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Dear friends and supporters,

Whether it's drama, documentary, animation or something we haven't yet thought of, we're calling on online visionaries to submit ideas for 1-minute films on the global environment to our new [tvebiomovies 2011 competition](#), launched last month with a series of brilliant films created by five celebrity [YouTubers](#). We'll give the ten winners US\$300 to go into production, along with a chance to have their films screened at the climate change conference in Durban, South Africa, in December. The five films with the most YouTube views will win US\$1,500. [Click here](#) to join the competition - send us your ideas by 21 October.

Making this exciting new competition possible are the Lighthouse Foundation, the Inlaks Shivdasani Foundation, WWF-UK, UNEP and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and sponsorship from YouTube. We're very grateful to them as we are to all our donors and supporters.

With best wishes,

Cheryl Campbell
executive director

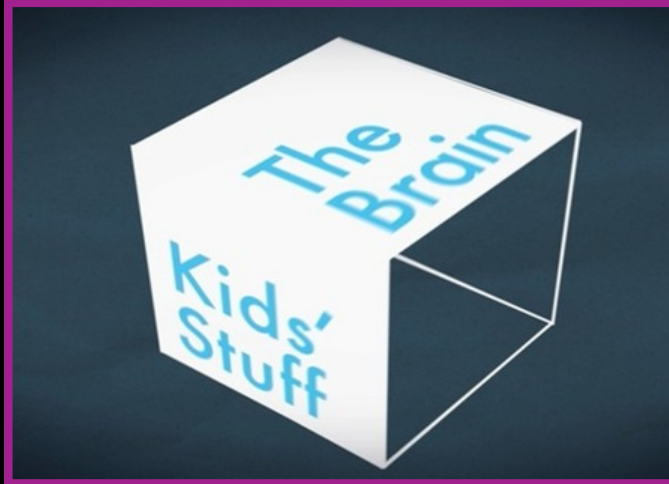
dazzling fashion fundraiser – join us on 28 October!

We are delighted to announce that the exclusive Jalouse Club in central London is hosting our next amazing fundraiser, on 28 October. You'll enjoy two free delicious drinks and organic canapés as you watch our fashion show of eco-friendly and sustainable clothes from up-and-coming designers, and perhaps treat yourself to a unique fashion item or bid for a luxurious holiday or a work of art in our live auction. We have a great singer and top DJ, and our guest speaker comes from the world of fashion. We'll be showing a clip from our film, 'Is Green the New Black?' Tickets are £50.

Contact jasmine.jahromi@tve.org.uk and join us for a fabulous evening!

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early childhood building blocks

What happens in the first five years of a child's life is - scientists, politicians and psychologists all agree - critical to their development. Where 19th century philosopher William James thought children's brains were just 'one great blooming, buzzing confusion,' neuroscientists today have shown just what a dynamic, complex environment they really are. Babies, says Harvard University's Professor Jack Shonkoff, are actually 'voracious learners...eager to master the world.' As part of the growing global debate on early childhood development (ECD), Kids' Stuff, **tv**'s new series of short, punchy vignettes, focuses on the basic ECD issues – the brain, nutrition, violence, child rights and interaction – affecting how children learn.

watch Kids' Stuff [here](#)



revolution on the world's rooftop

Life on the Edge was back on air on BBC World News in early September with 'Kung Fu Nuns', a stirring tale of revolution on the rooftop of the world – in Ladakh in the Indian Himalayas. In the Naro Photang nunnery in Shey, 150 nuns from the Drukpa order of Tibetan Buddhism are practising Kung Fu – once an almost exclusively male discipline. For centuries, Buddhist nuns were seen as second class and expected to perform menial chores for the monks. But then the Drukpa leader His Holiness the 12th Gyalwang Drukpa decided it was his karma to empower the women. Kunzang, the nunnery's Geyok - or deputy discipline master – describes the impact on their lives.

watch 'Kung Fu Nuns' [here](#)



Credit: jetsun deleplanque/drukpa publications

tens of thousands greet 'Kung Fu Nuns' with laughter and tears

Our films don't only go out on television - they go much further. Last month, under a star-lit sky, 14,000 feet up in the Himalayas, 'Kung Fu Nuns' was screened twice to tens of thousands of people from India and 66 other countries at the world's largest gathering of Drukpa Buddhist masters, at the same nunnery where much of the film was shot. His Holiness the 12th Gyalwang Drukpa, the spiritual head of the Drukpa lineage, told **tv/e** he was thrilled with the film, and will have it shown at his monasteries, nunneries, and Buddhist centres around the world.

watch 'Kung Fu Nuns' [here](#)

read more [here](#)



Credit: Jungle Run Productions

'Green Planet' rolls out across Indonesia

Over the last 18 months our Indonesian partner [Jungle Run Productions](#) has been fulfilling a long-cherished dream – rolling out the first TV network focusing on environment and socially angled television on more than 50 local TV channels across the country, from Aceh to Papua. With **tv/e**'s Earth Report at its core, Televisi Bumi Hijau, or Green Planet TV, covers issues from climate change to conflict, the role of women and cultural preservation – all subtitled in Indonesian. “We've developed localized promotional bumpers and stings, and PSAs for the programmes,” says Joe Yaggi, Jungle Run's Creative Director. “We're excited to be offering Bumi Hijau to Indonesia and are looking forward to a green future!”



join Suraid's £1,000 prize draw – and support tve!

It's simple: to support some of the best environment and development filmmaking on the planet and have a chance of winning £1,000 in a fabulous prize draw on 31 October, just sign up for your home insurance at Suraid. When you buy home insurance through Suraid, **tve** receives 6% of the premium. Plus, just for asking for a quote by 28 October, you'll automatically enter Suraid's £1,000 prize draw. Click here www.suraid.com/support/tve for a quote, or contact Steve Crowley at the Suraid home insurance office on 020 7816 5969 or steve.crowley@suraid.com

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