



The following list of films was compiled by Gail Boylan of the Victoria GRANs with input from GRAN members and groups across the country. These titles are offered as suggestions for use as educational resources for GRAN groups or for screening at public awareness-raising events. The list is always open for updating, so please let us know if you have a film to recommend!

Send your suggestions to grandmothersadvocacy@gmail.com

1. The Thinking Garden Documentary, short, 35 min. South Africa 2017

Three generations of older women in Hleketani, South Africa, create a community garden called the Thinking Garden. This is a story of resilience and demonstrates how an initiative by the older women in the community leads to secure food production and economic security.

<http://www.womensfarm.org/the-film/>

The film can be purchased for community use for \$80.00. To order a copy:

https://movingimages.ca/store/products.php?thinking_garden&osCsid=f9d3f06jadp1dftm0achp3i3m7

Themes: Older Women/Grandmothers; Food Security; HIV/AIDS; Community; Resilience

2. Alive & Kicking: The Soccer Grannies of South Africa Documentary, short, 19 min, South Africa 2015

Alive and Kicking follows a group of grandmothers in Limpopo, South Africa, who are facing the personal challenges of abuse and poverty and who come together to play soccer.

<https://www.soccergrannies.com/>

To view full documentary: <https://vimeo.com/147923833/25d5c8ce38>

You can book *Alive and Kicking* through Lara-Ann de Wet, lara.ann.de.wet@gmail.com (They typically charge a screening fee of \$50 for a downloadable version and/or DVD)

Themes: Older Women/Grandmothers; Community; Resilience

3. Difret Biography, 1 hr 39 min, Ethiopia 2015

The true story of a young Ethiopian girl, 14-year-old Hirut, who is abducted to be married. She fights back, accidentally killing her captor and intended husband, and when local law demands a death sentence for her, Meaza, a passionate lawyer from a women's legal aid practice, steps in to fight for her.

<http://www.difret.com/>

Themes: Child Marriage; Violence Against Women; Human Rights; Cultural Change

4. Strike a Rock Documentary, 1 hr 27 min, South Africa June 2017

“Two South African mothers and best friends, Primrose Sonti and Thumeka Magwangqana, together take on Lonmin PLC, the third largest platinum-extractor in the world. After police fire on miners protesting low wages on August 16, 2012, killing 34 people, they form a women's organization, Sikhala Sonke (We Cry Together), and search for social and economic justice.”

<http://strikearock.co.za/>

To book *Strike a Rock* contact Bojana Maric – fest@taskovskifilms.com

Themes: Older Women; Women as Community Leaders; Human Rights; Mining Injustice

5. City of Joy Documentary, 1 hr 14 min, Congo 2016

“Women who've been sexually brutalized in war-torn Congo begin to heal at City of Joy, a centre that helps them regain a sense of self and empowerment.”

<https://www.cityofjoyfilm.com>

Themes: Sexual Violence. Rape as a Weapon of War. Healing and Resilience. Leadership.

6. Girl Rising Documentary, 1 hr 41 min, 2013/2015, USA

The true stories of nine girls from Haiti, Nepal, Ethiopia, India, Egypt, Peru, Cambodia, Sierra Leone and Afghanistan who overcome great obstacles to obtain an education and change their lives.

<https://girlrising.org/film/>

Themes: Girls' Education and Empowerment; Ending Poverty through Education; Gender Equity; Human Rights

7. Tall as the Baobab Tree Drama, 1 hr 22 min, 2013

A teenager hatches a secret plan to rescue her 11-year-old sister from an arranged marriage in a rural village.

<https://tallasthebaobabtree.com/>

Themes: Child Marriage; Human Rights; Cultural Change

8. In the Name of Your Daughter Documentary, 1hr 24 min, Tanzania 2018

A film about courageous young girls in northern Tanzania who risk their lives by running away from home to save themselves from female genital mutilation and to avoid being sold off into child marriage. It is also the story of Rhobi Samwelly who protects the girls in her Safe House and travels around the countryside fighting against this thousands-years old tradition.

<http://www.inthenameofyourdaughterfilm.com/>

Themes: Female Genital Mutilation; Child Marriage; Human Rights; Cultural Change

9. Desert Flower Biography, 2hr 7 min, 2009

The true story of Waris Daire, a Somali nomad subjected to female genital mutilation at the age of 5, sold in marriage at 13, who fled from Africa eventually becoming a supermodel, a UN Goodwill Ambassador, and the founder of the Desert Flower Foundation, an organization committed to ending Female Genital Mutilation around the world.

<https://www.desertflowerfoundation.org/en/home.html>

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FqYZhz57kEM&feature=youtu.be>

Biography of Waris Darie: <http://www.africansuccess.org/visuFiche.php?id=512&lang=en>

Themes: Female Genital Mutilation; Child Marriage; Human Rights; Cultural Change

10. Not just one film, but a list of ten African films compiled by the ONE Campaign, each linked by theme to one of the UN Sustainable Development Goals:

<https://www.one.org/us/2016/01/15/10-films-from-africa-that-will-change-the-way-you-think-about-poverty/>

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Discounts are often available to community organizations that are showing films for educational purposes.