**SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

**Jay Abrahams**

Jay brings together his university training in microbiology and biochemistry, the experience from working in the wastewater industry, sustainable woodland management, along with his current design practice and soil-based, multi-functional constructed wetlands for natural wastewater purification. Since 1993 Jay has focused the above through the lens of Permaculture by working with BioLogic Design Ltd to create WET Systems (Wetland Ecosystem Treatment). He has pioneered himself as a 'Low Entropy Systems Designer', using Ecological Engineering or Bioengineering techniques to create these resilient, beautiful, productive and functional constructed ecosystems and abundant landscapes.

**Michael Antoniou**

Michael is a Reader in Molecular Genetics at King's College London School of Medicine. He has 30 years’ experience of using genetic engineering technology in the investigation of gene organisation, and has published over 50 peer-reviewed publications of original work, and holds inventor status on a number of gene expression biotechnology patents. Dr Anto-niou has also taken an active interest in the safety of genetically modified crops and their associated pesticides and is co-author of a number of reports on the subject, see for example GMO Myths and Truths: An evidence-based examination of the claims made for the safety and efficacy of genetically modified crops (www.earthtoensource.org).

**Kevin Ashford**

As a farmer’s son it has always been Kevin’s interest to focus on soil and crop productivity and the sustainability of production in the UK. Kevin has advised within agriculture for over 20 years, having worked for some of the major UK agrono-my firms advising on all aspects of crop and animal production, seed and fertiliser. Since joining Sustainable Soil Management Kevin has been able to experience and advise on soil fertility and has had the privilege of working on projects which have been focused on the reduction of phosphates into European waterways and holding seminars to deliver practical solutions for growers and land managers toward the sustainability of management practices associated with the soil’s chemical, physical and biological state.

**Carrie Balkcom**

Carrie is the Executive Director of the American Grassfed Association (AGA). AGA is the national, multspecies entity organised to protect and promote grassfed and pasture based farmers and ranchers. Carrie grew up on a Florida cattle ranch and has stayed connected to the agriculture and livestock industry. She has spoken, presented and coordinated numerous national and international conferences as well known in agricultural, culinary and sustainable agriculture circles. Twitter @carriebalkcom, @AGrassfed

**Bruce Ball**

Bruce is a soils expert specialising in soil physics and soil management at Scotland’s Rural College. His main subjects are compaction, soil moisture and greenhouse gas emissions. His research currently involves investigation of how organic farming, dairy farming, crofting, tillage and compaction influence greenhouse gas emissions, nitrogen fluxes and soil quality. Bruce contributes to consultancy through the development and promotion of a simple spade test for the visual evaluation of soil structural quality (VES). He is also interested in the spiritual and ethical concerns between soil, agriculture and communities with a view to improving food security. Bruce has close links with colleagues in Denmark, Brazil and New Zealand.

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**Gill Barron**

Gill was born beside the Nile, and has been fascinated by water ever since. Nowadays she is a painter and an editor of The Land magazine, keeps cows and makes cheese.

**Sandra Bell**

Sandra is a Nature Campaigner for Friends of the Earth where for the last two years she has worked on the organisation’s award winning ‘Cause for Change’ campaign. The campaign recently led to the Government publishing a National Pollinator Strategy. Before bees Sandra worked in Friends of the Earth’s food and farming team covering issues from supermarket power to pesticides. Prior to working at Friends of the Earth Sandra worked in local government and is a qualified town planner.

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**Elizabeth Bragg**

Elizabeth Bragg works for OrganicLea, a food-growing workers’ cooperative based in the Lea Valley on London’s edge. OrganicLea grows food, distributes food and plants, and supports other people to grow food and enjoy the connections good food creates. Elizabeth helps to support training opportunities within OrganicLea’s box scheme and market stalls, facilitate school outreach gardens, as well as building and empowering community food movements to create social and political change.

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**Stephen Briggs**

Stephen is principal consultant with “Abacus Organic Associates Ltd” providing sustainable farming consultancy throughout the UK and internationally. In 2011 he undertook a Nuffield Farming Scholarship studying agroforestry in North America, Europe, Australia & China. Stephen is vice chairman of the European Agroforestry Federation (EUFAR) and is active in influencing agricultural policy at UK and EU levels.

At home, Stephen farms 270 acres of land in Cambridgeshire and in Rutland growing cereals, root crops, vegetable and fruit crops and is pioneering agroforestry with the UK’s largest system on 125 acres, growing apple trees and field crops together. Agroforestry - mixing trees with crops and or animals on the same plot, is a perfect example of ecological intensification.

Twitter @abacusorganic

**Russ Carrington**

Although Russ grew up on his family’s farm in Herefordshire, he left to study Civil Engineering at Cardiff University and to follow a different career. However, after a few years of office life and a stint of international travel he decided to return to full-time agriculture. He brought with him a string of off-farm skills and a passion for embracing the challenges of food production, new technology and the 21st Century Farming Movement in Herefordshire. He now manages the Pasture-Fed livestock Association working with a growing number of farmers across the UK to promote pasture-fed produce to consumers pursuing the health benefits of 100% grass-fed meat. Russ is also very active in the Young Farmers movement both locally and nationally, where he is chairman of the Agricultural and Rural Issues (AGRI) steering group for England and Wales. He also participates in young farmers’ activities at a European and UK level, and is the UK and Ireland representative for Rural Youth Europe.

Twitter @CiderRuss

**Kathleen Cassidy**

Kathleen is the UK Network Manager for The Food Assembly, known in its birthplace France as ‘La Ruche qui dit Oui’. The Food Assembly adventure started in 2010 with a simple idea: develop a new way of sourcing and selling local food thanks to the power of the internet and social networks. After growing to 320 assemblies and 40,000 active members in France and Belgium, in 2014 the Food Assembly Launched in Spain, Germany and the UK. Twitter @experimenter, @foodassembly

**Phillip Catinaud**

Phillip runs a small vegetable seed business in France and is co-chairman of the French Peasant Seed Network (Réseau Semences Paysannes). RSP is a network of more than sixty organisations across France working for the promotion and defence of crop biodiversity and seed saving skills and knowledge. The network also lobbies both the French government and the European parliament for the regulation of the seed industry and protection of traditional varieties as well as coordinating participatory research for newly adapted crop varieties.

**Tom Chapman**

Tom is involved in the management of a large estate in Hampshire which has enterprises including suckler cows, arable crops, timber production, residential & industrial lettings, the extraction & selling of borehole water and solar electricity generation. Following his Nuffield Scholarship, Tom started experimenting with different forage crops, seeking to improve soil fertility and reduce costs by bringing cattle back into the arable rotation. He is constantly looking at ways in which stockmen and arable farmers can work together on other landholdings, to their mutual benefit, and is keen to involve outside investors too, to provide seed capital for this integration. He also has a small herd of Hereford beef animals and recently bought three jersey in-calf heifers which are the nucleus of his latest venture into grass-fed raw milk production and retailing.

Twitter @TommyVarden

**Mike Clarke**

Mike has led the RSPB as CEO since 2010, having previously been the charity’s Operations Director. Mike is a Global Council member of BirdLife International, the world’s largest civil society partnership for nature conservation, spanning 120 countries. He was appointed to the UK’s Independent Forestry Panel in 2011, and has over 30 years experience of a wide spectrum of land-use issues. Prior to the RSPB, he worked for the Nature Conservancy Council in Hampshire and the Chief Scientists Team, where he contributed to the Geological Conservation Review and the National Vegetation Classification, and carried out research with the Soil Survey of England and Wales. His PhD was on the ecology of New Forest. Mike has served on Southampton University Council, and has been a director of the country’s largest schools federation. He is a Patron of the access and disability charity, Birding For All.

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Dan Corlett

Dan is the Chief Executive of Farming and Countryside Education, the leading charity equipping teachers and mobilising the farming world to ensure that the next generation can take on the global and local challenges of feeding 9bn people. FACE also hosts Bright Crop, the industry’s programme to take ambassadors into schools to inspire, inform and connect young people to the opportunities in food and farming. Twitter @FACEOnline

Caroline Corsie

Caroline is farm manager for Worcestershire Wildlife Trust. An agronomist, her aim is to encourage farmers to move to a more sustainable approach to farming and she firmly believes this begins with a focus on soil health and by encouraging farmers and their agronomists to adopt a field by field approach. She shows how good farm management doesn't have to make the system horribly complicated, in fact it can free up time and the Field Lab has shown it can lead to big reductions in pesticide use e.g. for black grass and aphids, which in turn makes the farm a safer place for the farmer as well as wildlife and the environment. Caroline has a view that honey bee hives are often over worked and has a bee in her bonnet about increasing the awareness of the contribution of native pollinators to our food production, and is currently leading a farm and Farm Wildlife Package within the new Countryside Stewardship Scheme. Twitter @WildlifeTrusts

Julian Cottte

Julian is interested in how new forms of business and social organisation can make us all happier and help reduce risk of socioecological self-destruction. He is the Chair of Good Food Oxford, the city’s sustainable food network. He also works for a consultancy, 3Keel, where he is currently focused on urbanisation, sustainability and food security in the Oxford city region. He is a co-founder of Cultivate Oxford, a community-owned local fruit and veg co-op and OxGrow, Oxford’s edible community garden. Twitter @julian jc

Dorn Cox (via Skype from the USA)

Dorn farms a 250 acre mixed farm family in Lee, New Hampshire. He has designed and constructed systems for small-scale grain and oil seed processing and biofuel production, researched and trailed cover crops, grains and oilseed for food and energy production, and has developed high and low-cost equipment to reduce energy use and increase soil health. He is a founder and current president of FarmHack, an open source community for resilient agriculture. Twitter @SchumacherColl

Robert Craig

Robert has been running a dairy farm for almost 30 years during which time he has grown the family business from just 40 cows on 160 acres in the mid 1980s to almost 1000 cows today. Day farming and running dairy farming operations are two units in the lush pastures of the Eden Valley in Cumbria. Rejecting the push towards increasing confinement dairy farming the Craig's seasonal block calving approach has attracted many thousands of visitors during the past two decades. A 2012 Nuffield Farming Scholarship to travel to New Zealand, South America and California studying food chain sustainability. In 2014 Robert was awarded the Farmers Weekly Dairy Farmer of the year award. Keen to give back to the farming community Robert held the office of NFU County Chairman in 2010-11 and is now actively involved in the dairy coop First Milk. Twitter @robertcraignfu

Sara Cross

Sara was trained in conventional livestock farming and after doing two stints of VSO in countries that had to follow low input methods and also spent time learning for work along similar lines. A mutual friend introduced Sara to Andrew Cross. Andrew, after studying agriculture at Seal Hayes, met up with Charles Dowding and was converted to Organic Vegetable growing on a raised bed system with minimal dig. Andrew and Sara have been using this for 26 years on 47 beds (1ha), eight polytunnels and four hectares of field veg. The produce is sold through their farm shop in Castle Cary Market, Langridge Organics (wholesaler-Covent Garden) and a local box scheme. The farm is run totally by Andrew and Sara working full-time with one full-time worker and student helper in the summer. Twitter @LangridgeOrganic

Dan Crossley

Dan is Executive Director at the Food Ethics Council, a charity whose mission is to build fair and resilient food systems by working with businesses, government and civil society to address ethical concerns at the heart of decision-making about food and farming. Dan leads the organisation’s work to bring people to the table to think deeply and help them find ways through contentious ethical food issues. Dan has worked on food sustainability and food ethics issues for over a decade. He was formerly acting Head of the Food Commission for the Future, where he advised many of the world’s leading food businesses and Government, and has previously worked for a food manufacturing company. Dan was co-chair of the consumer behaviour working group of Defra’s Green FoodProve and chaired the Sustainable Food Supply Chain Commission. Dan is also a member of the Food Climate Research Network (FCRN) Advisory Board. Twitter @dan_crossley, @foodethicsnews

Tom Curtis

Tom’s background is in practical forestry and mixed estate management, but he has a lifelong interest and involvement in the underlying factors that drive the workings of the land. Things like food systems, supply chains, entrepreneurship, and business relationships. Tom is a founding partner of the resilience consulting group 3Keel LLP, working with farmers across the spectrum from field to point of sale. He is also a director of Fresh Start Land Enterprise Centre, having pioneered the development of its Land Partnerships programme. Twitter @3Keel LLP

Neil Darwen

Neil graduated from Harper Adams Agricultural College in 1986 and has since managed a diverse range of dairy farming businesses over the last 30 years. Today he runs a farm in Stonehouse, carrying 200 dual purpose Montbeliarde cows producing both milk and beef. In 2014 Neil was awarded the BBC Outstanding Farmer of the Year. The journey Neil has taken through his career, along with a Nuffield Farming Scholarship studying dairy farms abroad, has led him to question the benefits of a relentless pursuit of higher volumes of milk from cows and farms and the pressure that this puts on dairy farmers. He sees that the adoption of crops and breeds and improved grassland management offers farmers the opportunity to escape from the treadmill of commodity milk production and establish a truly sustainable future for the benefit of all. Neil is Director of the Free Range Dairy Network CIC, a farmer led organisation which he set up to win value in Britain’s pasture-based dairy herds. He is now finalising producer standards for free range milk production that will allow CIC members to market milk and dairy products under the ‘Free Range Dairy Pasture Promise’ label. Twitter @freerangedairy

Emily Davies

Emily is Marketing and Sustainability Co-ordinator for Capestone Organic Poultry Ltd, Pembrokeshire. Over the past three years, Emily has established an educational programme in order to engage young people with the link between food and farming. This has included overwhelming over 250 school pupils to the farm as well as visiting secondary schools to promote careers within the industry through various activities and events. Brought up on the family farm in Pembrokeshire, Emily continues to have involvement in running the family’s poultry business – Cuckoo Mill Farm. Emily is a STEM Ambassador as well as a Careers Wales & Wales Food Drink Skills Ambassador. Twitter @emilycuckoo

Lynne Davis

Lynne is a developer for Open Food Network UK, a free and open source project from Open Food Foundation aimed at supporting diverse food economies and making it easy to access local and sustainable food. The Open Food Foundation is a non-profit, registered charity established to develop, accumulate and protect open source knowledge, code, applications and platforms for fair and sustainable food systems. The OFN code is publicly available for anyone to use and change. Twitter @OpenFoodUK

Stephen Devlin

As an economist specialising in natural resources, Stephen works for the New Economics Foundation to develop and successfully disseminate the evidence to support more sustainable and equitable use of natural systems and the services they provide. His main interests are in climate change and energy, fisheries, and food and agriculture. Stephen graduated from the University of Edinburgh with an MA(Hons) in Economics, spending one year on exchange at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona. Having previously worked as an economist in the Climate, Waste and Atmosphere programme at the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), he has developed expertise in policy appraisal, research project management and communication of economic concepts. Twitter @StephenDevlin, @nef

Mike Donovan

Mike is a dairy farmer from west Wales and the founder and editor of Practical Farm Ideas, a quarterly magazine featuring articles on home made machinery and tools by farmers and growers. The aim of the magazine is to spread practical ideas throughout the farming community and to inspire and educate farmers to create their own appropriate technologies to improve the quality and efficiency of their work. Mike has a background in agricultural economics and journalism. Twitter @farmideas
Andy is the Chief Executive of the Permaculture Association where he supports and encourages the development of farming and research work in the Association and wider network.

Sara Gregson
Sara is passionate about grass-based farming and sees it as the sustainable approach to beef, lamb and dairy production in the UK. She upholds that grass is the UK's national crop but is currently under-utilised. She is not a farmer, Sara has worked on livestock farms, and spent the past 25 years interviewing many producers and writing about them in the farming press. Since 2000 she has been involved in industry-wide extension initiatives such as the EBLEX Better Returns Programme. She has been a member of the British Grassland Society since completing her agriculture degree and has served on their Council for eight years. She is also a member of their quarterly farmer magazine Grass and Forage Farmer. Awarded a Nuffield Farming Scholarship in 2006, Sara sought to find ways of encouraging pastoral livestock farmers to use their grassland more effectively. She is currently a Director of the Pasture-fed Livestock Association where she handles all its relationships with the media and oversaw the development of the new certification mark.

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Rachel Harries
Rachel is Producer Skills Manager for the Soil Association. She is responsible for Producer Skills Training, runs the Future Growers scheme and is the coordinator of the Community Supported Agriculture Network UK. She is also part of an EU partnership on access to land. Rachel works with new entrants into farming and advising on a range of issues, including how and where to access training, land, finance and support. She is also a good source of advice on how farmers and growers can engage communities and work with volunteers.

Graham Harvey
After graduating in agriculture at Bangor Graham joined Farmers Weekly as a reporter and feature writer. He has since written on food and farming for a wide range of publications including The Sunday Times, Daily Mail, The Mail on Sunday, New Scientist, and Country Life. For three years he wrote the Old Muckspeard column in Private Eye. In the mid 1980s, he joined the script-writing team of the long-running radio series The Archers and is currently the programme’s Agricultural Advisor, responsible for developing the farming and rural storylines. His books include The Killing of the Countryside, The Forgiveness of Nature, a study of the part grassland has played in the life and culture of Britain, and We Want Real Food. His most recent book – The Carbon Fields – was published in 2008. Recently he has moved into film production. A co-founder of Pasture Promise TV, he has produced a series of short films about pasture farming and sustainable agriculture. Watch them at pasturepromise.tv He is also a co-founder of the Oxford Real Farming Conference. Twitter @supercarbon

Andy Goldring
Andy is the Chief Executive of the Permaculture Association where he supports and encourages the development of farming and research work in the Association and wider network.

Rupert Dunn
Rupert joined the Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens in June 2011 as the South West Wales Development Worker. He still fulfils this role which covers Pembrokeshire, Swansea, Carmarthenshire and South Ceredigion as well as supporting the development of the community supported agriculture (CSA) movement across Wales. He had previously worked in community development in Pembrokeshire and before that in Peru supporting a charity to safeguard indigenous autonomy and their many potato varieties in the Andes mountains. Rupert is also a part time baker, experimenting with growing his own wheat amid plans to set up a community supported peasant-bakery. He is also a board member of the newly formed UK CSA network. Twitter @FFCw

Professor Mark Eisler
Mark is Chief in Global Farm Animal Health at Bristol University and a co-director of the Food Security and Land Research Alliance among the Universities of Bath, Bristol, Cardiff, Exeter and Rothamsted Research. A particularly important focus for the activity of the Alliance is the Rothamsted Research - North Wyke Farm Platform in Devon, a state of the art research facility for farm scale research on biophysical processes that influence carbon capture and the environment, and a key node in the Global Farm Platform network. Mark’s areas of expertise include preventive veterinary medicine, epidemiology and control of infectious diseases of ruminant livestock, and veterinary public health, both in the UK and internationally, focusing particularly but not exclusively on vector-borne and parasitic disease.

Aniol Esteban
Aniol joined the New Economics Foundation in 2007 as head of the organisation’s Environment Programme, which aims to show how better management of the environment and natural resources can benefit both society and economy. He works on a wide range of topics, including fisheries, climate change, energy, ownership of natural resources, ecological limits and the links between the natural environment and well-being. As well as overseeing economics research, Aniol works to advance the goals of his team through policy, education and campaigning work. He has a BSc degree in Biochemistry from the Universitat de Barcelona and a MSc in environmental economics from University College London.

Jyoti Fernandes
Jyoti is a farmer in west Dorset where she manages a mixed smallholding producing organic vegetables and meat for local markets. She has been a central figure in the UK’s real farming movement for over a decade and in 2012 she co-founded the Landworkers’ Alliance (LWA) to campaign for the rights of small-scale producers. In 2013 she travelled to Jakarta in Indonesia where the LWA was adopted as an official member of the international peasant farming movement La Via Campesina.

Rachel Harries
Rachel is Producer Skills Manager for the Soil Association.

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Federico Fillipi
With a background in ancient/Indian religion and philosophy, Federico is an independent researcher and farmer whose research interests include permaculture, agro-ecology, organic farming and traditional farming systems from around the world. He manages a charity urban gardening project in London and farms with oxen at New Gokul, Hertfordshire.

Sylvan Friend
Sylvan was born and raised in Devon where his parents kept goats as part of a smallholding. Partly due to this upbringing and partly due to closely witnessing the development and success of Chagfood Community Market Garden in farming. He started beekeeping in Bristol together with his brother Davon and this got them thinking about offering honey as part of a CSA scheme. At the time Sylvan was working as a self-employed carpenter but realised that he wanted to work the land and start farming. He moved back to Devon in 2012 where together with his brother, he started Chagfood Community Farm, a goat dairy, meat and honey CSA based on Northeast Dartmoor.

Jane Gleeson
Jane graduated in Medical Sciences at Cambridge University in 1990 and spent over ten years working in the NHS mostly in industry-wide extension initiatives such as the EBLEX Better Returns Programme. He has been a member of the British Grassland Society since completing his agriculture degree and has served on their Council for eight years. He is also a member of their quarterly farmer magazine Grass and Forage Farmer. Awarded a Nuffield Farming Scholarship in 2006, Sara sought to find ways of encouraging pastoral livestock farmers to use their grassland more effectively. She is currently a Director of the Pasture-fed Livestock Association where she handles all its relationships with the media and oversaw the development of the new certification mark.

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Annkatrin Hendry and Nicky Gibbins
Annkatrin co-founded Chagfood Community Market Garden in 2010 and has since worked on the garden part-time as a grower as well as co-managing Chagfood's working horses. Nicky Gibbins has more than a decade of experience in organic horticulture and joined Chagfood in March 2014 as a full-time grower. Between them they offer a valuable insight into the set-up and successful management of Chagfood CSA based on Northeast Dartmoor.

Giselle Henriques
Giselle is a food security and livelihoods specialist with 10 years' experience in supporting the work of local organisations, social movements and communities in Brazil, Gambia, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Indonesia and Timor Leste.
Sue Hewitt

Sue uses a range of tools and techniques so you can work out what is important to you and set out to achieve it. After a biochemically based PhD Sue worked in scientific research and publishing before establishing herself as a personal development trainer. Sue has worked with a very wide range of clients including Landmark Forum, The Community Supported Agriculture Network, John Innes Centre, Cranfield University, the UN, Freescale Semiconductor, West Yorkshire Police and the British Council. Sue’s style is informal yet challenging. She is an entrepreneur who really lives in her work, bringing energy and enjoyment to the training and coaching environment.

Bonnie Hewson

Bonnie has been working in the community food sector for the past seven years, starting with urban food growing projects in Brixton before moving on to managing the Soil Association’s Community Supported Agriculture Network. She has also been a part of making the Local Food Network. Bonnie is currently involved with others in Bristol in establishing Beacon Farms, which intends to bring back the farming to the heart of the city. Bonnie’s skills in Bristol’s peri-urban green belt, Beacon Farms intends to support entry level growers and provide them with the skills and support they need to make a viable livelihood from the land.

Vicki Hird

Vicki is keen on working on environment, food and farming issues for over 20 years. She is an expert consultant for NGOs and institutions and is the part time Senior Campaigner heading up the food use, Food and Water Programme for Friends of the Earth. She is the Policy Director of Sustain and is currently acting Policy Director. She has launched many major food and environment campaigns, has published numerous reports and has written many articles for food systems and is a published author (Perfectly Safe to Eat? Women’s Press 2000). She has an academic background in pest management and is a Fellow of the Royal Entomological Society and RSA. She is the board of Pesticides Action Network, the Keo Foundation, Chisinau Chairing Better and has sat on numerous government advisory groups over the years.

Patrick Holden

Patrick is the founding director of the Sustainable Food Trust, working internationally to accelerate the transition towards more sustainable food systems. After studying biodynamic agriculture at Emerson College, he established a mixed community farm in 1977, producing fruit, vegetables, eggs, meat and dairy products. Patrick was a founder member of Organic Farmers in 1982, before joining the Soil Association, where he worked for nearly 20 years and during which time the organisation led the development of organic standards and the market for organic foods. His advocacy for a major global transition to more sustainable food systems now entails international travel and regular broadcasts and talks at public events. He is Patron of the UK Biodynamic Association and was awarded the CBE for his services to agriculture.

Charlotte Hollins

Charlotte and her brother Ben grew up on the 128 acre Fordhall Farm, where their father farmed the land as a tenant in tune with “Mother Nature”, avoiding all artificial inputs and pioneering the production of live yoghurt. They established a Country Club, including a restaurant, to invite people onto the farm and to pay for the research that he was undertaking. In the late 1990s, the owners wanted to sell the farm to Muller Dairy UK. In the same year, Ben andCharlotte bought the farm. This was achieved through mobilising the interest of 8,000 people to establish the Fordhall Community Farm Initiative. Ben and Charlotte now run the farm, restaurant, bakery and butchery and employ 20 people plus another 20 seasonal workers in an outside catering business.

Jeremy Iles

Jeremy became Chief Executive of The Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens in October 2000, and has overseen a period of expansion and increasing recognition of the benefits of City Farms, gardens, allotments and similar projects. Jeremy is a keen proponent of working in partnership for the greater benefit, has contributed to many advisory groups including the Chair of the L5m Local Food programme since its inception. He has also been instrumental in initiating the Allotments Regeneration Initiative, the Community Land Advisory Service, and a Growing Together initiative aimed at supporting community enterprise and community finance in the community growing sector.

Elaine Ingham

Elaine is a world-renowned soil microbiologist. In 1996, she founded Soil Foodweb, Inc., an organisation that helps farmers all over the world grow more resources by understanding and improving soil life. For the last 30 years Dr. Ingham has focused on the soil and its living organisms and providing sustainable solutions for maintaining soil health. Her main emphasis of her work is to turn her observations into practical applications so that natural nutrient cycling and disease suppression mechanisms are present, allowing the desired plants to grow without requiring use of pesticides or inorganic fertilisers. Elaine has been conducting workshops and seminars around the world for the past 30 years. She was received the Ph.D. in Soil Science at the Rodale Institute. Dr. Ingham earned her PhD from the Colorado State University in 1981. Her doctorate is in Microbiology with an emphasis on soil. Dr. Ingham has held positions in the Nature Conservancy, Ecology Lab at Colorado State University, the University of Georgia and Oregon State University. Dr. Ingham is also an Affiliate Professor, Graduate Research, at Southern Cross University in Lismore, NSW, Australia, and an Affiliate Professor of Sustainable Living at Maharishi University of Management in Fairfield, Iowa, and was Program Chair of the Ecological Society of America from 1999 to 2000.

David Jenkins

David is currently Director of Coed Cymru, managing a team of woodlands advisors and overseeing a research programme which includes woodlands and timber products. A native of the Rhondda he now lives and works in Wales. He followed an unconventional career path beginning in the water industry in Wales, then moving to the Thames based in Oxford. He returned to Coed Cymru in 2001 and never regretted the move. Coed Cymru is a partnership of organisations dedicated to bringing Welsh broadleaf woodlands into sustainable management. He is strongly committed to the scientific process and the gathering and analysis of evidence but always looking for ways to bring science into policy and policy into common practice. He has the bruises to prove it! David was awarded an MBE for his services to farm forestry in 1999.

Charlotte Johnston

Charlotte has first-hand experience of national and European farming policy. She represents the National Federation of Young Farmers at the European Council working to influence the Common Agricultural Policy to help young farmers and new entrants. She has worked to introduce the real farming management concept into the Young Farmers’ National Policy and is currently employed by Royal Agricultural Society of England advising on renewable energy and precision livestock farming.

Julian Jones

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Professor Bill Kunin
Bill is an ecologist who specialises in studying plants that manage to live among the herbivores. Bill was educated in the United States (at Princeton, Harvard and the University of Washington) and came to the UK in 1992 to take up a postdoctoral research post at Imperial College. He was offered a lectureship at the University of Leeds in 1996 and was later promoted to become Professor of Ecology. Bill has a long history of looking at pollinator communities in farmland, going back to his doctoral work, and including participation in the UK RELU (Rural Economy and Land Use) projects. In recent years he organised and led an Insect Pollinators Initiative project (“Agriland”) on the effects of agriculture and land use on pollinator populations.

Professor Tim Lang
Tim has been Professor of Food Policy at City University’s Centre for Food Policy since 2002. He was Head of Land Economy in Lincolnshire in the 1970s and for the last 38 years he has engaged in public and academic research and debate about food policy. He was Commissioner on the UK Government’s Sustainable Development Commission (2006-11). He’s been advisor to four Commons Select Committee inquiries. He’s co-author of Ecological Public Health (Earthscan/Routledge, 2012), Food Policy (Oxford University Press, 2013), and author of 2080s of Food (Earthscan, 2004) and Unmanageable Consumer (Sage, 1995).

Rebecca Laughton
Rebecca runs a market garden in west Dorset and works for the LWA campaigns team. She recently drafted the LWA policy booklets on the future of food. Rebecca has a background in farming practice and theory including an MSc in Sustainable Agriculture from Wye College and is the author of Surviving and Thriving on the Land published by Green Books in 2008.

Vaughan Lewis
Vaughan Lewis has worked for more than 30 years as an aquatic resource specialist, initially with Thames Water and National Rivers Authority and for the last 20 years with his company Windrush AEC Ltd. He has a wide range of experience of river restoration and hydro-ecology. Latterly, he has become more interested in the role of land use in river processes, particularly flooding. When he’s not working he fishes and takes his dogs for walks.

Tom Lines
Tom has followed the relationship between international trade and agriculture over many years. He has managed agricultural reform projects, analysed trade negotiations for Oxford and is now Head of the commodity trade, including its impact on food security. Recently, he has been the plans for TTIP for a leading campaign group, and he is now investigating the possible use of financial regulations to retain land grabs in poorer countries. He is a co-author on the book, Making Poverty: A History (Zed Books, 2008), opened up the complex relations between the mechanisation of food trade and rural poverty.

Jadwiga Lopata
Jadwiga is a Polish peasant farmer in Malopolaska Province and director of ECOCENTRE IPCPC. With Julian Rose, she is a co-founder of The Coalition to Protect the Polish Countryside – IPCPC (2000). Jadwiga and Julian joined a common desire to help turn around the precarious fate of one and a half million Polish small farmers finding themselves face to face with an unprecedented dual threat: the corporatisation of the mixed people, and the European Union ‘death by technocracy’.

Sam Lowe
Sam is a Campaigner in the Food, Land Use and Water Security Programme at Friends of the Earth. He spearheads their work on trade and industry at the heart of the globalisation debate. His work is crucial to creation of action plans to enhance their well-being in ways that are cultural and relevant, reflect their context and values, and aid in decision-making into how to strategically enable these solutions.

Peter Lundgren
Peter farms combinable crops and potatoes near Lincoln. He is an advocate of high standards of agricultural production and founded the Genetic Farming Research Trust in southeast England and France. Rob spent several years as a senior Farm Conservation Adviser for FWAG, promoting practical on-farm environmental management. He joined the National Trust in 1999 as Agriculture Adviser and co-authored the National Trust’s original Agriculture and Food policies. He established the team of regional Food and Farming Advisers to help implement improvements across the Trust’s tenanted land and in hand farmland. Rob is an advocate of high standards of agricultural production and founded the National Trust Fine Farm Produce Awards, now in its tenth year.

Andrea Malmberg
Andrea Malmberg is the Director of Knowledge Management at the Savory Institute, a global network restoring the grasslands of the world. She was raised on the land with livestock and real food in the western United States and has run profitable land-based businesses for over fifteen years including raising grass-fed beef and running an agritourism business, where people could experience authentic cattle ranching.

Maurice McCartney
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Kate McEvoy
Kate is a grower in West Wales where along with her partner Ben Gabel she founded the Real Seed Catalogue in 2000 to provide high quality open pollinated vegetable seeds to small-scale producers and home gardeners. In contrast to most seed companies Real Seeds actively encourages its customers to save their own seed. Both Kate and Ben have been involved in consultation over recent changes to UK and European seed laws.

Jim McNulty
Jim is a grower and one of the founders of GEN - the Genetic Engineering Network - which has campaigned against GMOs since the late nineties.

Gerald Miles
Gerald is a West Wales organic farmer from Pembrokeshire who has been farming for over 50 years, surviving a dominant farming market where food is treated as a commodity instead of a necessity. He was appointed a CSA on his farm in 2010 making it possible for his son to come home to be a farmer. Forming a CSA on the farm is the best project they ever created - specialising in growing organic vegetables and grains, with a particular focus on providing healthy food for local people. Gerald Miles is an advocate of high standards of agricultural production and founded the National Trust Fine Farm Produce Awards, now in its tenth year.
piling food locally”. Gerald is a co-founder of “GM Free Cymru” and a committed campaigner against GMOs for over a decade.

**George Monbiot**
George Monbiot, Guardian columnist, is the author of the bestselling books The Age of Consent: A Manifesto for a New World Order and Captive State: The Corporate Takeover of Brit- ain, as well as the investigative travel books Poisoned Arrows, Amazon Watershed and No Man’s Land. His latest book is Fe-
ral: Searching for Enchantment on the Frontiers of Rewilding (being published in paperback as Feral: Rewilding the Land, Sea and Human Life). Twitter @georgemonbiot

**Oliver Moore**
Oliver Moore is head of communications for the Agricultural Rural Convention (ARC2020), a network of 150 civil society and farming organisations across Europe working on campaigns related to the Common Agricultural Policy. ARC2020 was set up in 2010 in the run up to the 2013 CAP reforms to voice the concerns of producers and consumers and to mobilise and coordinate actions relating to the CAP across the EU. The network represents the views of smaller scale producers to the European Commission throughout the reform process and continues to campaign for a progressive CAP. Twitter @oliver_moor

**Joanne and Richard Mudhar**
Joanne and Richard run The Oak Tree Low Carbon Farm, Suf-
folk’s first Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). Before becoming a farmer Joanne worked as an engineer for many years, during which time she “moonlighted” as an allotment holder and smallholder in Suffolk and Normandy, learning essential skills for her future farming career. Between them Joanne and Richard manage a community supported agriculture scheme and have built an affordable low-power remote moni-
toring system for which automatically posts real-time farm temperature logs and more to the internet via their website: oaktreelabs.
.co.uk. Twitter @OakTreeLCF

**Jock Muirhead**
Jock Muirhead is a young farmer in Somerset but originally from the Scottish Borders. He works part time at Sedgemoor Livestock Market as well as helping out on beef and sheep farms in the area. He has a small flock of his own sheep and enjoys showing livestock when he can. Jock played a key role in coordinating the distribution of forage and other forms of aid to stricken farmers in Somerset during the flooding of 2014 - something which was hugely valuable in a time of great need. He also chairs Somerset YFC’s Agricultural Committee and represents the county at the National Young farmers council.

**Robin Murray**
Robin Murray is a Senior Visiting Fellow at the London School of Eco-
nomics. He is currently co-authoring Food 2050: The Great Unknown, a book on synthetic biology and geoengineering. He has authored a number of papers and a book, Hungry Corporations, pub-
lished in 2014.

**Marina O’Connor**
Marina is a permaculture tutor and trainer, runs the Apricot centre based on a four acre site in Essex. She produces or-
ganic food in a permaculture designed system and sells her produce at the local markets and in the Communities Market in London. The centre also delivers training and a well being strand of work. In collaboration with the Biodynamic Land Trust Marina is cur-
rently involved in scaling up the Apricot centre to develop a new 34 acre site in East Anglia. She is also involved in developing a permaculture design, biodynamic practices and agroforestry, to produce food, training and well being project. Twitter @apricotmarina

**Liz O’Neill**
Liz is the Director of GM Freeze, which campaigns on GM food, crops and patents. She has over 20 years experience working on food, environmental and social justice issues, her first experience of genetic modification was in the lab, as a Biochemistry undergraduate more years ago than she wishes to mention. Twitter @GMFreeze

**Christine Page**
Christine Page runs Smiling Tree Farm in South Shrop-
shire: 70 acres of permanent pasture, meadows, herbal leys, integrated wildlife zones and forest gardens. The farm uses both modern and traditional methods to grow food and raise happy, healthy animals. There is a micro-dairy with Jersey cows fed grass, hay and sprouted peas and barley, a living food, to produce delicious, nutrient-dense raw milk, butter and cheese. Sweet, tender lamb comes from a friendly flock of Shetland sheep raised on a pasture-fed system. Smiling Tree also has free-range rare-breed pigs and tree-roosting chickens, also fed on sprouted fodder to produce sweet, tasty pork and eggs with a bright yellow yolk.

**Richard Page**
Richard Page is the managing director of AR Carbon Ltd. He has wide experience of business development in both horticult-
ure and agriculture and in a career that has lasted over 25 years has worked for many high profile business, most recent-
ly as the business development manager at Laverstoke Park. In 2013 he won the Ordnance Survey’s GeoVation challenge with his idea known as Carbon Prophet. The aim of the project is to drive new revenue streams into farming through monetising the process of sequestering carbon within agricultural soils.

**Melvyn Page**
Melvyn Page is a Senior Visiting Fellow at the London School of Eco-
nomics. His recent work has focussed on new waste and en-
ergy systems and on policies in the social economy. He is also a board member of the Community Farm near Bristol, for whom he is currently Head of Horticulture and also a member of the Soil Association board. Twitter @arc2020ceu

**Ben Raskin**
Ben has been working in horticulture for 20 years. He is cur-
rently Head of Horticulture at the Soil Association and also works freelance as a horticultural advisor. He was a founding board member of the Co-Operative Society near Bristol, for whom he also worked as horticultural advisor. Ben set up and ran the 10 acre horticultural production at Dalesford Organic Farm, before moving to the Horticulture zone as the production manager and co-founder. More recently Ben has managed the Soil Association’s Future Growers scheme to inspire and train a new generation of organic farmers. Ben is also passionate about seeds and has been representing the Soil Association in recent consultations over the European Plant Reproductive Material Law. He is also the author of “Compost, a Family Guide to Making Soil from Scraps” aimed at young children and their parents. Twitter @ben_raskin, @soilassociation

**Nick Platt and Julie White**
Julie and Nick have been involved in rural business develop-
ment for 15 Years and set up Growing Rural Enterprise to help rural businesses to diversify and look at new ways of working. They became very interested in Care Farming after helping several farms to develop new care farming enterprises along-
side their existing farming businesses. They developed a care
farming model, The WELLIES Project, for people recovering from mental ill health and have run over 30 WELLIES Programmes over the last 5 years, offering an opportunity to turn to a part in a 10 week WELLIES programme. The programme has been extended to provide opportunities for people getting ready to return to work (WELLIES 4 Work) and family learning for troubled families (WELLIES Family). They currently have some funding from The Princes Countryside Fund and have 20 mentoring sessions available free of charge to farmers exploring care farming. Twitter @NickGRtRd

Pete Richardson
Westmill Organics is a local organic vegetable box scheme delivering high quality, freshly harvested vegetables directly to customers every week. It is located at Westmill Farm on the border of Wiltshire and Oxfordshire. Pete has been growing organic veg for over 16 years and has won numerous awards and recognitions for his expertise and caring approach. Noton for organic horticulture is well known in Oxfordshire and beyond. He is a member of the Soil Association for many years. Twitter @westmillorganic

Rob Richomond
Rob was born and brought up on a family farm in North Yorkshire. He gained an honours degree in Animal Science at Edinburgh University, before embarking on a career in farm management. Over the last decade he has gained an insight into holistic farm management, and recently became a Nuffield Scholar - looking at ‘The benefits of rebuiding soil carbon to agriculture and the environment’. The knowledge gained through his travels is now being applied to the dairy farm he manages in The Cotswolds. Robert Richardson is viewed by many as a leading light in the development of mob grazing systems in the UK.

Alison Rickeit
Alison was brought up on a tenant mixed arable and dairy farm and after completing her NVQ in Agriculture worked as a field trials officer. An interest in training and development and the subsequently ran a land based training company during which time she qualified as a skills assessor and trainer. A post as a rural skills adviser to the National Trust followed and it is here that her work with new entrants took off. Since then she has become a freelance consultant specialising in training and promoting new businesses and careers. Her work includes project management for ‘Bright Crop’ the land based careers initiative and directing her own Fresh Start Land Enterprise Centre (CIC), after five years as the national project manager for Fresh Start Land.

Graciela Romero
Graciela joined War on Want in 2008 as International Programmes Director. For about 20 years, Graciela has been involved in social justice issues in her native country Colombia, in the UK, and internationally. She has worked on issues of international development, food sovereignty, conflict over resources, women’s rights, popular education and indigenous knowledge. Graciela serves on steering committees of the London Mining Network and the UK Food Group. She is actively involved in social networks challenging power imbalances and empowering communities to be involved in decision-making process that affect them.

Julian Rose
Julian is an organic farmer in South Oxfordshire and with Jadwiga Lopata a co-founder of The Coalition to Protect the Polish Cultural Landscape of Lodz Region. Since 2001, Julian has been involved in social justice issues in her native country Colombia, in the UK, and internationally. He has worked on issues of international development, food sovereignty, conflict over resources, women’s rights, popular education and indigenous knowledge. Graciela serves on steering committees of the London Mining Network and the UK Food Group. She is actively involved in social networks challenging power imbalances and empowering communities to be involved in decision-making process that affect them.

Genevieve Savigny
Genevieve is a small-scale poultry farmer in the French Alps and has been general secretary for the French farmers union Confédération Paysanne since 1987 to represent France’s traditional small scale farmers with an emphasis on ecological production, high quality local food and support for small and medium size farms. Over the decades Confédération Paysanne has campaigned on issues ranging from protection for regional and national food markets, reform of the Common Agricultural Policy and opposition to GM crops.

Ulrich Schmutz
Ulrich splits his time between the Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience and Garden Organic. He is an agricultural economist and specialist in organic horticulture and agri-
Pat Thomas
Pat is a former editor of the Ecologist magazine and long-term campaigner, journalist and author and a director of the new UK initiative Beyond GM. Pat directed and helped establish Paul McCartney’s Meat-Free Monday in the UK and led the Cows Belong in Fields campaign for Compassion in World Farming, which won the organisation the Observer Ethical Award for Campaigner of the year 2011. She is a trustee of the investigative media agency Eyewitness.  
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Hannah Thorogood
Hannah has a BSc Environmental Studies from Manchester University and an MSc in Organic Farming from Scottish Agricultural College. Her first experiences of permaculture were in New Zealand on a range of abundant, stunningly beautiful permaculture smallholdings. Hannah is now a permaculture farmer, mother and teacher. She has been developing an 18 acre permaculture demonstration small farm in South Lincolnshire for the last four years, taking it from an exhausted, depleted, heavy clay arable field to an abundant diverse polyculture.  
Twitter @HannahThorogood

Caroline Trude
Caroline is an office administrator at the Vale Veterinary Group in Devon but also helps out on her family’s dairy and beef farm. She is currently Chairman of the Devon Federation of Young Farmers’ Clubs and also sits on the National Federation of YFC’s Agricultural and Rural Issues steering group.  
Travelling to Canada in 2013, she was chosen to represent the UK at the first World Youth Agricultural Summit, discussing food production for the growing global population. Caroline was also part of the YFC team that attended a St Georges House consultation on attracting and supporting new entrants to agriculture.  
Twitter @Trudey8

Colin Tudge
Colin is a biologist by education and the author of Good Food for Everyone Forever. He is a trustee of the Real Farming Trust, co-founder of the Campaign for Real Farming and is seeking to establish a Centre for Enlightened Agriculture. With his wife Ruth and journalist Graham Harvey, he founded the Oxford Real Farming Conference six years ago to provide a forum for farmers and all those interested in the way our food is produced to meet and discuss these issues.  
Twitter @realfarming

Mark Walton
Mark is Executive Director and founder of Shared Assets. Mark has over 20 years’ experience in the community and environmental fields. Prior to establishing Shared Assets he worked for six years at the Community Development Foundation, including managing the Every Action Counts programme. He is a 2012 Clore Social Fellow and an advisor to Defra on civil society issues.  
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Hugh Warmingston
Hugh farms a small traditional estate in the Quantock Hills that has been in his family since 1792. Converting to organic in 2008, the farm has a 7 year rotation of wheat, beans, oats followed by 4 years of herbal leys. These leys support a small herd of Aberdeen Angus and a flock of 600 ewes that are lambed early to have a crop of early lambs. The ewes are pastured on rotational grazing, using 12 months a year in the pasture and one a year in the old stone clay arable field to an abundant diverse polyculture.  
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Richard Young
Richard is Policy Director for the Sustainable Food Trust. He has been an editor of the journal New Farmer & Grower and Chairman of the Soil Association’s Symbol Committee, which developed the organic logo. He has been a member of the Scottish Government’s Soil Association’s Symbol Committee, which developed the organic logo. He has been a member of the Scottish Government’s Agriculture and Food Partnership since 2009 and is an independent consultant providing advice to farmers, landowners and to agriculture policies and development. He is also a member of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust’s Board and agricultural group. Richard is a co-founder of the Wiltshire Food Festival and has been involved in the development of a range of projects, including the Wiltshire Food Festival, which he helped to organise. He is also a member of the South West Seed Savers Network which aims to reclaim the skills of seed saving and work towards the goal of seed sovereignty.  
Twitter @RichardYoung

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 Ashley Wheeler
Ashley is a second generation farmer and runs a four acre market garden at Trill Farm in east Devon. He is a co-founder of the Landworkers’ Alliance and in 2014 he helped set up the South West Seed Savers Network which aims to reclaim the skills of seed saving and work towards the goal of seed sovereignty.  
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Julia Wright
Julia is Senior Research Fellow, Agroecological Futures, at the Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience at Coventry University. She has worked for almost thirty years in sustainable agriculture and rural development both in the UK and internationally. She undertook her Permaculture Design Course in 1990. Julia teaches on CAWR’s MSC in Food Security Management, and is on the board of Gooners of Writtle Agricultural College. Her research interests include agriculture and human nutrition, and ecoscience as applied to agriculture.  
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Note: We have done our best to ensure that the programme accurately describes the agenda and the speakers’ biographies for the two days. With such a large number of sessions and speakers some mistakes are inevitable, and we apologise for any inaccuracies or discrepancies that have slipped through the net.