

Elementary Teachers *of* Toronto Political Action Committee

Invites you to an evening of food, film, and little bit of dialogue



5:00 p.m. Light Supper

6:00 p.m. Speaker: Amanda Gomm - LEAF (Local Enhancement & Appreciation of Forests) will speak about local issues of deforestation and the loss of canopy in Toronto.

6:30 p.m. Film: **Taking Root** - the story of Wangari Maathai, Kenya's Nobel Prize winner who started a nationwide environmental movement to simply plant trees, but which changed into a movement to safeguard human rights and defend democracy

Please register via email with Karen Santer: ksanter@ett.on.ca
by Tuesday, April 20, 2010 (so we can order sufficient food)



Location: NFB 150 John St. (at Richmond Ave.)



On April 22, 2010, **EARTH DAY**, the ETT Political Action Committee will team up with the Environmental Committee to show a multiple award winning documentary film with environmental implications. The awards range from recognition for environmental concerns, to human rights concerns, to filmmaking achievements. Wangari Maathai became the first environmentalist and first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize, in 2004.

Title: Taking Root: The Vision of Wangari Maathai

Description: This film tells the story of the founder of Kenya's Green Belt Movement, and her reaction to the reality of rural women's intolerable living conditions: they were walking exhaustive distances for firewood, clean water was scarce, the soil was eroding and children were suffering from malnutrition. Her proposal of the simple act of planting trees to reclaim lands affected by 100 years of deforestation led in turn to new sources of food and income to rural communities, and gave previously impoverished and powerless women a political role in their country and ultimately helped to bring down Kenya's 24 year dictatorship. [2008, 80 min]

Speaker: Amanda Gomm from LEAF (Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests) will cover connections to the film and our own local issues of deforestation, the loss of the urban canopy in Toronto, and what LEAF is doing to help.

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(NFB)150 John St (at Richmond St)
(Osgoode subway station- walk west along Queen St to John and then south)

Join us on these other dates as part of the continuing Teacher Film Series, screening films of political and social relevance and importance, presented by the ETT Political Action Committee,
at the National Film Board:

Thursday, April 22, 2010
Thursday, May 20, 2010

Topics will be announced at a future date.

Admission is free for ETT members!

