



Our top climate documentaries



Climate Change: The Facts

1h00mins | 2019 | IMDb: 8.0 | BBC iPlayer

At a glance

The BBC has one clear aim in this film: to set in stone the factual basis of climate change and cut through the confusion, and it does a sterling job.

The show quickly picks up to a hurtling pace as Sir David and leading scientists present clear and concise facts alongside sobering footage.

They unpack how climate change is already wrecking havoc and the drastic impact it will have in the future.



2040

1h30mins | 2019 | IMDb: 7.2 | YouTube, Google Play

At a glance

Follow director Damon Gameau as he explores what the year 2040 could look like if we rapidly bring the best of the already available climate crisis solutions into the mainstream.

This film is structured as a visual letter to his four-year-old daughter, who will be 25 in 2040. Instead of telling you to go full vegan, he shows how we can combat climate change without emphasis on sacrifice.

It's an enjoyable watch that will leave you feeling optimistic about the future.



Fire in Paradise

0h40mins | 2019 | IMDb: 7.4 | Netflix

At a glance

Survivors recount their harrowing stories from the 2018 Camp Fire, which destroyed the town of Paradise and became the deadliest wildfire in California history.

Fire in Paradise is a difficult but must-watch. It's a gut-wrenchingly tense and unflinching portrait of the severe stress felt by Paradise residents during the fire.



Chasing Coral

1h33mins | 2017 | IMDb: 8.1 | Netflix

At a glance

This film shows how rising ocean temperatures are destroying coral reefs. Through time-lapse sequences we see how ecosystems that were once a kaleidoscope of colour are transformed into cemeteries of bleached coral.

The impact of climate change on life below water is laid bare with powerful imagery, a stirring soundtrack and interviews with activists and 'coral nerds' passionate enough to act.



Before the Flood

1h35mins | 2016 | IMDb rating: 8.3 | Films for Action, YouTube and Google Play

At a glance

While being attacked by a bear for *The Revenant* and winning an Oscar for it, Leonardo DiCaprio was also wrapping up his three-year tour of climate breakdown. The result is this riveting National Geographic film.

It follows DiCaprio as he speaks to scientists, world leaders, activists and local residents to investigate concrete solutions to the most pressing environmental challenge of our time.



Active Philanthropy was founded in 2006. It is a social enterprise that supports philanthropists, social investors and business families who want to make a lasting difference in protecting the planet for future generations.

For donors who wish to ensure a maximum impact of their philanthropic commitments, the organisation offers strategy design and analysis, grant management services, access to a portfolio of pre-screened climate projects and NGOs, as well as other bespoke support. It also advises philanthropists on how to realign their existing portfolios in light of the climate crisis.

Since 2007, Active Philanthropy has been organising expeditions to Greenland for philanthropists to explore the causes and witness the impacts of climate change. Jointly with scientists and climate experts, participants learn about concrete options for climate philanthropy and how to start their journey towards impactful engagement.

In 2019, Active began working in close collaboration with the Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF), Europe's largest climate funder, to increase the awareness and motivation to act on climate change among foundations and philanthropists.