

Thanks to outdated laws, growing your own food can be illegal

Is your burrito bad for the environment? Chipotle has a tool for that [HERE](#).



Illinois launches statewide plan to boost monarch butterfly population: 'If enough people get on board, we can turn this thing around' - *Chicago Tribune*

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