

The world coming to Kelowna during film festival

The Travelling World Community Film Festival March 12-14

Fasten your seatbelts for a whirlwind trip from Senegal to Ecuador with stops in more than 20 other countries along the way.

The eighth annual Travelling World Community Film Festival,

featuring more than 30 films, comes to two Kelowna venues: Okanagan College's KLO campus and UBCO.

The lineup includes heartwarming and inspiring stories of people who are positively influencing the world, as well as films that pull no punches on challenging issues, such as the impacts of oil and mineral exploration.

Topics include the environment,

music, arts and culture, food security and water issues, and social justice.

Many of the documentaries have won prestigious awards at film festivals all over the world. Two films, Burma VJ and Garbage Dreams, were short-listed for best documentary for the 2010 Academy Awards.

Admission to all films is free, but donations are accepted for the

Kelowna's Women's Resource Center and the Ki-low-na Friendship Centre.

The festival will include a Kelowna Community Seed Swap, which will take place Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Okanagan College student centre.

This is a chance to swap and buy seeds and meet people who are enthused about local food production.

Healthy food and refreshments, as well as natural goods from local vendors will also be available for purchase.

Program guides will be available at Leo's Videos (on Pandosy), the women's resource centre, and the Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society (both downtown). Film descriptions and the schedule are also online at worldfilmfestkelowna.net.