



Screening at the College of the North Atlantic
Event Report
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On Tuesday, April 16th, the College of the North Atlantic, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador, presented a screening of the documentary Switch. The film addresses worldwide energy production and consumption, and looks at ways that we might transition to a sustainable energy future. The audience drew from the college population.

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Switch was very well-received by the audience.

The film sparked discussion on a few levels, and its closing message of individual responsibility was particularly well-marked. Viewers in general considered the film to be fair and appreciated its unusually even-keel approach to the documentary genre (i.e. it didn't come across as proselytizing or sensational). The biggest response overall was relief that the film was not one-sided or anti-development, as our viewers are generally weary of partisan debate. That is precisely the sort of thing one comes to expect of such films.

Given our local issues, viewers were most interested in the parts about hydroelectricity, oil, and natural gas--all of which are significant local resources. So is uranium, near Makkovik. One viewer did wish that the film had considered the problems of environmental control surrounding the uranium mining and refining processes.