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OPEN CINEMA Explores the Virtual and Natural Worlds: 'Play Again' in Collaboration with Habitat Acquisition Trust on November 7.

Victoria, BC – October 18th, 2012 On Wednesday November 7th, OPEN CINEMA Season 10 continues with an upbeat documentary that asks the question: *What are the consequences of a childhood removed from Nature?*

PLAY AGAIN (2011) will be followed by a livestreamed open forum discussion with **Lisa Lockerbie**, Sooke Nature Kindergarten, **David Segal**, Power To Be; **Todd Carnahan**, Habitat Acquisition Trust; and moderator **Dr. Richard Kool**, School of Enviro & Sustainability, Royal Roads University.

The post-screening discussion will be livestreamed on OPEN CINEMA's website, with an accompanying Twitter chat, follow hashtag #OCchats.

Do you remember playing outside until mom called you in for dinner? Today's kids probably won't share that memory. Recent research shows that children are spending fifty percent less time outside as they did 20 years ago. The average American child spends 44 hours per week, that's more than 6 hours a day, staring at some kind of electronic screen. Is our connection to Nature disappearing down the digital rabbit hole?

This important, compelling and humorous documentary follows 6 digitally identified teenagers as they take their first unplugged wilderness adventure, with no electricity, no cell phone coverage, no virtual reality. Through the voices of children and leading experts, including environmental writer Bill McKibben and geneticist David Suzuki, **PLAY AGAIN** investigates the consequences of a childhood removed from nature and inspires action for a sustainable future.

OPEN CINEMA Season 10 continues on December 5th with the Victoria premiere of Velcrow Ripper's new award-winning film **OCCUPY LOVE**, with producer Ian Mackenzie in attendance.

WHAT: **OPEN CINEMA & Habitat Acquisition Trust** present ***PLAY AGAIN: what are the consequences of a childhood removed from Nature?*** Post screening discussion with Lisa Lockerbie, **Sooke Nature Kindergarten**; Todd Carnahan, **Habitat Acquisition Trust**; David Segal, **Power To Be** & moderator **Dr. Richard Kool, Royal Roads University**

WHEN: 7pm Wednesday, November 7th, 2012 (Doors 5:30pm)

WHERE: The Victoria Event Centre, 1415 Broad St (elevator access)

COST: **\$10-20 suggested donation, at the door only**

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