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## GREENFILM FESTIVAL ADDED TO BOSTON GREENFEST 2009 ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH NEWBURY FILM SERIES AND THE FORESIGHT PROJECT

Boston, MA, June 18, 2009 — Karen Weber, executive director of Boston GreenFest, announced its partnership with two non-profit organizations, the Newbury Film Series and The Foresight Project, to add a GreenFilm Festival component to the Boston GreenFest 2009 celebration. The three organizations are working together to bring a strong local independent and youth filmmaking presence to GreenFest.

Dr. Weber commented "We are delighted with this addition to the Festival, and with the collaboration that makes it possible. There are many wonderful films available today; the creative arts have always played a major role in creating understanding and a connection to issues of the day. We are very excited about the interest and education that this GreenFilm Festival component will generate."

Shantel Hansen, Director of Community Relations for NFS, and Mary Essary, founder of TFP, echoed this sentiment. Hansen commented "I too am very excited about this new partnership. NFS has worked with youth films and documentaries before and this is something we are passionate about." Essary added that *IMAGINING TOMORROW™*, a program of TFP, is now in its third year as a video competition for high-school students in Massachusetts; this is a wonderful opportunity to show some of their best work.

Boston GreenFest 2009 is a fully inclusive festival filled with fun learning experiences to address the important changes we need to make in our daily lives and our neighborhoods. It will be alunched with an evening concert on Thursday August 20, from 5-10 pm, and will take place on Boston City Hall Plaza all day long, Friday-Saturday August 21-22, and is an event that will have something for everybody, young and old. For more information, visit [www.BostonGreenFest.org](http://www.BostonGreenFest.org).

Newbury Film Series is dedicated to creating opportunities for local filmmakers to screen their work, engaging new audiences in the appreciation of local independent film, and empowering the next generation of filmmakers. They have held five screenings in the past three years, featuring work from over 35 local filmmakers. Six of the films premiered have gone on to screen at festivals around the world. [www.NewburyFilmSeries.org](http://www.NewburyFilmSeries.org).

The Foresight Project's mission is to stimulate students, and the general public, to consider outcomes of choices that we make or fail to make on current issues in our increasingly interactive and global world. It currently runs two programs: *IMAGINING TOMORROW* and Mass CleanTech Awards, both focusing on the critical joint issue of energy sustainability and climate change. [www.theforesightproject.org](http://www.theforesightproject.org).

In a related announcement, Newbury Film Series and The Foresight Project issued an invitation for submission of films or videos for inclusion in the GreenFilm Festival.

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