



Although there are many crises in the world, there are also many inspiring stories of resilience and change. As part of the “Stories of Change: Building Resilience, Hope and Action for a Just World” project, we produced three short films portraying people and local communities who are creating hope and shaping change despite local and global crises. Each of the three online workshops below will screen one of these films, followed by a live conversation with the protagonist about the challenges and crises impacting their lives, how resilience emerges, how change becomes possible, and how they have inspired others to take action. We will also discuss the use of the films for educational purposes.

All three events are independent and open — join one, two or all three!

Film/Workshop 1: Permaculture and the Empowerment of Young People and Women

4th November 2026, 4 – 6:30 pm CET

This film follows **Ansiima Casinga Rolande**, who fled the Democratic Republic of Congo to Uganda and now lives in the Nakivale refugee settlement. She is a permaculture teacher and founded the organization FOLONA. She shares how she is building resilience and driving change on the ground through permaculture and by empowering women and young people in her community.

Registration: <https://www.vnb-ev.de/index.php?module=014000&dat=23095>

Film/Workshop 2: Environmental and Climate Protection, Arts and Education in Rural Areas

19th November 2026, 4 – 6:30 pm CET

This film features **Ben Michael Mankhamba**. He is a musician and the chief of Chingalire village in Malawi. He talks about the challenges that rural communities face, and explains how he and the village community are diversifying livelihoods through environmental and resource protection, education, arts and culture, and tourism, in order to build resilience, hope, and change.

Registration: <https://www.vnb-ev.de/index.php?module=014000&dat=23098>

Film/Workshop 3: Social Movements, Resistance against Extractivism and Indigenous Concepts of Living — Sumak Kawsay (Good Life) and Kawsak Sacha (Living Forest)

1st December 2026, 4 – 6:30 pm CET

This film is narrated by **Abigail Gualinga**, vice-president of the Kichwa Pueblo Originario de Sarayaku community in Ecuador. She shares the story of her community's successful resistance against the extractive industries, as well as alternative ways of living in harmony with all beings, such as the concepts of the 'Good Life' and the 'Living Forest', which foster resilience, hope, and positive change.

Registration: <https://www.vnb-ev.de/index.php?module=014000&dat=23097>

Information: The meetings are free of charge. The language will be English in Workshop 1 and 2, in workshop 3 the speaker will speak Spanish, a translation to English will be available.

Registration: Please register for each event online using the links below the workshop descriptions. If you encounter any difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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