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WELCOME TO THE 8TH ANNUAL OXFORD REAL FARMING CONFERENCE!

This year as usual we have three strands to the programme:

**Farm Practice**
- focusing on sound science, on the bottom line and on practical ideas to take away.

**New Entrants, New Ideas**
- reshaping agriculture to make way for the next generation of farmers.

**Digging Deep**
- that underpin all endeavours but don’t always get talked about.

**OUR SPONSORS**
The ORFC depends on the generous support of the following:

- Sheepdrove Trust - Peter and Juliet Kindersley have given us tremendous support since our second meeting; Compassion in World Farming; and the Soil Association.

**OUR COLLABORATORS**
Our thanks to the *Pasture Fed Livestock Association (PFLA)* and the *Land Workers’ Alliance (LWA)* who are once again hosting two days of meetings.

The PFLA is an ever-expanding group of British farmers who produce and promote 100% grass-fed beef and lamb, authenticated by the “Pasture for Life” certification mark.

The LWA is a producer-led organisation of small-scale producers and family farmers who use sustainable methods to produce food, fuel, fibre and flowers.

We are also very grateful to Blackwell’s for once again providing the conference book stall; and The Vaults and Garden Cafe for the evening meal. Our special thanks to Good Food Oxford for sourcing our lunchtime caterers.

Our thanks too to our conference team: Nessie Reid, our new conference manager; Hannah Fenton; Katharine Mansell; Jade Neville; Peter Lefort; and to all our volunteers and other helpers. This year we also recruited a panel of advisors who gave Nessie invaluable help in the mammoth task of selecting the sessions.

Above all, our thanks and appreciation to all our participants: session organisers; chairs; and speakers, who this year include Olivier De Schutter and other delegates from overseas.

Finally, we are grateful to Oxford Clty for their continued support.

Colin Tudge and Ruth West
The Real Farming Trust
THE ORFC ON-SITE SOIL SCULPTURE

“The soil is the great connector of lives, the source and destination of all. It is the healer and restorer and resurrector, by which disease passes into health, age into youth, death into life. Without proper care for it we can have no community, because without proper care for it we can have no life.”

Wendell Berry.

This year we invite all ORFC delegates to bring a sample of soil from your land or any land that has some kind of meaning for you: this could range from your own farm, to a local park, to even a building site! Every bit of soil has its own story, and we invite you to share this story with us, whilst adding to the sculpture.

ORFC’s poet in residence
This year we will have Adam as our poet in residence over the course of the conference. Adam is and he will be performing during the closing plenary.

GETTING INTO SESSIONS
Not all of the rooms are big enough for everyone who wants to attend certain sessions! Please note you may need to queue for a session – arrive early.

Accessibility
Large print versions of this programme are available on the boards in the Main Hall and at the registration desk on request. The Town Hall is fully accessible. The Turl Street Kitchen is on several floors with no lift — so only the ground floor is easily accessible. Unfortunately, the same is true of the St Aldate’s Tavern.

If there is anything we can help with, please let us know. There will be photography and filming at the conference. Please let us know at registration if you do not want to be filmed.

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We have done our best to ensure that the programme accurately describes the agenda and the speakers’ and chairs’ biographies for the two days. But some mistakes and discrepancies are inevitable, especially for last minute speakers, for which we apologise.

FULL PROGRAMME

In addition to the rolling programme of sessions, the following will also take place:

OPENING PLENARY

WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY, 9:00–10:00, MAIN HALL
The conference will be opened by Olivier De Schutter, the 2008 – 2014 UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food and currently Co-Chair of the International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems.

EVENING SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY, 17:30–18:15, ASSEMBLY ROOM
The Leader of Oxford City Council, Councillor Bob Price, will be opening the evening session “Increasing access to information on land”.

WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY, 17:30–18:15, OLD LIBRARY
The launch of LandBase! - the new centre for land based skills; and an update from the European Agroecology Learning and Training Network.

SOAP BOX & OPEN SPACE
THURSDAY 5TH JANUARY, 13:00–14:30, ASSEMBLY ROOM
A chance to showcase your own project. Speakers will be given three minutes to outline their ideas, projects or research in the Assembly Room. They can then move to the Old Library where they can talk more informally to those who are interested in their subject. Spaces still available – ask at registration.

CLOSING PLENARY
THURSDAY 5TH JANUARY, 16:00–17:00, MAIN HALL
The discussion at this final session will review the two days, led by representatives from across the conference. Our poet in residence will close the conference with some of the work created over the course of the two days.
DAY 1 - 4TH JANUARY

09.00 – 10.00
OPENING PLENARY
Speaker: Olivier De Schutter

10.30 – 11.30
CHANGING THE PRODUCTIONIST NARRATIVE
Chair: Michel Pimbert
Speakers: Kath Dalmeny (Sustain), Ed Gillespie (Futura), Graeme Willis (CPRE), Michel Pimbert (Coventry University)
Governments and corporates assume that the world needs more and more food and so their policies are productionist. But this just isn’t true. So how do we change the narrative?

WORKING WITH ANIMALS – LOW STRESS HANDLING OF CATTLE.
Chair: William Buckley (Bossington Estate)
Speakers: Andrew Brewster (beef farmer, Scotland), Jonny Rider (dairy farmer, Wiltshire)
Even where farm animals are raised extensively, they need to be handled from time to time – for inspection, for testing, for milking, for shearing and around the time of giving birth. Such handling can be a stressful experience. What can be done – whether through attitude, planning, equipment or grouping to reduce the level of stress? Farmers share their approaches and experience.

SMALL FARMS IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY: A SNAP SHOT OF PRODUCTIVITY, VIABILITY AND MULTI-FUNCTIONAL BENEFITS.
Speakers: Rebecca Laughton (Landworkers Alliance)
Although claimed by some to be more productive than large farms, yet deemed by Defra to be virtually irrelevant to mainstream agricultural discourse, little is actually known about the productivity of small farms in the UK. Over the last two years the Landworkers’ Alliance has attempted to shine some light on this by collecting data from 70 agroecological farms of 20ha and less, in its “A Matter of Scale” study. The results of the survey offer insights into the strengths and weaknesses of small farms, ranging from Urban “Micro” farms to slightly larger mixed and horticultural holdings, in 2015. What are the challenges faced by small scale farms and what advantages do they offer in the modern context (especially post Brexit)?

MIN-TILL WITHOUT GLYPHOSATE
Chair: Liz Bowles (Soil Association)
Speakers: Ian Wilkinson (Cotswold Seeds), Andrew Woof (Weston Farm), Andrew Howard, (Nuffield Scholar)
More and more farmers are turning to minimum tillage, encouraged by the impressive benefits that are reported for soil life, organic matter, water storage and their bottom line. This is driving a new surge of interest in green manures and cover crops. But most min-till systems rely on glyphosate, the world’s most widely used herbicide, to kill the cover before the cash crop goes in. This isn’t an option for organic farmers, and others who avoid herbicides, who generally incorporate cover crops by ploughing. With some EU countries banning glyphosate on health grounds, and supermarkets taking note, it may not be an option for anyone before long. So what are the alternatives? Are there tried and tested ways to do min-till without glyphosate, and what new approaches are organic farmers testing?

PRESCRIPTIONS FOR PROGRESS: HOW FARMS CAN HELP SAVE OUR ANTIBIOTICS
Chair: Peter Melchett (Soil Association)
Speakers: Coilin Nunan (The Alliance to Save our Antibiotics), Helen Browning (Soil Association), Maria Lindberg (Swedish Animal Health Services)
Organic livestock farmers are demonstrating that it is possible (and commercially viable) to farm with less antibiotics. With the antibiotic resistance crisis predicted to kill one person every three seconds by 2050, the wider farming industry must look to and learn from these systems, and integrate existing examples of best-practice into their own operations.

12.00 – 13.00
THE POWER OF STORYTELLING: HOW OUR STORIES WILL WIN HEARTS, MINDS AND THE COUNTRYSIDE.
Speakers: Graham Harvey (farming journalist), Philip Lymbery (CIWF)
We are told we live in a post-truth era. People believe what they choose to believe. Elections are increasingly skewed by fake news stories that make big money for their inventors. Search engine algorithms create a distorted and false view of the world. Thus we can no longer rely on science or hard facts to make the case for a humane, ecological agriculture. But our stories will. When we tell these stories - clearly and without embellishment - people understand. Because there’s a ring of authenticity about them. Somehow we instinctively know they’re true. This is how our stories will change the world.

LIVESTOCK IN THE ARABLE ROTATION, WITH TIM MAY, DAVID WILSON, DAVID WALSTON, PHIL STOCKER
Chair: Phil Stocker (National Sheep Association)
Speakers: Tim May (Nuffield Scholar),
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David Wilson (Duchy Home Farm), David Walston (Nuffield Scholar). Once integral to mixed farming systems, where they played a valuable role in building soil fertility and utilising crop residues, livestock have been squeezed out of many farms in response to increased economic pressure and the supposed benefits of specialisation. With the continuing decline in soil fertility and the increasing resistance of pests and diseases to the application of chemicals, there are signs that the valuable role that livestock can play in a mixed farm is being recognised. Farmers will report on how they could not continue to produce arable crops without the contribution of livestock on the farm.

RESILIENT FOOD SYSTEMS AND CLIMATE CHANGE: THE UK’S INTERNATIONAL ROLE
Chair: Kerry McCarthy MP (on behalf of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Agroecology)
Speakers: Helena Paul (EcoNexus), Paula Góia (Bündnis junge Landwirtschaft), Olivier De Schutter (IPES-Food)

Today, food systems contribute up to one third of global anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions. Climate Smart Agriculture is promoted as the solution, but in reality it is little more than an excuse for business as usual, and the further intensification and consolidation of agriculture in the Global South. Agroecology and investment in local markets has a huge potential to mitigate GHG emissions and support small scale farmers, who provide the food for most people in the world, to adapt and become more resilient to climate change impacts. The French Government is implementing COP22 actions, but the UK’s Department for International Development is dragging its feet and the further intensification of agriculture and build community cultural capacity through bringing into common ownership a community farm for every community. We envision an integrated network of land-use hubs that connect initiative groups and community to multiply the positive impact of ecological ethical land use. Building the case for farming futures: food and economic resilience, with Mark Walton, Oli Rodker, Helen Woodcock, Brian Kelly

BUILDING THE CASE FOR FARMING FUTURES: FOOD AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCE
Speakers: Mark Walton (Shared Assets), Oli Rodker (ELC), Helen Woodcock (Kindling Trust), Brian Kelly (Organic Lea)
Over the last year, the project Better Land-Based Economies has followed three food growing projects all trying to access land. This session will introduce some of what has been learned, from working with local authorities and other landowners, through to engaging with the planning system and accessing finance. Join Ecological Land Coop, Kindling Trust, OrganicLea, and Shared Assets to learn more.

REWILDING IN BRITAIN: RESTORING OUR LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS
Chair: Rebecca Wrigley (Rewilding Britain)
Speakers: Derek Gow (specialist wildlife consultant), Christopher Price (CLA), Patrick Begg (National Trust), Steve Carver (University of Leeds), Charlie Burrell (Knepp Castle Estate), Robin Milton (Exmoor grassland farmer)
As pressures on land use rise, there is a danger of making false choices between producing food, developing land and caring for the environment. This debate will explore how we might achieve a more balanced pattern of land use in Britain, whereby a healthy natural environment includes space for wild nature, as well as production of high quality food.

LUNCH TIME SLOTS
(13.30 – 14.15)

REPORT BACK FROM NYELENI EUROPEAN FOOD SOVEREIGNTY FORUM
Speakers: members of the UK Delegation
The Nyéléni Europe Forum for Food Sovereignty was held in Romania in October 2016 bringing together the voices of a broad range of people from across Europe with an international delegation that is interested in the future of agriculture and alternatives to neoliberal food policies and practices. In the face of the European referendum result, it is of particular importance that the UK is able to not only reinforce links with people in other European countries, but also reconnect the different constituencies within the UK public to each other. Our intention is not only to inform, but also to critically compare and, with examples, map the progress that the European food sovereignty movement has made since the first Nyéléni Europe Forum, Austria 2011. As we do this we will make an effort to contextualise this in global and historical contexts.

AGRIVILLAGES - NEW SUSTAINABLE LAND-BASED COMMUNITIES
Chair: James Skinner
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(ToFic Economics Foundation)
Speakers: Ashley Dobbs (Agri-village),
James Shorten (Agri-village)
Our hope is that the general
Agri-village idea will catch on and that
Councils will take it up and pursue
us with offers of land! We have to
think ambitiously if we are to halt the
momentum of industrial agriculture and
persuade officials in DEFRA
and locally that the way forward is
through small-scale family size farms
and small-holdings with maximum
diversification, low energy and high
out put. The special factor also in
Agri-villages is the encouragement and
facilitation of pursuing other income
earning activities as well as food
production and processing. This way a
family can make a decent living even
on a very small holding of land, assisted
by selling direct to consumers through
collaborative marketing.

FEED ME THE TRUTH: CREATE A CAMPAIGN ACTION
Speakers: Liz O’Neill (GM Freeze),
Raoul Bhambral (GM Freeze).
Join GM Freeze to help create a new
Feed me the Truth campaign action.
Feed me the Truth aims to show
supermarkets that their customers
don’t want to buy meat, eggs and
dairy products that have been GM-
fed. It includes a range of campaign
actions and this session will create a
new one for ORFC delegates to take
part in during the conference itself.
The session will be fun and creative,
with a chance to share ideas, show off
your craft skills and dress up as a farm
animal.

14.30 – 15.30
PUBLIC MONEY FOR PUBLIC GOOD: VALUING
FARM SUBSIDIES FROM DIFFERENT
PERSPECTIVES.
Chair: Vicki Hird (Sustain)
Speakers: Helen Browning (Soil
Association), Tim Lang (City
University, London), Doug Parr
(Greenpeace UK)
The outcome of June’s EU
Referendum means that for the first
time in a generation the trade deals,
business regulation, and health and
environmental legislation underpinning
unhealthy and unsustainable behaviour
will be debated and re-written. The
level of farm subsidies and support will
undoubtedly be scrutinised, with many
– including government Ministers -
arguing they could be spent elsewhere
or saved altogether. This session will
explore the value of farming, for our
health, nature and economy: where
else the public subsidy could go to
achieve these benefits, why we need
farm subsidies at all, and whether and
how a case can be made for a new
contract between taxpayer, farmer and
other land managers. We will have a
short answer to these questions from
our three expert speakers and then
open it to the floor for lively debate.

ORGANIC MATTER ON THE BALANCE SHEET
Chair: Rob Macklin (National
Trust)
Speakers: Chris Jones (organic mob
grazing farm), Stephen Briggs (Abacus
Agriculture Consultants)
Few of us need reminding of the
importance of organic matter in the
soil and its vital role in building soil
structure, feeding the life of the soil,
holding water, influencing plant health
and playing a vital role in carbon flow.
However, soil organic matter has been
much neglected over recent decades.
For farmers to make the shift from
a dependence upon chemicals
to positively building soil carbon,
sentiment is not enough. Evidence is
needed that is reflected both in the
field and on the balance sheet. In this
session farmers will tell their stories
of building soil organic matter and the
tangible benefits to the farm and the
balance sheet.

THE EUROPEAN FOOD SOVEREIGNTY MOVEMENT
Chair: Adam Payne (Landworkers’
Alliance)
Speakers: Patrick Mulvany, Ramona
Duminiciou (Asociatia Eco Ruralis
(Romania) and European Coordination
Via Campesina), Dee Woods (CIGN)
The session will look at the history
and recent developments of the
European food sovereignty movement
including a history of the global food
soverignty movement and feedback
from the second Nyeleni Forum for
food sovereignty held in Cluj-Napoca,
Romania this Autumn. We will discuss
the answers that food sovereignty
offers to the challenges facing our food
and farming system, and why global
social movements have embraced it as
the rallying cry for radical change.

REAL FARM TRIALS: LOW COST,
PRACTICAL RESEARCH TO HELP
YOUR FARMING BUSINESS
Chair: Tom MacMillan (Innovative
Farmers, Soil Association)
Speakers: Andy Dibben, (Abbey
Home Farm), Liz Bowles, (Soil
Association)
Much of the money for agricultural
research goes to developing new
products to sell to farmers or
answering questions about policy.
Apart from initiatives like Innovative
Farmers, there is precious little
support for farmers to do practical
research themselves. Yet farmers do it
anyway, and practical experiments by
farmers – people trying stuff out – are
a crucial source of new techniques and
approaches. But how do you make the
most of this on your farm, or if you’re
an advisor or researcher working with
farmers? Can you use the methods?
How rigorous do you need your results
to be?

OPEN POLLINATED SEED:
ANTIQUATED RELIC OF A
PAST AGRARIAN AGE OR
THE VITAL INGREDIENT FOR
A SUSTAINABLE FARMING
FUTURE?
Chair: Lawrence Woodward (Whole
Organic Plus)
Speakers: Gunter Backes (University
of Kassel), Iain Tolhurst (Tolhurst
Organic Partnership CIC), Cattrina
Fenton (Garden Organic), David Price
(Seed Co-operative)
Nine of every ten mouthfuls of food
derives from seed. Centuries of
farming developed a hugely diverse
range of food crops by 1900. Five
corporations now supply 75% of
the world’s seed. Over 90% of the diversity has been lost and plant breeding techniques are developing faster than most people (and probably the regulators) can keep up with. How do communities take back control of our food supply?

A FARMER’S PERSPECTIVE ON IMPROVING LIVESTOCK HEALTH USING A HOMEOPATHIC APPROACH.
Chair: Christine Lees (Homeopathy at Wellie Level),
Speakers: John Newman (Abbey Home Farm), Lynnie Hutchison (Dorset farm), Chris Gosling (Wiltshire farm)
Since 2001, Homeopathy at Wellie Level (HAWL) has taught its award winning Farm Homeopathy Course to hundreds of farmers. Three course graduates explain how they have successfully incorporated homeopathy into their health management strategy, subsequently reducing their dependence on antibiotics and other conventional drugs, and significantly improving the health of their stock.

16.00 – 17.00
WHAT GOES IN AND WHAT COMES OUT: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY, PRODUCTIVITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY OF ORGANIC AND LOW-INPUT FARMING
Chair: Peter Melchett (Soil Association)
Speakers: Dr Chuck Benbrook (Benbrook Consulting), Prof Carlo Leifert (NEFG, Newcastle University), Prof. Christine Watson (SRUC)
There is considerable controversy about the benefits of low-input and organic farming systems and their currently productivity is often the main criticism about such systems. The session will review and critically discuss current knowledge on the relative productivity, environmental impacts and future sustainability of organic, low-input and intensive via three key note presentations and a 40 minute panel discussion.

LAND BEYOND THE PLOUGH – A FUTURE FOR THE UPLANDS.
Chair: Patrick Begg (National Trust)
Speakers: Robin Milton (Exmoor grassland farmer), Julia Aglionby (Foundation for Common Land), Neil Heseltine (Hill Top Farm)
The 2.2 million ha of uplands in UK, consisting almost entirely of pasture and 17% of UK farmland, are home to two million people and 40% of the UK’s beef cattle, whilst storing 60% of the nation’s carbon and water. Their future will be addressed by Robin Milton (Exmoor farmer and Chairman of the Uplands Committee of the NFU), Julia Aglionby (Executive Director of the Foundation for Common Land) and Neil Heseltine (northern upland farmer).

A PLACE AT THE TABLE: DEMOCRATIC FOOD GOVERNANCE AND GRASSROOTS POLICY MAKING.
Chair: Corinna Hawkes (Food Research Collaboration)
Speakers: Dee Woods (Community Food Growers Network and Granville Community Kitchen), Dee Butterfly (The People’s Food Policy), Eli Kontorravdis (Nourish Scotland), Olivier De Schutter, Co-chair of of International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (IPES).
How do we realise a food system where everybody has access to enough nutritious, healthy, good quality, sustainably produced, culturally appropriate, safe and fresh food to eat? The speakers will discuss work being done at local, national and international levels to develop food policies based on the Right to Food, Food Sovereignty and Agroecology. The session will explore the essential role of civil society and grassroots organisations in developing food policies and participating in democratic food governance processes.

AGROFORESTRY: MAKING IT HAPPEN
Chair: Ben Raskin (Soil Association)
Speakers: Jo Smith, (Organic Research Centre), Tim Pagella, (Bangor University)
Agroforestry has huge potential to benefit nature and the rural economy – it could be transformative. The benefits include wind protection, improved drainage, increased fertility, more wildlife and greater overall productivity. But it is still rare in the UK. This session builds on the excellent introduction to agroforestry at last year’s conference, which has since prompted interest in supporting agroforestry from Defra and Natural England.

ACCESS TO LAND AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE
Chair: Peter Volz (Agronauten, Germany/Access to Land Network)
Speakers: Steph Wetherell (Sims Hill CSA, Beacon Farms), Véronique Rioufol (Terre de liens, France/Access to Land Network), Jocelyn Parot (International Network for CSA Urgenci)
This workshop will look at the various ways in which Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is linked to the issue of access to land for agroecological farming. E.g., how do CSAs enable land access in an increasingly difficult market? What relation do land access initiatives have with CSAs? Examples from Europe, including the UK, will be presented and there will be space to provide further experiences from the participants.

INCREASING PLANT HEALTH THROUGH RE-PRODUCTION OF BENEFICIAL MICROBES - BIOFERTILISERS AND SOIL AMENDMENTS FOR HEALTHY LIVING SYSTEMS
Chair: Matt Dunwell (Ragmans Farm)
Speakers: Juanfran Lopez (Ragmans Farm), Ruben Borge (Rockin Soils)
What are biofertilisers for and how do they work to build healthy systems? Juanfran will be talking about how we can provide on farm fertility and resilience without external inputs, using easily replicated home-made
tools for farmers. Juanfran has been running trials for a year at Ragmans Farm, this is an opportunity to share how to apply this technology in a temperate climate. Compost can be applied to the home garden, but home grown fertility is hard to produce at farm scale. Mineral biofertilisers offer the opportunity to scale up the use of soil biology to provide broadscale fertility at very little cost. Ruben will cover the practical production and application of biofertilisers to build system health, looking at case studies from the Netherlands, Spain, Ethiopia and China.

**17.30 – 18.15**

**INCREASING ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON LAND**

**Speakers:** Chris Parker (Geovation), Tom Kenny (Shared Assets)

To understand and make good decisions about land people need quality information. This session aims to get people thinking about how land data and mapping can help them. We will talk about what information is out there and problems with accessing it. We will then introduce two projects aimed at making information more accessible. The first is Land Explorer, from Shared Assets, a new website that makes it easy for growers to access the information they need. The second is a challenge raised by Geovation, inviting and supporting ideas for ‘Greener, Smarter Communities’. This session will be introduced by Councillor Bob Price, Leader of Oxford City Council.

**LAUNCHING LANDBASE! - THE NEW CENTRE FOR LAND BASED SKILLS, AND UPDATE FROM THE EUROPEAN AGROECOLOGY LEARNING AND TRAINING NETWORK (EALTN).**

**Chair:**

**Speakers:** Dan Powell (LandBase), Chris Maughan (CAWR), Colin Anderson (CAWR)

LandBase is a new initiative based at Monkton Wyld in West Dorset. We facilitate experience led, courses, skillshare events and meetings for motivated landworkers, both current and aspiring. LandBase shares its vision with the European Agroecology Learning and Training Network (EALTN). Both initiatives support the central processes of learning, education and knowledge sharing which will help the expansion of the practical and political aspects of agroecology in Europe.

**DAY 2 - 5TH JANUARY**

**09.00 – 10.00**

**IS ORGANIC REALLY HEALTHIER? ORGANIC AND LOW-INPUT FARMING, FOOD QUALITY AND HEALTH**

**Chair:** Peter Melchett (Policy Director, Soil Association)

**Speakers:** Anne-Marie Mayer (independent nutritionist), Marcin Baranski (NEFG, Newcastle University), Chuck Benbrook (Benbrook Consulting), Carlo Leifert (NEFG, Newcastle University)

Consumer perceptions that organic and low input (e.g. grass-fed dairy and meat products) foods have a higher nutritional quality are a main driver for demand. However, although recent studies suggest that there are nutritionally relevant differences between organic and conventional foods there is still considerable controversy about whether or not these differences result in health benefits. The session will review and critically discuss current knowledge on (a) historical changes in food composition, (b) composition differences between organic, low-input and conventional foods and (c) potential health impacts of organic food consumption.

**NURTURING NATURE WITHIN FARMING**

**Chair:** Patrick Holden (Sustainable Food Trust)

**Speakers:** Ian Boyd (Cotswold Hill Farmer), Ian Dillon (RSPB Hope Farm), Jenny Phelps (Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group, Gloucestershire)

Sustainable intensification suggests that we should give nature a chance only at the margins, to compensate for the damage done by machinery and chemicals. How can we integrate respect and support for the natural environment within the whole farming cycle rather than in separate, protected islands – and does it pay? Farmers will report on how they have significantly increased the biodiversity on their farms whilst continuing to generate revenue.

**YOU DIG IT**

**Chair:** Ashley Wheeler (Trill Farm Garden)

**Speakers:** Niels Cornfield (specialising in soils and whole farm design), Charles Dowding (no dig specialist), Iain Tolhurst (organic consultant)

This session brings together three very different approaches to growing vegetables. The session will be mainly focussed around a discussion of the different growing systems. This will be based on cultivation techniques, tools, machinery, biodiversity and soil improvements. After short introductions from the panel the session will mainly centre around questions from the audience.

**BUILDING RESILIENCE: ADDRESSING CHALLENGES IN THE FOOD AND FARMING SYSTEM**

**Chair:** Helen Browning (Soil Association)

**Speakers:** Christopher Price (CLA), Tim Benton (Leeds University and Chatham House), Graeme Willis (CPRE)

This session explores environmental, economic and social challenges and how at this critical time policy and funding could be changed to strengthen the resilience of the wider food and farming system. Panellists will consider a range of issues such as natural resources, trade, markets, diversity and climate change and their relevance to policy and farming practice. Short talks will be followed by
opportunity for questions, comments and debate.

LAND FOR WHAT AND LAND FOR WHO
Speakers: Kate Swade (Shared Assets) and Robin Grey (Community Food Growers Network)
Land plays a central but unmentioned role in our country today: widening inequality, a chronic housing crisis, dysfunctional food system, poor public health and impending climate disasters. We’ve been bringing people together to talk about how land ownership and control is central to all these issues. Join us to hear about what we’ve learned and to continue the discussion.

10.30 – 11.30
FARMING FIT FOR THE FUTURE
Chair: Shaun Spiers (CPRE)
Speakers: Hannah Freeman (Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust), Stephen Briggs (Royal Agricultural Society of England), David Brass(The Lakes Free Range Egg Co), Peter Lundgren (Lincolnshire farmer)
This debate will bring together representatives from across the farming sector to explore the challenges and opportunities in developing a healthy natural environment that can be enjoyed by and that protects the livelihoods of farmers. We will use the themes laid out in our vision Farming Fit for the Future as a basis for discussion and hope to build momentum behind a farming policy that supports both people and nature. This session will bring together Wildlife and Countryside Link, Woodland Trust and Campaign to Protect Rural England.

REAL FOOD FROM REAL FARMERS
Chair: Jamie Pike (The Canteen, Bristol)
Speakers: Dagan James (Broughton Water Buffalo), James Swift (Trealy Farm Charcuterie), Jonathan Chapman (holistic grazing farm)
In modern day agriculture, farmers tend to be commodity producers. These farms have no say on the value of their produce and are the last in the food chain to see any profit. During this session you will hear from real farmers in the UK that have broken away from mainstream farming and are producing real food for real people. This session will inspire with innovative methods of food production and will highlight the challenges of getting a new enterprise off the ground.

FARMING OUTSIDE THE CAP – PERSPECTIVES ON BRITISH FARMING AFTER BREXIT
Chair: Adam Payne (LWA)
Speakers: Stein Brubæk (Norwegian Small Farms Union), Ramona Duminiciou, Simon Fairlie (Monkton Wyld)
The session will explore the threats and opportunities that Brexit holds for small-scale and family farms in the UK. We will hear how 10 years of the EU’s Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) has affected life for Romanian producers – the biggest peasant community in Europe with over four million farmers; how Norway has managed its agricultural policy in relationship to the EU; what the Landworkers’ Alliance thinks we should do about post-brexit British Agricultural Policy.

HERITAGE CEREALS: HISTORIC CROPS FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE
Chair: John Letts (heritage harvest ltd.)
Speakers: Andrew Wilkinson (Gilchesters Organics), David Howell (Offley Mill), Michael Hansen (Bread for Life), Tom Nicholson (The Oxford Artisan Distillery), Holly Tiffen (Grown in Totnes)
Conventional cereal production is unsustainable and damaging to human health and the environment. Growing organically is a clear step forward, but modern organic varieties are unsuitable for low-input systems and unreliable in a changing climate. Genetically-diverse ‘populations’ of heritage grains developed using evolutionary plant breeding methods provide a more reliable, profitable and flavoursome alternative to conventional (and future GM) varieties. Speakers in this session will examine the origins of heritage cereals and discuss their use in artisan baking, brewing and distilling.

UNDERSTANDING FATS (FARMERS, DOCTORS, FATS AND HEALTH).
Speakers: Richard Young (Sustainable Food Trust), Durwin Banks (The Linseed Farm)
Fats are some of the most basic raw materials used to create new life. The brain is a big lump of fat (around 60%) so there is plenty of reason to think about the fats that we eat. There is growing evidence that consumption of the wrong types of fats causes epigenetic change in humans that can affect our mental as well as physical health. Farmers are the producers of fats of all kinds, so as the primary producers we should have some knowledge of what we are doing. Yet the general state of knowledge about what is a good or bad fat, and why, is still a mystery to most people.

SCALING UP PERMACULTURE TO FARM SCALE
Chair: Andy Goldring (The Permaculture Association)
Speakers: Tomas Remiarz (author of Forest Gardening in Practice), Hannah Thorogood (permaculture practitioner), Niels Corfield (Edible Cities).
This session will offer tools that land managers could go away and start using within permaculture projects. It will explore how and if permaculture can be scaled up and worked in arable, mixed and grazing operations. It will also give practical examples of how species-rich polycultures can be integrated into market gardens, orchards and land-based microbusinesses.
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12.00 – 13.00
THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING RADICAL
Chair: Lucy Ford (Oxford Brookes University)
Speakers: Ian Rappel (Socialist Ecologist), Camilla Royle (King’s College London), Colin Tudge (Real Farming Trust)
ORFC – being a counter conference – is an act of radicalism in itself. But what does it mean to be radical and what are the advantages of taking a radical approach towards agriculture and enlightened farming? This session discusses these issues. It examines the need for a radical interpretation of agriculture in the Anthropocene, and the need for individual enlightened farmers to tie their work to broader struggles for social justice and environmental sustainability.

COMPANION CROPPING
Chair: Jonty Brunyee (PFLA)
Speakers: Andrew Howard (Nuffield Scholar and farmer), Ian Wilkinson (Cotswold Seeds)
Companion cropping and intercropping has the potential to increase crop yields by up to 30% whilst allowing for a reduction in farm inputs. There is no blueprint for success since the crop selection will depend upon individual farm characteristics and there is limited research since there are few commercial inputs involved. Two farmers will share their experience with arable and pasture species.

HEAR FROM FELLOW FARMERS: TECH AND TOOLS FOR A RESILIENT FARM.
Chair: Abby Rose (Farmerama Radio)
Speakers: Louise MacDonald (New MacDonald Farm), Stephen Briggs (sustainable farming consultancy), Will Davenport (Davenport Vineyards), Nick Green (Incredible Farm)
We hear from farmers and growers about how they use technologies and tools to help farm agro-ecologically. We ask what are the best tools for real farming to flourish? We will hear about tools to help sell produce, for use in the field and for sharing knowledge. We will also discuss what tech and tools we want to embrace and demand for real farming to thrive.

CAN A NEONIC BAN PROMPT INNOVATION IN REDUCING INSECTICIDE USE?
Chair: Kath Dalmeny
Speakers: John Pawsey (Organic Arable), David Walston (Nuffield Scholar), With the EFSA review on the current neonicotinoid restrictions imminent the controversy over their role in farming continues. In this session, organised by Friends of the Earth, we’ll hear from farmers who are not just working out how to farm without neonicuts but also trying to reduce pesticide use. And we’ll go beyond the current debate about one crop – oilseed rape - by asking just how far farmers can go in reducing insecticide use in wheat too where neonicots are still currently allowed.

THE FUTURE OF LIVESTOCK FARMING POST BREXIT
Chair: Vicki Hird (Sustain)
Speakers: David Baldock (IEEP), Philip Lymbery (CIWF), Guy Watson (Riverford), Clare Oxborrow (Friends of the Earth)
What can be done to steer livestock farming in a more sustainable direction in a post Brexit world? Should farmers play a role in the less and better meat debate? This session will tackle these challenging issues, looking at practical steps being taken by farmers as well as ideas for a new UK policy approach.

AGROECOLOGY: HOW DO WE MEASURE ITS SOCIAL IMPACT?
Speakers: Luke Owen (CAWR), Paola Guzman (CAWR), Moya Kneafsey (CAWR), Chelsea Marshall (Scotland the Bread)
It is widely acknowledged that being able to measure ‘impact’ is critical to building the evidence base for agroecology and community food initiatives. This session is an opportunity to critically reflect on the work that The Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience (CAWR), Coventry University have been doing with the Real Farming Trust (RFT) around measuring social impact in UK agroecological enterprises. The purpose of this collaboration is to co-develop an appropriate toolkit that can be used by enterprises and businesses in the agri-food sector to assess their social impact, community resilience and food democracy. CAWR’s work is a first step in determining what an impact toolkit for agroecology might look like, and a timely opportunity to discuss the issues and challenges that creating such a tool poses.

13.30 – 14.15
THE LATEST ON SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY, THE NEW GENETIC ENGINEERING BREEDING TECHNIQUES, AND GENE DRIVES
Speakers: Helena Paul (EcoNexus), Dr Ricarda Steinbrecher (EcoNexus)
At ORFC 2016, EcoNexus presented on the implications of new GM technologies (“New Breeding Techniques, NBTs) and synthetic biology. For 2017 we offer an update on a rapidly developing field and its questions and implications for agriculture. The last year has seen major developments of these techniques, especially the gene and genome editing techniques (eg so-called CRISPR/Cas). Moreover, commercial interests and a number of governments are seeking to have them excluded from any regulation, especially from GMO regulation, and for that purpose they are launching major initiatives to present them as safe.

ROUNDTABLE AND WORKSHOP ON NEXT STEPS IN A CREATING A PEOPLE’S FOOD POLICY, WITH THE PEOPLE’S FOOD POLICY STEERING GROUP
Speakers: Dee Butterly (People’s Food Policy steering group)
The People’s Food Policy steering group will present the work we have
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done on creating a People’s Food Policy and discuss the draft document so far. We are inviting all attendees and patricians at the ORFC to bring their creativity and expertise to this session and contribute ideas and suggestions for the next steps of the People’s Food Policy work. The purpose of this round table: discussions and brainstorming session is to gather as much expertise and ideas from all of you at the ORFC to give input into how we will shape and steer the next phase of our work, and to give feedback on our policy proposals so far.

14.30 –15.30

USING SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS THEORY TO BUILD RESILIENT LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS.

Speakers: Simon Platten (Tamar Grow Local CIC), Rachel Kaleta (Eden Project Learning)

Tamar Grow Local uses social and ecological systems theory to inform its work to increase local food production. Here we aim to discuss: adaptive cycles as a framework to describe the rich history of horticultural production in the Tamar Valley; construction of a local food network founded on learning from ecosystems research – Tamar Grow Local case study; building greater resilience into community food enterprises and the networks which support them.

CHANGING DIETS - IMPROVING THE NATION’S PULSE RATE

Chair: Peter Brown (Tablehurst Farm)

Speakers: Nick Saltmarsh (Hodmedods), Martin Wolfe (Organic Research Centre), Mark Lea (Shropshire farmer)

Sustainable patterns of farming and healthy lifestyles mean our national diet must inevitably change. Increasingly, protein crops will play an important part in our weekly shop, but how well will tomorrow’s farmers be placed to take advantage of these opportunities? Meeting the challenge will require a collaborative effort,
SPEAKERS AND CHAIRS

Julia Aglionby
Julie is a Chartered Surveyor who advises on uplands and common land; the Executive Director of the Foundation for Common Land and a member of the Natural England Board. Previously she worked as an environmental economist in South-east Asia. Julia lives in Cumbria on a farm run as a social enterprise focusing on local food and education.

Dominic Amos
Dominic is Crops Researcher at the Organic Research Centre. He works with the OKNet Arable UK Farmer Innovation Group to identify challenges and solutions in organic arable production, implement practical field testing and feedback on practical information resources and decision-making tools. At ORC Dominic also leads on arable crops research on Aerobic Compost Tea, blackgrass control through sheep grazing and variety trials.

Colin Anderson
Colin is a researcher at the Centre for Agroecology Water and Resilience and co-leads the working group “People’s Knowledge” (www.peoplesknowledge.org) which focuses on transdisciplinary and participatory action research with social movements and grassroots networks. He has been involved in co-developing the European Agroecology Learning and Training Network with the European Coordination of La Via Campesina.

Gunter Backes
Gunter is Professor of Organic Plant Breeding and Genetic Resources in the Section of Organic Plant Breeding and Agrobiodiversity in the Organic Agricultural Sciences Dept of the University of Kassel, Witzenhausen, Germany. He is the co-author of many related journal articles.

David Baldock
David was Executive Director of IEEP until July and is now a Senior Fellow. He has engaged in many aspects of European environmental, agricultural, climate, food and related policies. One of his main interests has been to re-think and re-work agricultural policy (accidentally becoming a CAP “expert”), leading to involvement in debates on food, energy and the bioeconomy, and the environmental and agricultural dimensions of Brexit.

Durwin Banks
Durwin is a farmer producing linseed as part of a mixed farming system who also has a particular interest in fats and their influence on our health. He is addressing this in his book called The Farmer Will See You Now. He recently held a two day event on dementia and Alzheimer’s at the farm, attended by a wide range of people including GPs.

Marcin Baranski
Marcin has a PhD in animal physiology from the University of Warsaw Poland. He has been a senior research fellow at Newcastle University since 2010 working primarily on the (a) effects of nutrition on animal physiology and health, (b) systematic reviews/meta-analyses to compare the nutritional composition of foods produced by different management practice.

Lucy Beattie
Lucy has been Scottish Crofting Federation’s training programme manager since 2011, together with Tina Hartley. She also teaches rural skills courses at the West Highland College in Ullapool. She runs her family farm near Ullapool.

Patrick Begg
Patrick is the Strategic Lead for the National Trust’s rural estate, charged with making connections and driving new thinking around rural enterprises, including farming, food, forestry, renewables, ecosystem services and outdoors recreation.

Chuck Benbrook
Charles has a PhD in agricultural economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an undergraduate degree from Harvard University. He was a Research Professor at Washington State University from 2012-2015, and served as the Chief Scientist of The Organic Center from 2006-2012. He was the Executive Director of the Board on Agriculture in the US National Academy of Sciences from 1984-1990.

Tim Benton
Tim is Professor of Population Ecology and Dean of Strategic Research Initiatives at Leeds University and Distinguished Visiting Fellow at Chatham House. From 2011-2016 he was the “Champion” of the UK’s Global Food Security programme. He has published over 150 academic papers, with many on agriculture and its sustainability. His particular current interest is food system resilience in the face of climate change.

Raoul Bhamral
Raoul is the Coordinator of GM Freeze. He is an experienced environmental campaigner who has previously worked on GM at Friends of the Earth Cymru and Friends of the Earth Europe.

Katie Bliss
Katie is Project Manager at the Organic Research Centre. She supports Farmer Innovation Groups across Europe as part of the OKNet Arable project encouraging knowledge exchange. She also manages Agricology.co.uk, an online platform for practical information on agroecology aimed at conventional and organic farmers. Back on the family arable farm in the East of England she is working towards a more sustainable system integrating agroecological practices.

Ruben Borge
Ruben founded Rockin Soils in 2012 to train farming families to regenerate their farms with simple affordable technologies to manage water, nutrients and crops. This includes use of composts, bio-fertilizers, and mineral additives based on local rock dust. He also coaches farming families to demonstrate, record, and share their experiences within their own communities.

Olivia Bowen
A graduate from Manchester University, Olivia joined Gaia, now Castlefield, in 1999, attracted by working for a professional firm with ethics at its core. Since then, as a Financial Adviser and Partner, Olivia has helped to channel many millions of pounds into ethical investment whilst helping clients meet their financial and personal objectives. She has appeared on Channel 4’s investigative current affairs programme Dispatches, BBC’s Rip off Britain, as well as MoneyBox on Radio 4. She is passionate about protecting the environment and encouraging biodiversity as well as achieving food, energy and water security for all. She is Chair of the Real Farming Trust.

Liz Bowles
Liz is Head of Farming at the Soil Association. Liz has a wealth of experience of agriculture both in the UK and internationally. She has worked in the sector for over 20 years.
Ian Boyd
Ian is a Cotswold Hill Farmer and avid wildlife photographer. He has been on a fascinating journey from conventional intensive arable and beef farmer to fully embracing habitat management for farmland wildlife, starting with soil health. Yet he still runs a commercial farming system in the Cotswolds, selling Pasture-for-Life Beef directly to consumers.

David Brass
David Brass and his wife Helen farm 130,000 free range and organic layers. They own The Lakes Free Range Egg Co., supplier of 350 million eggs per year to retailers. Twice Poultry farmer of the Year, David is holder of numerous awards for innovation, environmental and sustainable agriculture. Past member of Ministerial Beak Trimming Action Group and current Laying Hen Welfare Forum Member.

Andrew Brewster
Andrew is a beef farmer from Angus, Scotland. His cattle are a mixture of native breeds including Aberdeen Angus, Hereford and Galloway. They are organically certified and farmed to the PFLA standards. He is a passionate mob grazer, moving the cattle up to three times a day and has a dislike of sitting on tractors.

Stephen Briggs
Stephen is an organic arable, vegetable and fruit farmer based in Peterborough who has established the largest silvo arable scheme in the UK (52ha). He is the Director of Abacus Agriculture Consultants and Head of Soil and Water at Innovation for Agriculture which is part of the Royal Agricultural Society of England (RASE).

Peter Brown
Peter is Director of the Biodynamic Association, having farmed biodynamically since he was 21 – for 15 years on a 700 acre farm near Cape Town in South Africa, for three years in Germany before moving to Tablehurst Farm in Sussex in 1994. In 1996 Tablehurst became one of the first CSAs, a mixed 600 acre+ biodynamic farm with a shop. The team includes three apprentices and three adults with learning disabilities.

Helen Browning
Helen farms organically in Wiltshire. She is Chief Executive of the Soil Association and prior to that was Director of External Affairs at the National Trust. She is past Chair and still a member of the Food Ethics Council. Helen was awarded an OBE in 1998 for services to organic farming.

Jonty Brunyee
Jonty is a Director of the PFLA, a pasture-fed farmer in the Cotswolds and lecturer in Farm Business Management at the Royal Agricultural University. He has recently completed a Nuffield Farming Scholarship sponsored by the National Trust looking at farm sustainability, leading to a refreshed commitment to regenerative and organic agriculture and the grazing of diverse 'salad bar' pastures.

William Buckley
William manages Bossington Estate in Hampshire, a member of the PFLA since 2013. North Devon cattle are mob grazed on 350 ha of both semi-improved and unimproved permanent pasture. There is also a small scale pasture-raised pig enterprise on the estate. Chalk Valley Farm & Kitchen was opened in 2014 in Southampton, offering artisan burgers, dry aged steaks, hotdogs and BBQ made from 100% grass-fed beef, buffalo, lamb and pasture-raised pork and poultry.

Dee Butterly
Dee is a young producer living in West Dorset where she co-runs an organic two acre market garden. Prior to this Dee co-ordinated The Hermitage Community Vegetable Garden and was a founding member of The New Leaf Co-operative. Dee is a member of the Land Workers Alliance and is the Coordinator of the People’s Food Policy.

Steve Carver
Steve is a senior lecturer at the School of Geography, University of Leeds and Director of the Wildland Research Institute. He is a geographer with broad range of interests in wilderness, wild land and rewilding. He has written over 100 articles on this and other topics and is a regular contributor to online debates about rewilding, natural flood management, land use and the countryside.

Jonathan Chapman
Jonathan and Laura Chapman farm 170 acres on the Bucks/ Herts borders on the edge of London. A suckler herd of 150 pedigree Red Ruby Devon cattle are raised on an holistic grazing system, finished entirely on a pasture diet. All beef is sold direct to local butchers/restaurants and through a ‘boxed beef’ scheme. PFLA-certified producers and butchers for three years, they are familiar with both the benefits and difficulties of direct marketing.
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Kath Dalmeny
Kath is Coordinator of Sustain. Her background is as a food
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Food Commission, National Consumer Council, National Federation of Women’s Institutes, Food Climate Research Network, Greater London Authority and the London Development Agency. She has a special interest in food, sustainability and climate change; is passionate about sustainable fish and fair trade; increasingly fascinated by the role cities can play in improving the food system; and also interested in how the benefits of healthier food and fairer trading conditions can be enjoyed more equitably by consumers and producers alike.

Tim Crabtree
Tim is a trustee of The Real Farming Trust and a senior lecturer in Economics for Transition at Schumacher College. He was the co-founder of the Wessex Reinvestment Trust group and Dorset-based Local Food Links Ltd; and a founder Director of the UK Social Investment Forum. He currently works with Wessex Community Assets which co-ordinates the UK’s largest programme of community land trust housing, as well as supporting community share issues in areas such as renewable energy and local food.

Niels Corfeld
Niels Corfeld is a permaculture designer, educator and independent advisor. He is designing farms and smallholdings in the UK and Europe as a consultant and as a participatory process. He works through the RegenAg framework, specialising in agroforestry, soil management, grazing and whole farm planning.

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Lynne Davis
Lynne is a farmer and food sovereignty activist based in Bristol. Her work focuses on social and technical innovation in production and distribution of food. She is lead farmer at Street Goat, an urban community goat micro dairy in Bristol. Lynne is CEO of the Open Food Network UK, a web platform working to help local food enterprise grow and innovate. She has worked with producers, communities and businesses across the country, exploring the journeys different groups have taken to make ethical distribution viable. She’ll be sharing lessons learned in pricing the process from harvest to homes.

Olivier De Schutter
Olivier is a Belgian legal scholar specialising in economic and social rights. He served as the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food from 2008 to 2014. He is a Professor of international human rights law, European Union law and legal theory at the Université Catholique de Louvain in Belgium, as well as at the College of Europe and at SciencesPo in Paris. He is the first chair of the Belgian Advisory Council on Policy Coherence for Development and he co-chairs the International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (IPES-Food), a group of experts from various disciplines and regions who work together towards developing proposals for food systems reform.

Andy Dibben
Andy is head grower at Abbey Home Farm, an organic farm near Cirencester. In 2015 he took part in an Innovative Farmers trial to test different varieties of blight-resistant potato, testing them for productivity, disease resistance and taste! He’ll be sharing his experience of on-farm trialing and the benefits it’s had for his farm.

Ian Dillon
Ian has worked at RSPB Hope Farm since 2006, and as farm manager since 2011. Balancing the objectives of sustaining high numbers of birds and other wildlife while continuing to grow commercially viable crops has been a constant challenge, but watching the harvest take place after a breeding season full of bird song, and before a winter of large flocks of birds around the farm, is more than sufficient reward for the challenges faced.

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Simon Fairlie
Simon runs a micro dairy at Monkton Wyld Court, Dorset. He was a co-editor of The Ecologist magazine for four years, before joining a community farm in 1994 where he managed the cows, pigs and a working horse for ten years. He is now editor of The Land magazine, and earns a living by selling scythes. He is the author of Low Impact Development: Planning and People in a Sustainable Countryside (Jon Carpenter, 1996), and Meat: A Benign Extravagance.

Catrina Fenton
Catrina Fenton is seed officer at Garden Organic’s Heritage Seed Library and is responsible for maintaining the collection stock of heritage seed varieties. The library aims to conserve vegetable varieties that are not widely or commercially available, and currently holds approximately 800 accessions of open-pollinated varieties.

Lucy Ford
Lucy is a senior lecturer in International Relations at Oxford Brookes University. Her research and teaching focus on the global political economy of environmental governance and resistance. In a previous incarnation she worked for Caroline Lucas MEP in Brussels as a researcher and parliamentary assistant. She is passionate about how power operates and has been active in the green movement for quite some years.

Robert Fraser
Robert lives in Herefordshire where he farms traditional breeds of cattle, sheep and pigs and, until recently, managed an award winning farm shop and box scheme. He is a passionate advocate of local, sustainable and organic farming with a particular interest in agroecology and permaculture. Robert now also works for the Real Farming Trust, and is involved with several projects, including the Enlightened Agriculture Impact Fund, the APPG on Food, Farming and the Environment, and of LVC’s activities in the context of COP 22.

Andy Goldring
Andy is coordinator/CEO of the Permaculture Association, member of Leeds Permaculture network and active teacher and designer. Working to support the emergence of an international permaculture network and in particular an active international research network.

Tim Gorringe
Tim is Emeritus Professor of Theology at the University of Exeter. In addition to teaching and writing he is a smallholder (Jacobs sheep, poultry, bees, fruit and veg) and a member of the Landworkers Alliance.

Chris Gosling
Chris and Nick Gosling run a third generation family dairy and arable farm in Wiltshire producing milk, butter and cream which is sold via Abel & Cole. ’I use homeopathy a great deal. I can do something when conventional treatment fails or when there is no conventional treatment. I have watched chronically ill cows recover really good health.’

Derek Gow
Derek is the Managing Director of a specialist wildlife consultancy which is principally focused on water vole mitigation and Eurasian beaver restoration projects. He farms 450 acres organically on the Cornwall/Devon Border where he keeps 850 breeding ewes and 50 suckler cows. He has diversified parts of the farm to create a wildlife photography and film centre. Derek is currently working with colleagues on a range of other restoration projects for other lost British species.

Paula Gioia
Paula is a peasant gardener and beekeeper on a collective farm in eastern Germany. She is a founder member of the Bündnis Junge Landwirtschaft, an association of young farmers in the Brandenburg region, and member of ABl, the German member organisation of La Via Campesina (LVC). Paula is also a coordinator of the European Coordination of La Via Campesina (ECVC) and of LVC. She works to strengthen the climate justice movement from the peasant perspective and build alliances within civil society. She was a Via Campesina delegate to the COP 21 climate change conference and for LVC’s activities in the context of COP 22.

Nick Green
Nick has a PhD in the Enzymology of Timber Decay, was a formative voice of Incredible Edible Todmorden and is now chair of directors of Incredible Farm where he spends his time plotting the overthrow of industrial farming and building things. @incrediblefarm

Robin Grey
Robin is a folk singer and social historian based in East London. He is a founder member of the Community Food Growers Network, and created the show “Three Acres And A Cow, A History Of Land Rights And Protest In Folk Song And Story” to spread his passion for the topic. See: threeacresandacow.co.uk @rgrey

Paola Guzman
Paola has a bachelor’s degree in architecture from Florida International University and a Masters degree in Urban Design from University College London. For five years Paola was part of the Capital Growth project which supported Londoners to create over 2,000 food-growing community and she is currently a PhD student at CAWR studying the ‘community-led’ trade sector specifically box schemes part of Growing Communities’ Star Up Program.

Michael Hansen
Michael is a third generation baker and master pizza maker based in Lewes in East Sussex. He has travelled the world studying the history and culture of bread, and has been baking with heritage grains for almost 10 years. He founded ‘Bread for Life’, a non-profit charity that raises funds for refugees in the UK and abroad.
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Adrian Hares
Adrian is a tenant farmer on Roundhill Farm in Wiltshire. He farms 130 hectares of mixed beef and combinable crops and has been organic since 2001. Adrian also works with Courtyard Agriculture as a FACTS trained soil advisor, working in the field with the Intelligent Precision Farming service. In 2016, Adrian started coordinating an Innovative Farmers group called the Wiltshire Soil & Roots Innovators.

Graham Harvey

Corinna Hawkes
Corinna is Professor of Food Policy and Director of the Centre for Food Policy, City, University of London. She is also Co-Chair of the Global Nutrition Report, an international report tracking progress in malnutrition in all its forms.

Neil Heselton
Born and raised at Hill Top Farm, Malham, in the Yorkshire Dales, declaring that his only significant sojourn away was to Seale Hayne in a vain attempt to learn how to farm, thence to various parts of the world, mainly playing rugby. Together with Leigh his wife and Violet his daughter, his main objectives are producing food, and making a life on the upland farm that is their given environment.

Vicki Hird
Vicki is Sustain’s Sustainable Farming Campaign Coordinator. She is an award winning author, and strategist who has worked on environment, food and farming issues for over 25 years as an expert consultant and leading teams at Friends of the Earth, War on Want, and Sustain. She is on the board of Pesticides Action Network, and the Keo Foundation; was chair of the Eating Better Alliance; and also runs an independent consultancy undertaking campaigning and research.

Patricia Holden
After studying biodynamic agriculture at Emerson College, Patrick took on his farm in Wales in 1973, producing milk from a herd of Ayrshire cows which is now made into a cheddar style cheese. He was the founding chairman of British Organic Farmers in 1982, before joining the Soil Association, where he worked for nearly 20 years. He then set up the Sustainable Food Trust which aims to work collaboratively to accelerate the transition towards more sustainable food systems.

Adam Horovitz
Adam is a poet, the son of poets Michael and Frances Horovitz, and was raised in the Stroud Valleys in the shadow of Laurie Lee. Adam is the poet in residence both of the Pasture-fed Livestock Association – currently visiting Pasture for Life certified farms and writing a celebration of pasture in poetry and prose – and of the ORFC. His celebration of pasture should be launched at ORFC 2018.

Andrew Howard
Andrew is a 37 year old no-till arable farmer and Nuffield Scholar from Ashford in Kent. On the family farm he grows combinable crops. All decisions made have their effect on soil health in mind. He has recently finished his Nuffield Scholarship on intercropping and companion cropping and is looking to implement his findings on the family farm.

David Howell
David is a sixth generation miller based at Offley Mill in Staffordshire, and is also the chair of the Traditional Cormiller’s Guild of the UK. He has supplied ‘niche’ markets for flour in the Midlands for many years, and has been milling heritage and ancient grains for several years.

Lynnie Hutchison
Lynnie and husband Ian run a sheep farm in Dorset. ‘We were fed up with the conventional advice of wait and see if it develops into something nasty. We’ve used homeopathy more and more with increased understanding. You can never do a double blind trial but the results in our flock have more than convinced us of its worth.’

Chris Jones
Chris returned to the family farm in 2008 after working as a forester and drilling engineer on oil rigs. Conscious of peak oil he set about reducing the farm’s dependence on fossil fuel – cut out arable crops, stopped feeding grain to the cattle, introduced herbal leys and mob-grazing and began increasing organic matter and carbon in the soil.

James Jones
James is a member of the UK Farmer Innovation Group of OK-Net Arable. He manages a 196 ha organic farm in South Devon with cereals, mixed grazing, holiday lets and agri-environment and also works as consultant. James has more than 30 years of experience as full-time lecturer in Farm Business Management in higher education.

Rachel Kaleta
Rachel is a lecturer in Horticulture with Eden Project Learning. She has a doctorate in Ecology and Ethnobiology, and has undertaken research in Morocco, India, and the UK. Her most recent research has been to look at the history of horticultural production in the Tamar Valley.
Brian Kelly
Brian is a director of Organic Lea, a workers’ cooperative growing food on London’s edge in the Lea valley. Organic Lea’s main site is on local authority land, and they have become a trusted partner for several councils.

Tom Kenny
Tom is a researcher and campaigner at Shared Assets, a social enterprise ‘think and do tank’ dedicated to exploring and supporting common good land use. He is leading the Land Explorer project, which aims to put information about land into the hands of people who can use it for the common good.

Moya Kneafsey
With almost twenty years of experience in research and teaching, Moya specialises in local and regional food systems, rural development and tourism, and community-led food trade. She leads the working group on “Community Self-Organisation for Resilience” at the Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience, Coventry University. In 2013 she led the JRC published report on the ‘State of Play of Local Food Systems and Short Food Chains in the EU’ and from 2104-15 she was Co-ordinating Expert of the EIP-AGRI focus group on innovative short food chain management. She is currently supervising six PhD students working on various aspects of sustainable food chains and citizen engagement with food systems.

Elli Kontorravdis
Elli has a background in law, specialising in environmental law and is Policy and Campaigns Managers at Nourish Scotland and participates in the Scottish Food Coalition. At Nourish Scotland she works on the Right to Food Campaign, the Good Food Nation Bill, the UK Food Poverty Campaigns Managers at Nourish Scotland and participates in the Scottish Food Coalition.

Patrick Krause
Patrick has worked in rural development for over 30 years, in international livestock projects, Scottish RD and, for the past 14 years, as Chief Executive of the Scottish Crofting Federation. SCF is the only organisation dedicated to the representation of crofters and the promotion of crofting; it is the largest association of small scale food producers in the UK.

Tim Lang
Tim is Professor of Food Policy at the Centre for Food Policy, City University, London. As a hill farmer in the 1970s Tim became interested in how policy shapes the relationship between food, health, the environment, justice and culture. He engages with policy at local, national and international levels. His new book Sustainable Diets (Routledge) is out in 2017 and he was co-author of Food Wars (2015), Unmanageable Consumer (2015), Ecological Public Health (2012), Food Policy (2009), plus many articles and reports.

Rebecca Laughton
Rebecca is a small scale organic grower living in Dorset and supplies restaurants, shops and a handful of box scheme customers. She is Campaigns Researcher for the Landworkers’ Alliance, and writes agricultural appraisals for small farmers seeking planning permission for agricultural workers’ dwellings.

Mark Lea
Mark Lea is an organic farmer from Shropshire. The farm is around 580 acres, most of which is in five year arable rotations including red clover for seed or silage, wheat, oats, quinoa and various types of peas. The farm also includes a 5000t green-waste composting operation, a herd of pedigree Hereford cattle and a classroom, providing a base for on farm education. @GreenAcres_Farm

Christine Lees
Chris founded Homeopathy at Wellie Level after gaining her BSc at the Royal Agricultural College (RAU), writing her dissertation on the Role of Homeopathy in the Treatment of the Farm Animals. Her first course in 2001 attracted 15 farmers. Today HAWL has seen more than 500 farmers graduate from its award winning Farm Homeopathy Course.

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John Letts
John lives in Oxford and grows heritage grains on an organic farm near High Wycombe in Bucks. He has been growing and creating genetically-diverse ‘populations’ of heritage cereals for over 15 years, and runs a small company (Heritage Harvest Ltd.) which sells a range of historic flours milled from ancient and heritage grains. He also uses the straw from wheat crops for thatching roofs.

Humphrey Lloyd
Humphrey operates a market garden from a county small holding in Bristol that sells through a membership scheme and to the restaurant trade. He also works on the politics of food and agriculture with the Landworkers’ Alliance.

Juanfran Lopez
Juanfran has been running trials for a year at Ramgans Farm on biofertilisers and their use in building healthy systems, providing on farm fertility and resilience without external inputs, and using easily replicated home-made tools for farmers.

Peter Lundgren
Peter Lundgren is a conventional farmer growing combinable crops in Lincolnshire. He is a campaigner for a sustainable and financially viable future for farming and the countryside; and has worked extensively with many NGOs against GM, neonicotinoids, and super dairies.

Philip Lymbery
Philip is Chief Executive of Compassion in World Farming, and Visiting Professor at the University of Winchester. His book, Farmageddon: The True Cost of Cheap Meat, was one of The Times Writers’ Books of the Year, 2014. Described as one of the food industry’s most influential people, Philip has spearheaded Compassion’s engagement work with over 700 food companies worldwide, leading to real improvements in the lives of over three quarters of a billion farm animals every year.

Louise MacDonald
Louise runs New MacDonald Farm, her small family farm near Bath, producing outdoor free range pork.
range pork, chicken and eggs, specialising in rare breeds. Louise is a first generation farmer, who has been farming for 7 years. @matthewandlou

Rob Macklin
Rob has been involved with farming within the National Trust since 1999 and in 2012 was appointed Head of the Food and Farming team regarding policy, guidance and practice at national level. He was previously a Senior Farm Conservation Adviser with the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group.

Tom MacMillan
Tom is Director of Innovation at the Soil Association, where his responsibilities include leading Innovative Farmers. Before joining the Soil Association in 2011, he was Executive Director of the Food Ethics Council. He has served on various advisory groups and boards, including for the UK Cabinet Office Food Matters report, ScienceWise, the BBSRC, Sustain and the Brighton & Hove Food Partnership. He has a PhD in geography from the University of Manchester, where he investigated the use and abuse of science in food regulation.

Chelsea Marshall
Chelsea is a founding Board member of Bread for Good Community Benefit Society, trading as Scotland the Bread. Her background is in social justice, human rights advocacy and rights-based approaches to community-development, particularly the rights of children and young people to participate in public decision-making. Chelsea has been involved in promoting food justice and community access to food since moving to Edinburgh in 2015. She is a member of the food justice team at Nourish Scotland, supporting its right to food campaign, and an active member of Dig-In Bruntsfield, a community-owned greengrocer. Chelsea participated as a Scottish delegate in the Nyéléni Europe Forum on Food Sovereignty in 2016.

Chris Maughan
Chris works with, and studies local food systems, especially community gardens and other forms of community supported agriculture. He organises and participates in community gardens and also coordinates a number of urban gardens in Coventry. As a part of his work with the Centre for Agroecology Water and Resilience, he has recently completed a review of agroecology learning initiatives as a contribution to the development of the European Agroecology Learning and Training Network.

Tim May
Tim is Managing Director of Kingscote Estates: a 1000 hectare family mixed farm in Hampshire - the fourth generation of Mays on the land. He returned to the farm after an agricultural degree. Undertaking a Nuffield scholarship looking at the long term viability of the farming business, led him to question the whole agricultural system he was operating on the family farm and make radical changes.

Anne-Marie Mayer
Anne-Marie is a nutrition consultant with extensive experience on links between agriculture and nutrition. She has worked in academia, NGOs and other international organizations on research, design and documentation of programmes and policies. She has a PhD in international nutrition with epidemiology and soil science from Cornell University USA and a particular interest in nutritional quality of foods.

Kerry McCarthy
Kerry was first elected Labour MP for Bristol East in 2005. She is a member of the Environmental Audit, and Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committees, and Chair of the APPG for Food Waste. She is also an active member and former co-chair of the APPG for Agroecology for Sustainable Food and Farming (soon to be re-appointed). She has served as Labour’s Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and prior to that as Shadow Foreign Office Minister (covering human rights and climate change). She is a patron of Food Cycle, and has introduced Food Waste Reduction Bills. Kerry has a longstanding interest in promoting sustainable food and farming, and protecting the natural environment and biodiversity.

Mark Measures
Mark specialises in advice and training in farm business management, husbandry, conversion planning and organic systems development. He has more than 30 years’ experience in organic farming as a farmer and as consultant. He is a partner in a mixed organic farm in Shropshire.

Peter Melchett
Peter has been Policy Director of the Soil Association, the UK’s main organic food and farming organisation, since 2001. He runs an organic farm in Norfolk, is a member of BBC’s rural committee and has served on government committees on climate change, organic farming and school meals. He was a Labour House of Lords Government Minister 1974-79, at the Departments of Environment, Industry, and Northern Ireland (covering education and health) and was Director of Greenpeace UK (1985-2000).

Naomi Millner
Naomi is a geography lecturer and permaculture practitioner based in Bristol. In her research Naomi collaborates with agroecological and agroforestry movements in Central America, while her broader life project is to contribute toward popular education practices that address cultural and environmental violence from the bottom up. She will be talking about true cost accountancy of industrial agriculture.

Robin Milton
Robin is an Exmoor grassland farmer keeping Lleyn sheep, Aberdeen Angus suckler cows as well as Exmoor ponies on in-bye and common land. He is NFU Hill and Upland Farming Forum chair, Deputy Chair of Exmoor National Park Authority, Devon, LNP board member, 2011 Devon Bronze Otter conservation award winner, and North Devon Biosphere Sustainable farming award winner.

Sophia Morgan-Swinhoe
Sophia has broad farm to fork experience and a passion for ethical food production, having worked on farms for a number of years and having spent time managing two large catering operations, she is keen to instil the importance of farming methods that offer the best for people’s health and the environment. After living and working on an organic dairy in Norway Sophia has decided to return home to Wales to start her own farm venture. When she is not out in the field with her growing goat herd she is working with the PFLA and pioneer farmers to develop Pasture-Fed certification for dairy.

John Newman
John has been farm manager of award-winning Abbey Home Farm in Cirencester since 1992.
The organic farm rears beef, sheep, and pigs and has a small dairy herd. "If you haven’t got healthy animals then you haven’t got a product to sell. Homeopathy is a tool in that management. If we were conventional, I would still use it."

**Tom Nicholson**

Tom is a former music producer and lives on a houseboat in Oxford with his spotted Dalmation Burt. In 2013, with his business partner Tagore Ramoutar, he co-founded TOAD (The Oxford Artisan Distillery) which will begin producing fine whisky, vodka, gin and other distillations at a purpose built micro-distillery in South Park, Oxford, in February 2017. TOAD’s tipples will be unique as they will be made from heritage grains grown organically in the Oxford region along with locally-grown herbs and flavourings.

**Michael Norton**

Michael is a social innovator and entrepreneur. Through the Centre for Innovation in Voluntary Action he develops innovative projects including: a banking system for street children in South Asia; village publishing in India; and Changemakers, YouthBank and MyBnk in the UK which provide opportunities to young people to engage in society. He co-founded UnLtd to support social entrepreneurs, and the International Centre for Social Franchising to help successful projects scale up.

@Norton_CIVA

**Colin Nunan**

Colin is the Principal Scientific Adviser for Alliance to Save Our Antibiotics. Colin is a scientific adviser to the Soil Association and to the Alliance to Save Our Antibiotics. He has campaigned against the overuse of antibiotics in farming for over 15 years, and has co-authored a series of reports on antibiotic resistance and antibiotic residues that highlight the human-health impact of excessive antibiotic use in intensive livestock farming. This work aims to encourage a move to more responsible use of antibiotics in farming, through better regulation and improvements in production systems, which would also improve animal welfare. He has an interest in all aspects of sustainability, and is a trustee of Feasta, the Foundation for the Economics of Sustainability. He studied mathematics and physics at the Universities of Brussels and Cambridge.

**Liz O’Neill**

Liz is the Director of GM Freeze. Previously Head of Communications at the Vegetarian Society, she has lots of experience as a voluntary environmental campaigner and first encountered GM in the lab, as a Biochemistry undergraduate.

**Luke Owen**

Luke is a Senior Research Assistant in the Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience. He is a social scientist with a background in human geography, and specialises in a range of qualitative research methodologies and data analysis techniques. Luke’s research interests include Alternative Food Networks and Short Food Chains and how they contribute to rural development and the livelihoods of small-scale food producers. Since 2011, he has presented extensively on these subjects at various conferences throughout Europe, and was awarded his PhD about Short Food Chains in the UK and The Gambia, West Africa in 2015.

Luke works on a number of projects connected to the sociology of food and agriculture and alongside colleagues at Coventry University, is currently engaged in empirical and conceptual research about community resilience and impact measurement frameworks within the UK agroecological sector.

**Clare Oxborrow**

Clare is Friends of the Earth’s Senior Campaigner on food, farming and land use, with a current focus on livestock and healthy, sustainable diets. She helped found, and chairs, Eating Better - an alliance of over 50 organisations working together to help people move towards eating less and better meat. Previously, Clare also led Friends of the Earth’s GM-Free Britain campaign, working with community activists to oppose GM crops locally.

**Susanne Padel**

Susanne is Senior Programme Manager at the Organic Research Centre. She started the OK-Net Arable project with other organic farming researchers in Europe to improve the practical knowledge exchange. At ORC she also leads socio-economic and policy aspects. After her degree in general agriculture, Susanne worked as consultant for organic farming in Germany before moving to the UK and going back to University to undertake research in 1993.

**Christine Page**

A passionate cook, health nut and nature lover, Christine has been a long-time believer that food is thy medicine. In 2006, realising that there was a lot more to healthy, tasty food than simply buying organic, she established Smiling Tree Farm, a 70 acre pastoral farm that focuses on regenerating soil health through the use of mob-grazed ruminants and produces delicious, nutrient-rich raw milk, beef and lamb from 100% grass-fed rare and native breeds, sold from the farm shop.

@smilingtreefarm

**Chris Parker**

Chris is a geographer and co-founder and head of the Ordnance Survey’s Geovation programme. Geovation was created to generate meaningful social, economic and environment value using collaboration, innovation, and open data. Chris is currently scoping out the next ‘Geovation Challenge’, which seeks to develop greener, smarter communities.

**Douglas Parr**

Douglas is Policy Director at Greenpeace UK. Recently working on climate change policy in the power, heat and transport sectors, he has had to spend more time on the consequences of Brexit on UK policy including agriculture and nature protection. He has previously worked on a number of issues including air pollution, GM crops, chemicals policy, green refrigeration, marine conservation and bioenergy. He obtained a D.Phil in Atmospheric Chemistry from Oxford University in 1991

**Sebastian Parsons**

Sebastian created Stockwood Community Benefit Society with the help of Martin Large, the founder of the Biodynamic Land Trust. The aim was to protect and preserve his family’s biodynamic farm. Stockwood has raised over £1 million of community
investment and has demonstrated how ecological farming can overcome financial land-price obstacles. Sebastian is now the Executive Director of the Biodynamic Land Trust.

Helena Paul
Helena, is co-director of EcoNexus (www.ecoconexus.info). She has worked on indigenous peoples rights and tropical forests; oil exploitation in the tropics; biodiversity and agricultural biodiversity; agriculture and climate change, especially bioenergy; patents on life; genetic engineering (GE); synthetic biology; geoengineering; and corporate power.

John Pawsey
John is a fourth generation farmer from Suffolk. The farm is mixed with 650 hectares of arable land and 650 sheep. John also farms an additional 920 hectares for neighbouring farmers under farm management contracts. All the farms are managed organically. He is a Director of Organic Arable, a member of IFOAM UK Group, the Soil Association Farmer and Grower Board and the NFU’s Combinable Crops Board and Organic Forum. Diversifications on the farm include an HLS Scheme, commercial and domestic rentals and various renewable energy projects including a photovoltaic array and two wood chip boilers.

Adam Payne
Adam farms on an 18ha mixed organic farm in West Dorset producing sheep, pigs and vegetables for local sale. Alongside farming he is a founding member of the Landworkers’ Alliance, a union of small-scale and family farms and a member of the coordinating committee of the European Coordination of Via Campesina (ECVC), the European regional representation for the international peasant farmers union La Via Campesina. ECVC represents 28 national and regional unions across Europe.

Jenny Phelps
Jenny is part of the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group, Gloucestershire. She has 30+ years’ experience in practical environmental support for farmers and communities, and developed the integrated local delivery framework www.ccci.ac.uk/ild. She and her team have delivered upwards of 200,000ha Environmental Stewardship and 6,000ha new Countryside Stewardship. She leads on the Water with Integrated Local Delivery Project pilot in the Upper Thames Catchment, facilitates Natural England’s Farmer Guardians of the Upper Thames, catchments and is a coordinator for Innovative Farmers. She was awarded an MBE in October 2016 for Engaging Communities in the Protection of the Environment.

Jamie Pike
Jamie was brought up on an arable farm in Suffolk. After studying psychology and creative therapies, in 2008 he co-founded Coexist CIC a social enterprise for sustainable communities – helping to create a number of community orientated businesses including three restaurant venues and a market. The restaurants celebrate seasonality and locality in equal measure and current projects include building more direct links between the restaurant kitchens and local farms.

Michel Pimbert
Michel previously worked at the UK-based International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) in India, the University François Rabelais de Tours, and the World Wide Fund for Nature. His research interests include: enabling policies and practices for agroecology and food sovereignty; the governance and adaptive management of biodiversity and natural resources; participatory action research methodologies; and deliberative democratic processes. He is Executive Director of the Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience at Coventry University, where he also holds the post of Professor.

Dan Powell
Dan has worked with the land and animals for the last 35 years. He has a wide experience of the agroecological approach from a number of different perspectives and from various country situations. Practical learning, increasing numbers of people on the land and positive rural development are all close to his heart. He is one of the co-drivers of the LandBase initiative.

Simon Platten
Simon is a Director at Tamar Grow Local. Over the past five years Tamar Grow Local has been developing a resilient local food system to revitalise horticultural production in the Tamar Valley. Simon is a social anthropologist by training, specialising in small-scale horticulture. He retains an honorary research position at the School of Anthropology at University of Kent here he gained his doctorate.

Christopher Price
Christopher is the Director of Policy and Advice at the CLA. He has overall responsibility for managing the CLA’s national policy and advisory work. A planning and environmental lawyer by background, he joined the CLA as public law adviser in 2002, becoming Chief Legal Advisor in 2007 and took up his current post in 2008. Before coming to the CLA Christopher worked in local government for a number of different authorities.

David Price
Biodiversity is the thread that weaves David’s work together, starting with practical wildlife habitat restoration and then the design and project management of wildlife habitat creation. David is now immersed in agroecology and specifically open pollinated seed and participatory plant breeding. At the Seed Co-operative David works with a small team to build resilience into our food system.

Fiona Provan
Fiona runs a Jersey, raw milk, 100% grassfed dairy in Suffolk - an approved Pasture for Life producer and one of only two dairies in the country where the young male calves and heifers stay with their own mother for a minimum of nine months on grass. The cows are milked just once a day; and calve once every two years.

Ian Rappel
Ian is an activist and socialist ecologist. He has been working and campaigning on environmental issues since the early 1990s and has published articles on the biodiversity impact of the World Bank and neoliberalism. He currently works at Gwent Wildlife Trust. He is presenting at ORFC in a personal capacity.

Ben Raskin
Ben has been working in horticulture for over 20 years. He is currently Head of Horticulture at the Soil Association, project manager of Eastbrook Farm Agroforestry.
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and also works freelance as an author and horticultural advisor. Ben has a wide range of experience working with growers at all levels of production. His own experience includes running a walled garden in Sussex supplying a Michelin starred restaurant, and working for Garden Organic at their gardens in Kent. Ben also set up and ran the 10 acre horticultural production at Daylesford organic Farm, before moving to the Welsh College of Horticulture as commercial manager.

Oli co-founded

Tomas Remiarz
Tomas has been involved in creating and maintaining forest gardens and permaculture sites across the UK and Europe for nearly 20 years. He is currently involved in a sustainable rural housing project project on a seven acre site in Herefordshire. As a founder member of the Permaculture Association’s research advisory board he is particularly interested in studying polycultures and has produced several reports on the subject.

Jonny Rider
Jonny is an organic dairy farmer from Wiltshire who farms 300 hectares on the Crown Estate. He calves 600 Jersey Cows. 450 are milked once a day, while the other 150 are used as nurse cows to rear the surplus calves. The Cattle are 100% grass fed. Jonny also farms Wiltshire Horn Sheep, Tamworth Pigs and Chickens.

Veronique Rioufol
Veronique is European Project Officer for Terre de Liens and coordinator of the European network Access to Land for agroecology. Terre de Liens was established in 2003 to promote access to land and ecological farming in France. It has about 12,000 members and supporters, and over 52 million Euros raised in investment and donations. Terre de Liens is a founding member of the European network “Access to land for agroecology”, founded in 2012, and now with 18 member organisations from nine countries.

Oli Rodker
Oli is Executive Director for the Ecological Land Cooperative and is part of the core group of the Landworkers’ Alliance. Over the last twenty years Oli has also worked – and continues to work – on a variety of environmental projects and campaigns. Previously Oli co-founded Equinox Housing Co-op in Manchester and Landmatters Co-op, a 42 acre permaculture community in Devon. He is a director of Knot Wood Coppicers, a workers’ co-op specialising in woodland management and tree planting.

Abby Rose
Abby is a physicist farmer who thinks smaller-scale farming is the key to a resilient future. She is in the UK most of the year, sharing the voices of fellow farmers with Farmerama Radio. She also helps smaller-scale farms collect important data out in the field, using the apps she developed on her family’s organic farm, in Chile.

Camilla Royle
Camilla is a PhD candidate in Geography at King’s College London and is the deputy editor of the International Socialism journal. Her research looks at radical approaches to biology and whether they can help us rethink environmental politics. Recently she has also written on the debates around what scientists are now calling the Anthropocene - a geological epoch defined by human influence on Earth system processes.

Nick Saltmarsh
Nick founded Hodmedod with colleagues Josiah Meldrum and William Hudson in 2012, aiming to work with farmers to provide British-grown pulses and grains to British markets. Hodmedod supplies a growing range of dried and canned pulses, quinoa, and snack roasted beans and peas to individuals, retailers, caterers and manufacturers.

Danyal Sattar
Danyal is the Social Investment Manager at Joseph Rowntree Foundation. Previously he worked for Big Society Capital and Access Foundation, following a longer stint at Esmee Fairbairn Foundation managing their social investment fund and environmental grant making. He worked with Charity Bank in the lending team, with the Brussels-based network International Association of Investors in the Social Economy on scaling social investment across Europe, and prior to that with the UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association, Aston Reinvestment Trust and New Economics Foundation. He was until last year a Trustee of Ethical Investment Research Services Foundation, is currently a Trustee of the Credit Union Foundation, the School of T’ai Chi Chuan London and the T’ai Chi Foundation.

Maria Scholten
Maria is the Scottish Crofting Federation’s project development worker and has managed projects about alternative agriculture and farmers’ seeds. She did research on Scottish landsraces 2009-2011 and part of this in collaboration with the crofting course at Sgoil Lionacleit on Uist and with Crofting Connections.

James Skinner
James is a Trustee Emeritus of the New Economics Foundation and a former Trustee of the Organic Research Centre at Elm Farm for 20 years.

Jo Smith
Jo studied for a PhD on assessing the value of agri-environment schemes for soil biota with the Centre for Agri-Environment Research at the University of Reading, jointly with the Soil Biodiversity group at the Natural History Museum. She has been working at The Organic Research Centre since June 2009. As Principal Agroecology researcher, Jo is responsible for the agroforestry programme, and is working on a range of European projects investigating the value of agroforestry as a way of reconciling production with protection of the environment.

Nick Snellgar
Nick runs Maple Field Milk CIC, a micro dairy and processing plant in Martin, Hampshire, employing eight people and supplying shops, pubs and restaurants within a 10 miles radius. A graduate of the Royal Agricultural College (now university), he spent time in dairy farming before setting up a nursery business from which he founded Futurefarms- Martin in 2003. He’s just launched a monthly one day course in dairy processing.

Shaun Spiers
Shaun has led CPRE since 2004. Previously he was chief executive of ABCUL, the credit union trade association. From 1994 to 1999, he was an MEP for the South East, serving on the European Parliament’s Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee. He is a trustee of Sustain, the alliance for food and farming, and was a founder trustee of Civic Voice.
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Ricarda Steinbrecher
Ricarda is a biologist, geneticist and co-director of EcoNexus. She has worked on GMO since 1995, especially UN-led processes on Biosafety, the risk assessment of genetically engineered organisms and synthetic biology. She is a founding member of the European Network of Scientists for Social and Environmental Responsibility and works with civil society and small-scale farmer groups world-wide. She has a PhD from the University of London.

Phil Stocker
Phil became Chief Executive of the National Sheep Association in 2011, after 15 years leading the Soil Association’s support work for its farmer and growers. As CEO he is keen to see the diversity evident within the sheep sector continue, whilst recognising the need for proportionate improvements in efficiency. He has a particular interest in the role of ruminant livestock within the arable rotation.

Kate Swade
Kate has been with Shared Assets since 2012, and is currently leading on a lot of their consultancy work with local authorities and social enterprises, alongside developing new projects. She has over 10 years’ experience of community led regeneration and of working with groups of people to take more control of their environments, most recently working with ambitious community-led property projects at Coal Street community builders.

James Swift
With a family background of farming and food in both Sussex and northern France, James left a career in education policy to move, with his wife Ruth, to Trealy Farm to develop a business that would build on his love and knowledge of food. This led in 2004 to Trealy Farm Charcuterie, pioneering British free-range traditional breed charcuterie. Winning many awards, investing and expanding, it sells nationwide to restaurants, caterers and foodservice as well as at local farmers’ markets and food festivals.

Holly Tiffen
Holly is the manager of the Grown in Totnes project sponsored by Transition Town Totnes, which seeks to increase the range of local food available in the Totnes area. Local organic farmers have grown a range of cereal crops for its members including naked oats and heritage wheat and rye, and GI T plans to process these crops using small-scale equipment drawing on a pool of community volunteers.

Iain Tolhurst
Iain is well known within the organic movement having been active for over 40 years. He also works part time as an advisor for many horticultural farms nationally and internationally, as well as various organic organisations delivering seminars and conducting farm walks. He is considered to be a leading expert on stock-free organic horticulture, and low carbon local vegetable production systems. He has written several books about his experiences, the most recent being “Back to Earth” self-published in 2016.

Colin Tudge
Colin is a biologist by education and a writer by trade, authoring books on natural history, food and farming and the philosophy of science. He is currently working to establish a ‘College for Enlightened Agriculture’. @RealFarming

Peter Volz
Peter has been working with the Access to Land network for five years, which currently comprises 20 organisations from 10 countries all over Europe. These initiatives try to enable access to land and farm succession for ecological farming. Peter is also directly working with various land trusts in his home country Germany.

David Walton
David spent the first 28 years of his life with no interest in agriculture. This changed in 2010 when he came back to the family farm in Cambridge and noticed that some fields were much more productive than others. Six years and one Nuffield Scholarship later the farm is a very different place, with a focus on improving the soil and environment.

Mark Walton
Mark established Shared Assets in 2012. He has over 20 years’ experience of working with communities on environmental issues and contributes his expertise across the full range of Shared Assets work, including their policy, research, advocacy, and advice and support services. He has acted as an advisor to Defra, DCLG, and the Canal and River Trust, on issues such as working with civil society, asset transfer, and community engagement. Mark has a BSc in Biological Sciences from Birmingham University, a Diploma in Public Administration from Warwick Business School and is a 2012 Clore Social Fellow.

Christine Watson
Christine is Professor of Agricultural Systems at SRUC and currently leads a team of soil scientists working on soil management and nutrient cycling in organic and conventional farming systems. She holds a guest researcher position in the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences and was President of the European Society of Agronomy from 2014 to 2016.

Guy Watson
Guy is the founder of Britain’s largest 100% organic retailer, Riverford Organic Farms. Following first-hand experience of the unethical behaviour of supermarkets he decided to sell direct to customers, and offer other organic farmers a route to market with a guaranteed price. A self-confessed ‘veg nerd’, Guy lectures on ethical business, has written several cook books and campaigns on issues such as pesticide use and intensive livestock farming.

Steph Wetherell
Steph is an active member of Sims Hill Shared Harvest CSA, a CSA located in Bristol, which supplies almost 90 shares in the city. She also coordinates Beacon Farms, which works to preserve agricultural land for food growing and support new entrants access land, and Bristol Food Producers, a local network for farmers and producers.

Ashley Wheeler
Ashley runs Trill Farm Garden with his partner Kate. They specialise in growing salads to sell to restaurants around Lyme Regis. Ashley is a founding member of the Landworkers’ Alliance and is currently helping to launch LandBase.

Andrew Wilkinson
Andrew is a scientist, farmer and miller based in Northumberland. With his partner Sybil he created Gilchester’s Organics which grows, mills and markets flour from a range of cereal varieties including heritage and ancient grains.

Ian Wilkinson
Ian studied at Berkshire College of Agriculture and
joined Cotswold Seeds 30 years ago, developing the business with a focus on the role of providing a bridge between farmers and the scientific community. Cotswold Seeds has built its reputation on developing complex seed mixtures and providing a personal service to its customers, 10,000 UK farmers and landowners. It recently purchased Honeydale Farm for trialing new farming methods and has been increasingly involved in scientific research projects including LegumePlus which explored the benefits of legumes, and SARIC which is testing biodiverse forages.

Graeme Willis
Graeme, a senior rural policy campaigner at CPRE, specialises in food and farming. He managed CPRE’s Mapping Local Food Webs project which researched local food networks nationally from 2007-2012 and wrote CPRE’s New Model Farming: resilience through diversity report, published in August 2016. Graeme previously taught at Sunderland, Anglia Ruskin and Essex Universities and comes from a Cheshire farming family.

David Wilson
David has been Farm Manager at the Duchy Home Farm since it was established in 1985. The 1,900 acre organic farm is used to demonstrate organic production methods as a commercial farm and through research projects. David is a Trustee of the Organic Research Centre, an Honorary Life member of the Soil Association, a member of the RAU School of Agriculture Advisory Board and of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Farming Committee.

Jonathan Wittenberg
Jonathan was born in Glasgow to a German Jewish refugee family. He was appointed Rabbi of the New North London Masorti Synagogue in 1987 and Senior Rabbi of Masorti Judaism UK in 2008. His interests include pastoral work, interfaith understanding, the environment, Jewish history, and poetry. He teaches, writes and speaks widely including on Radio 4’s Prayer for the Day.

Martin Wolfe
Martin became a plant pathologist at the Plant Breeding Institute, Cambridge (1960-88), before taking the Chair of Plant Pathology at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich. Since 1997, he has been developing Wakelyns Agroforestry in Suffolk, and is Principal Scientific Adviser to the Organic Research Centre.

Helen Woodcock
Helen is one of the founding members of Greater Manchester’s Kindling Trust and Manchester Veg People. Kindling is working to create a fairer and more sustainable food system through a number of initiatives aiming to support organic food producers and make local organic food accessible to all.

Dee Woods
Dee is a community actionist, urban grower and edible educator who runs Granville community Kitchen in Kilburn. She is London Slow Food Ambassador 2016 and the 2016 BBC Food and Farming Awards Cook of the Year.

Lawrence Woodward
Lawrence is a co-founder / former Director of the Organic Research Centre, and was awarded an OBE in 2001 for his pivotal role in the strategic and practical development of the organic sector in the UK. He oversees the website Citizens Concerned About GM and sits on the Board of GM Freeze.

Rebecca Wrigley
Rebecca is one of the founders of Rewilding Britain and has just taken over as maternity cover for the Director. She has worked in the voluntary and public sectors for 23 years, with 15 years at a senior management level. During this time she has developed, managed and implemented conservation and community development programmes at local, national and international levels in the UK, Mexico, Uganda and New Zealand. Her particular expertise is in engaging local communities in decision-making about the land and its resources.

Richard Young
Richard is Policy Director for the Sustainable Food Trust, having formerly been Chairman of the Soil Association’s Symbol Committee and editor of the journal New Farmer and Grower. He has studied and written on many agricultural issues including the overuse of antibiotics in agriculture, bovine tuberculosis, and greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture.
LUNCHES AND REFRESHMENTS

At lunchtime on both days, choose your lunch from several different caterers located in the Main Hall and Assembly Room. These caterers have all been selected for using local and organic produce wherever possible.

This year we have Will’s Deli: organic salad bar with plenty of vegetarian and vegan options; Wa! Cuisine: organic vegetarian and vegan curry with a cause - feeding children in poverty; Ellie’s Kitchen: Greek savoury and sweet pies - authentically traditional, homemade, seasonal and organic and The Oxford Food Company: sandwiches with ethically-sourced meat and vegetarian fillings.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

The Oxford Real Farming Conference isn’t just about farming... it’s also a celebration of the farming community! We invite you to join us on the evening of Wednesday 4th January at various venues across the city.

17:00-18:15, BAR OPENS
MAIN HALL
We will be serving a range of alcoholic and soft drinks, including real ale and English wines. Buy your drink for the evening sessions, or to take into the evening reception.

18:30-20:30, GOOD FOOD
OXFORD EVENING RECEPTION
MAIN HALL
Local chef Will Pouget, of the Vaults & Garden Cafe, Will’s Deli and Alphabar, will be providing canapés and bowl food alongside a glass of English wine, with a bar provided. Hosted by Good Food Oxford, lamb is supplied by Sheepdrove Organic Farm, pasture-fed beef supplied by Hornton Grounds, vegetables supplied by Worton Organic Garden and Sandy Lane Farm.

Please note — the evening reception is not included with the standard delegate ticket. Please ask at the registration desk if you would like to be notified of any returns.

20:00–23:00, STOMPIN’ DAVE
JOINS THE LAND WORKERS’ ALLIANCE
ST ALDATE’S TAVERN
Dave performs bluegrass, blues, country, folk, rock n roll, old-time, and more. For the LWA, he’ll be appearing in a trio, accompanied by banjo and double bass. Free and welcome to all! Bring your stomping shoes.

21:00–23:00, THE PASTURE-FED LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION ‘OPEN HOUSE’ THE TURL STREET KITCHEN
Spend some time in the Pasture-Fed Livestock Association’s living room for the evening, upstairs at the Turl Street Kitchen. Come along to meet, mingle, chat PFLA or wind down from the day. If you have a meal before, you can claim 15% off the cost of your food.

NETWORKING

Save time for networking! There will be networking opportunities in the breaks and during the lunches, as well as a series of information-sharing boards in the Main Hall for linking people up with each other both during and after the conference.

EXHIBITORS

Sheepdrove Organic Farm and Trust
Sheepdrove has 2500 acres at the forefront of organic and sustainable agriculture. The farm also has conference and accommodation facilities on site, with a restaurant producing seasonal cuisine. Our meat produce is sold through our butcher’s shop in Maida Vale, London. The trust supports initiatives which increase sustainability, biodiversity and organic farming, and supports research into organic seed production and nutrition. The trust also supports specific work in educational research and spiritual care for the living and the dying. www.sheepdrove.com

Compassion in World Farming is a leading farm animal welfare charity founded almost 50 years ago by a British farmer who became highly concerned by the development of factory farming. During the half century since it was founded, Compassion has made a significant contribution to animal welfare. In addition, Compassion in World Farming’s Food Business team is working with some of the world’s biggest food companies to encourage them to develop a more ethical and sustainable food supply and 342 million animals are set to benefit each year as a result of Compassion’s “Good Farm Animal Welfare Awards” winners’ policies. www.ciwf.org.uk

The Soil Association was formed in 1946 to pioneer a better world – one where we can all eat, farm and live healthily and
sustainably. Today we’re still dedicated to making positive change happen. We’re farming and growing, buying, cooking and eating. We’re campaigning and researching. We’re running innovative programmes that prove the case for change. And we’re inspiring millions of people to take their own step towards a better world.

www.soilassociation.org

Innovative Farmers is a not-for-profit network giving farmers research support and funding on their own terms. If you have an idea that could make your business more sustainable, you can get support and up to £10,000 in research funding to test it out. You can set up your own ‘field lab’ with a group of like-minded farmers or, if you’re interested in one of the existing topics, you can join and work together. Come and talk to us about your idea, plus get the latest on field labs including compost tea, creeping thistle and antibiotic reduction.

www.innovativefarmers.org

The Pasture-Fed Livestock Association (PFLA) is a growing group of British farmers and other interested parties who own the ‘Pasture for Life’ certification mark which is used to certify its members who are producing 100% grass-fed beef and lamb, which is highly sought after by consumers for its health benefits and environmental credentials. Find out more at:

www.pastureforlife.org

Advanced Training Partnership (ATP) Pasture is the advanced training programme for sustainable and efficient food production. The aim of ATP-Pasture is to provide access to cutting-edge research findings and give clear overviews of relevant topics to pasture-based agriculture. Flexible post-graduate distance learning.

www.atp-pasture.org.uk

Biodynamic Association
www.biodynamic.org.uk

Biodynamic Land Trust
www.biodynamiclandtrust.org.uk

The biodynamic movement is the only global organic standard operating today. Based on an integrated holistic cultural, economic and political (small “p”) perspective, it has the potential to stimulate cooperative activity that will in turn generate whole system sustainability. We are modelling a new way of working together and charting a roadmap for the practical implementation of an agrarian enlightenment that has the potential to enable people to create the world they want to live in. It offers an opportunity for rural renaissance built on long-term economic security.

Back for another year, the Blackwell’s book stall will once again stock the recommended food and farming books relevant to the conference, including many written by this year’s speakers and delegates. For learning, for life.

www.blackwells.co.uk

The Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience (CAWR), at Coventry University, drives innovative, trans-disciplinary research on the development of resilient food and water systems in the UK and internationally, where we put peoples’ knowledge first and seek paradigm shifting and transformatory change in our food and farming systems. Based in the centre of organic gardens just south of Coventry, we are a 50-strong research team of natural and social scientists, enriched by 30 PhD students on our in-house Doctoral Training Programme, and we also run an innovative MSc on Agroecology and Food Security.

www.coventry.ac.uk/research/areas-of-research/agroecology-water-resilience

For 40 years, Cotswold Seeds has built a reputation for developing complex grass seed mixtures, leading the way in promoting a diverse system of sustainable farming. Customers number over 10,000 UK farmers and landowners, who turn to the company’s technical advisors for advice and bespoke seed mixtures to suit the particular needs of their farm. Cotswold Seeds also owns Honeydale Farm, 100 acres in the Cotswolds, where it is showcasing the concept of New Mixed Farming.

www.cotswoldseeds.com

Growing Together is a UK wide partnership of community and environmental sector organisations that
works to unlock income, land and skills for community growing groups, helping them become financially self-sustaining. Funded by the Big Lottery, we hothouse innovative ways for local community growing groups to generate income. We offer tailored support to provide community growing initiatives with the confidence, skills and knowledge they need to move from reliance on grants to a balanced income model.

www.growingtogether.community

Indie Farmer is an online magazine that celebrates the small-scale producers and growers that are redefining tradition and exploring new ways to farm and produce real food. We share inspirational stories about the real farming movement and give a voice to those dedicated to making better, healthier, and safer food in the UK and beyond. We also highlight the ethical, political and environmental issues connected to modern farming and food production.

www.indiefarmer.com

The Land is written by and for people who believe that the roots of justice, freedom, social security and democracy lie not so much in access to money, or to the ballot box, as in access to land and its resources.

www.thelandmagazine.org.uk

The Organic Research Centre (ORC) is the UK’s leading independent research centre for the development of organic and agroecological food production and land management solutions to key global issues including climate change, soil and biodiversity conservation, and food security. Established in 1980 by David Astor, the Progressive Farming Trust Ltd., ORC’s parent educational charity, has continued to pursue the visionary sustainability goals of its founders.

www.organicresearchcentre.com

Permaculture – practical solutions beyond sustainability; is a bestselling international green/environmental magazine. Its 88 pages are packed with inspiring articles written by leading experts alongside the readers’ own tips and solutions. Published quarterly, this pioneering magazine is full of money saving ideas for your home, garden and community. It features thought provoking articles on a variety of relevant topics, and is also full of reviews of the latest books, dvds, tools and products, details of courses and access to contacts who will help you achieve your own goals and dreams.

www.permaculture.co.uk

Scot’s Timothy Seed Growers’ Association. Timothy Hay is the most historic hay varieties around but yet the production of the Scot’s Timothy variety is rapidly decreasing close to the point of extinction. Scot’s Timothy is a landrace variety that needs promotion to prevent the loss of this sub-species all together. It is also important to increase its production in order to encourage the biodiversity of the crops used by the agricultural community.

www.grassseed.co.uk

Stir to Action is a community organisation that publishes a quarterly magazine (STIR), runs workshop programmes and short courses, produces how-to resources for setting up co-operatives and community enterprises, commissions original artwork and facilitates social economy start-ups. STIR magazine explores community ownership, co-operatives, post-growth economics, food sovereignty, alternative finance, law and social change, open data, cultural activism, peer-to-peer production, and the future of work.

www.stirtoaction.com

At Triodos Bank, we’re experts at financing sustainable farming practices. We work with farmers to fund working capital and term loan requirements whether for conversion to organic, refinancing or investment in growth, renewables and diversification. We finance the entire organic food chain, from producers and processors to retailers and restaurants. We offer bespoke finance to meet your specific needs and have a strong understanding of the dynamics of the organic farming sector.

www.triodos.co.uk

The Woodland Trust is the country’s largest woodland conservation charity. We believe life is better with trees. Our woodland creation advisors have years of experience advising landowners on the benefit of trees. We provide subsidised trees and independent advice and support to farmers interested in planting trees. To find out more about how we can help you to plant trees on your farm: call 0330 333 5303 or email plant@woodlandtrust.org.uk

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/farming

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**OXFORD TOWN HALL**

Venue for all conference sessions and Wednesday’s evening meal hosted by Good Food Oxford

**ST ALDATE’S TAVERN**

Pub open all day. Evening events hosted by the Land Workers’