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### Other Events

- **Towards a People’s Land Policy**
- **Systems Thinking for Just, Equitable, Ecological UK Food and Farming**
- **The Search For Land: A European Overview**
- **Drop In Session: An Introduction to Shuemi Natural Agriculture**

### Other Locations

- **Oxford Town Hall**
- **Lunch served in the Church**
- **Market Gardening at Lauriston Farm: Reviving small raised beds within a mixed farm**
- **Hemp: A Thread of Hope**
- **How Do We Really Reduce Pesticides? Crowd-Sourcing the Answer**
- **Is the Present Neoliberal Economy Fit for Purpose?**
- **Making Your Food Enterprise More Efficient**
- **Farming So White: Land Ownership, Race and Racism in Britain**
- **Workshop: How to be Brilliant at Horticultural Training (for Growers and Trainers)**

### Workshops and Talks

- **Practical Progress towards Public Goods**
- **Networking Session: Practical Ways to Achieve Net Zero**
- **LUNCHTIME TALK: The Nature and Nuance of Farming for Health/Resilience**
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OXFORD TOWN HALL FLOOR PLAN

WELCOME TO THE 11TH ANNUAL ORFC!

With a few obvious exceptions most of the world’s leaders seem to recognise that the world is in crisis on just about every front (climate change, runaway extinctions, social and economic injustice and inequality, political and civil unrest, ill-health, depression). Most seem to recognise too that food and farming are at the heart of all the world’s problems. They are the aspects of life that we absolutely have to get right but in practice, are getting most wrong.

But very few leaders – any? – acknowledge that the changes we need are radical. In particular we need to move away from hyper-industrial agriculture -- high-tech, high-input, minimum-to-zero labour monocultures on the largest possible scale, designed to maximise and concentrate wealth. Instead we need to practice Enlightened Agriculture, aka Real Farming – designed expressly to produce good food without wrecking everything else, and based on the principles of agroecology and food sovereignty. Real Farming requires farms that are diverse and low-input: highly complex, skills-intensive, and generally small to medium-sized, feeding into markets that are as local as is sensible – the very opposite of “official” policy.

Even fewer recognise that the changes we need cannot be achieved ad hoc. Specifically, we need as a matter of urgency to acknowledge that the present “neoliberal” economy -- a global, all-out, ruthless competition for profit and market share, purely an exercise in money -- is not fit for purpose. The world, and agriculture in particular, need something very different. Yet – this is the sticking point – challenges to business as usual are written off as “unrealistic”.

ORFC was intended from its beginning, a decade ago, to be radical – and so it continues. Speakers this year -- led as always by farmers! -- are addressing all the big issues of the modern world. They are demonstrating once more that there are solutions out there, and good people the world over are showing that they work. But they won’t work if we remain within the confines of the status quo. As always, the task is not simply to suggest solutions but to build the alternative world.

Colin Tudge and Ruth West
The Real Farming Trust

FROM THE CONFERENCE TEAM:
Francesca Price, Hannah Fenton, Katherine Mansell, and Ruth West

We had an overwhelming response to our call for sessions for this year. We have done our best to accommodate as many ideas as possible within the space available, but this has led to a very full programme.

We suggest you don’t try to get to everything and give yourself a good amount of time to socialise and enjoy the delicious local food available in the St Aldates Church. There are shorter talks and networking sessions programmed in some of the rooms during lunchtime but if you want to take a break, please do!

OUR SPONSORS
We would be unable to offer tickets at a reasonable price or have bursaries available without the generous support of so many individuals and organisations. Our thanks go to Esme Fairbarn Foundation, The A Team Foundation, Compassion in World Farming, The Soil Association and Innovative Farmers, Agricology, Cotswold Seeds, Riverford Organic Farmers, Lush, Triodos Bank, and the Organic Herb Trading Company.

A huge thanks to Chelsea Green Publishing, in particular Rosie Baldwin, for introducing us to Leah Penniman and Ben Hartman, and sponsoring their visits here. (Their books will be available to buy along with others in the Chelsea Green catalogue.)

OTHER SUPPORTERS
We are grateful to all our participants who have provided this year’s programme but our special thanks go to Agricology, The Soil Association and Innovative Farmers, and the Pasture Fed Livestock Association who have curated the Assembly Room and St Aldates Room programme and The Land Workers’ Alliance who have organised all the sessions in the Old Library and the bar and entertainment in the St Aldates Church.

Our thanks to Blackwell’s who are once again providing our bookstall, making sure conference speakers’ books are available to buy. And to Good Food Oxford for ensuring that ORFC enjoys the best of Oxford’s local food. Lunchtime and evening catering is provided by Will’s Deli; Sandy Lane Farm; Ellie’s Kitchen; Organic Deli; I Love Ethiopia; Handlebar Café and The Curiosities. Our evening dinners take place at The Vaults & Garden Cafe and Turl Street Kitchen.

We are also delighted to welcome Farmerama as our media partner and Greenhouse PR, who have supported the communications team to ensure the key messages of ORFC reach out far and wide.

OUR CONFERENCE TEAM
We are supported by Jade Neville, Ben Brown, Chirstabel Buchanan (Operations Support), Peter Lefort and Henry Owen (Technical Support). Our thanks to all of them. Also to our team of volunteers who make sure that everyone is well looked after and all sessions run to time.

Finally, we are grateful to Oxford City Council and the St Aldates Church for their continued support.
GETTING TO SESSIONS
Most of the sessions take place in the Oxford Town Hall. Some sessions take place in the St Aldates Centre, which is on Pembroke Street, a few minutes walk from the Town Hall. Here you will find the Christopher Room, the Conference Room and the Green Room. To get there follow the road from the Town Hall, turn left, then right into Pembroke Street, and the entrance is on your right.

Some sessions take place upstairs in the St Aldates Tavern, which is across the road from the Town Hall, and slightly to the left.

Most of the networking and all of the informal lunch and evening catering takes place in the St Aldates Church. Cross the road from the Town Hall, turn left, and continue past the turning to Pembroke Street. The Church is on your right.

There is a map of the Town Hall on page 4 and a map of all the venues on page 48.

CAPACITY OF ROOMS
Please note that not all of the rooms are accessible for wheelchairs. There may be some rooms that we cannot attend certain sessions. We recommend arriving early to the sessions to ensure you get in.

We will have sign-up sheets for the workshops on session 1 in the Main Hall. However, if you haven’t signed up for these and want to take part, it is still worth coming along as there may be spaces available on the door.

ACCESSIBILITY
The Town Hall, the Christopher Room and the Conference Room and the St Aldates Church are fully accessible.

Both evening dinner venues are fully accessible.

However, due to issues with renovating an old building, we’re sorry to say that the Green Room and upstairs at the St Aldates Tavern are not accessible.

TEA AND COFFEE
Tea and coffee are available free-of-charge on both days in the Main Hall of the Oxford Town Hall and in the St Aldates Church. You will also be able to browse exhibition stands in both venues.

LUNCHES AND INFORMAL EVENING CATERING
At lunchtime on both days, and on the evenings of 7th and 8th January, you can choose a meal from caterers in the

St Aldates Church. You will need cash to buy meals from them as they are not included in the conference ticket price.

Our caterers have all been selected by Good Food Oxford for their sourcing credentials i.e. local and organically sourced produce wherever possible. They include:

- Will’s Deli: organic stews and salads with meat, vegetarian and vegan options
- Sandy Lane Farm: hearty vegetarian and vegan options, and warming organic food.
  
  All dishes are made with ingredients freshly harvested from their farm just outside Oxford.
- Organic Delic: brunch, sourdough, bowls of goodness, slow pressed juice and plates of seasoned goodies
- I Love Ethiopia: including a spiced veggie medley using locally-grown vegetables
- The Handlebar Cafe: sourdough bread, soup and PFLA: sourced cheese
- The Curiousity: hand-cured bacon baps made with local rare breed pork and local bread, plus veggie club sandwiches
- Ellie’s Kitchen: Greek savoury and sweet pies - traditional, seasonal and organic

EVENING DINNERS AND 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 Thursday 8th January at various venues across the city.

Local restaurants, chosen by Good Food Oxford for their sourcing credentials, play host to two official dinners, starting at 19:00. They are:

- The Vaults & Garden (1 Radcliffe Sqa, Oxford OX1 4AL), which will be hosted by the Real Farming Trust and will serve a three-course lamb or vegetarian meal in their historic venue, with lamb supplied by Sandy Lane Farm and vegetables supplied by Worton Organic Garden.
- Turf Street Kitchen (16-17 Turf Sqa, Oxford OX1 3DH), which will be hosted by the Pasture Fed Livestock Association and Compass in World Farming and will serve a pasture-cowe or vegetable meal, with 100% pasture-fed beef supplied by Manor Farm, Hampton Gay.

These dinners are not included in the conference ticket and have now both sold out.

However, there will be plenty to keep you fed and entertained in the St Aldates Church. Some of the University’s members, the Old Tree Brewery, will be running a bar serving their own beers and ciders, as well as a wide range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks.

There will also be music by Benedict Rawley and Robbie Humphrey and access to the blue-grass covers band, The Cash Cows.

ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE
This year we will have inter-arts artist and award winning poet, Maya Chowdhry making Live Art in the Christopher Room on Wednesday 7th January at 6:00 pm. Maya's work focuses on such themes as food sovereignty, world water crisis and climate justice. (Please book your place in one of her sessions at registration). We will also be joined by drummers from the Shumie Taiko Ensemble who aim to advance peace and harmony by bridging cultural differences through their drumming performances. (Shumie International will be talking about natural agriculture and their approach to farming shortly afterwards). Also, ORFC’s regular EnviroVisu artist, Rebecca Roberts, will be visually documenting some ORFC sessions.

COMMUNICATIONS PRESS
There will be photography and filming at the conference. Please let us know at registration if you do not want to be filmed.

Members of the press: the press area will be in the old library (see map). Our Communications Director, Katherine Mansell, will be available to assist with interviews or quiet places to film.

Can all delegates please put their phones on silent, which includes off-vibrate? However, you are welcome to tweet from the sessions. Please include our hashtag which is #ORFC20.

Please tweet us @ORFC.

DISCLAIMER
We have done our best to ensure that the programme accurately reflects the agenda and the speakers’ and chair’s biographies for the two days. But despite our best efforts, some changes are inevitable, especially for last minute speakers, for which we apologise.

ASSEMBLY ROOM
We have the three FODDER in Silvopasture Systems
Speakers: Tim Pagella, Bangor University Nigel Kendall, University of Nottingham Tim Downes, The Farm
Chair: Helen Chesshire, Woodland Trust

Silvopasture is an ancient practice that integrates trees and pasture into a sustainable food production system. Research from Project Drawdown – the global research organisation - suggests silvopasture is the most effective climate change mitigation solution of all agricultural systems. However, there are also animal welfare and productivity benefits through the provision of shelter, shade and as a valuable source of food. This session will give a brief overview of what silvopasture is and its benefits before delving into more detail about why two farmers are planting trees on their farms. They will have a panel discussion, in this session as a tree source and highlight new research on the mineral composition of tree leaves and how best to utilise some of the concentrations identified as a supplement for sheep.

OLD LIBRARY
ANIMAL FEEDS: WHAT WE FEED LIVESTOCK MASTERS
Speakers: Christie Page, Smiling Tree Farm
Speakers: Tim Wilson, Smith, Forum for the Future
Chair: Jonny Vander, Feedback

However, feed sustainability. This session will focus on the key ethos, methodology and equipment for a peasant baker, exploring diversity in agroecological strategies. However, there animal feeding is increasingly under the spotlight for its environmental impacts. What we feed livestock, because it relates to about half of the agricultural land on the planet, 80 percent of which is grasslands. In particular, pig and poultry production has a major dependency on soy imported from Latin America, and fish oil from the Common Fisheries Policy. In this session, we’ll provide an overview of the challenges and opportunities, showcasing some of the actions farmers are taking on feed sustainability.

COUNCIL CHAMBER
ARMS FOR FARMS! HOW RETAILERS CAN INCREASE THE DEMAND FOR SUSTAINABLY GROWN FRUIT AND VEGETABLES
Speakers: Natasha Sapers, Better Food Traders Network
Chair: Rebecca Laughton, Landworkers’ Alliance

This is a practical discussion on how farmers and retailers can work together to deliver sustainable food to consumers. We’ll explore some of the challenges and opportunities, showcasing what some of the actions farmers are taking on feed sustainability.

LONG ROOM
PEASANT BAKERY'S A NEW MODEL FOR LOAF
Speakers: Nicolas Supiot, Les Jardins de Siloé

Katie Hastings, The Gaia Foundation
Chair: Rupert Dunn, forth Y Tir

Nicolas Supiot is one of the most famous peasant bakers in France, often credited as the man who revived the word ‘peasant’ from its derogatory past. For this session, Nicolas will be joining Rupert Dunn from the Welsh Bakery, forth Y Tir, to talk about his practices for taking gran from farm to fork as exploring diversification in the soil; and some of the more esoteric aspects of what it means to be a peasant baker, reviving our relationship with the elements, with wheat, and ourselves and each other.

COURT ROOM
WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM OUR SOIL? TAKING SOIL TESTS TO THE NEXT LEVEL
Speakers: Elizabeth Stockdale
Chair: John Vidal, Journalist

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Chair: Tim Williams, The Pastoral Collective
Speakers: Niel Corfield, Soil Advisor
Chair: John Vidal, Journalist

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Chair: Abby Rose, Sector Mentor for Off Grid
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How do you effect bottom-up change in the UK food system? We know that change is vital for justice, equity and a climate change and biodiversity loss, yet instead of system change we face proposals for further concentrations of power, including linear techno-fixes that will merely increase our problems. In a situation where farmers take the risks and companies reap the profits, how can systems thinking and solutions help in building, feeding, fair, resilient food systems for the UK?

CONFERENCE ROOM
SEARCH FOR LAND: A EUROPEAN OVERVIEW
Speakers: Riz Corbett, Scottish Farm Land Trust
Adam Barnett, RSIPB
Véronique Rouffet, Terre de Liens
Samson Hart
Chair: Tom Carman, Real Farming Trust / Ethica
Are you involved in finding, buying, or renting land for agroecology? Or are you aware of a land struggle to save or secure land for agroecology? We’re wanting to get the diverse range of different approaches that are being tried, where the blocks are, where most innovation is happening, and the extent of the need for legislative change, which can then change the ownership and management of land. Please tell us about your experiences; and hear more about how the situation in England, Scotland and Wales compares with that in France, Hungary and Romania. We’re part of an EU Erasmus-funded project whose members are Terre de Liens, NLN, ECVC, Urgenda, IFOM; EU: RFT. The project has been called the “first collaboration between all key European organisations on land for agroecology”.

BARRIERS ROOM
DROP IN SESSION: AN INTRODUCTION TO SHU MEI NATURAL AGRICULTURE
Speakers: Alice Cunningham, Shumei International
Ben Raskin, Soil Association
Shumei: Natural Agriculture is a way of farming based on a deep respect and regard for nature. It looks to cultivate wholesome food with pure seeds without the use of any fertilizer, chemicals or additives. It is more than an approach to agriculture, it is a way of living in harmony with nature. A guiding principle of Shumei is the inherent power of the soil to produce healthy crops. Natural Agriculture seeks to facilitate a sustainable lifestyle by developing a deep respect for nature and helps restore the relationship between humankind and the environment: it also fosters an attitude of trust, gratitude and care. Following on from their impressive drumming which opened the conference, come and join the discussion, in the local, international, along with several farmers, to learn more about this way of farming.

MAIN HALL
FARMING WHILE BLACK: AFRICAN DIASPORIC WISDOM FOR FARMING AND FOOD JUSTICE
Speaker: Leah Penniman, Soul Fire Farm
Chair: Samra Marami, Trustee, Real Farming Trust
Are you aware of the most cherished sustainable farming practices - from organic agriculture to the farm cooperative - that have roots in African wisdom. Yet, Black farmers face the same discrimination and marginalisation worldwide. Author, activist, farmer and founder of Soul Fire Farm in New York, Leah Penniman is a leading example of racial justice in our food system. Through programmes such as the Black-Indigenous Farmers Immersion, a sliding-scale farmshare delivery programme, and reparations work, Soul Fire Farm is part of an international network of farmers working to increase farmland stewardship by people of colour, restore Afro-indigenous farming practices, and end food apartheid. Leah will talk about this growing global movement and how ORFC delegates can contribute and help build a food system based on justice, dignity and abundance for all members of our community.

ASSEMBLY ROOM
FIXING THE BENEFITS OF PULSES IN CROP ROTATIONS
Speakers: George Young, Fobbing Farms
Christine Watson, Scotland’s Rural College (SRUC)
Caterina Brandmayr, Green Alliance UK
Katie Bliss, Agroecology
Chair: Josiah Maldrum, Hodmedod’s
Pulses have historically formed a key part of crop rotations. They deliver a large range of beneficial agroecosystem services including nitrogen fixation and habitat for pollinators and natural enemies. As such, diversifying rotations with pulses can enhance crop system productivity. Moreover, with increasing demand for plant-based protein, there is a growing potential market for UK-grown pulses. However, growers and pulses producers are currently risky and faces several challenges in production and marketing. This session will get into the nitty gritty of growing pulses, sharing plans for ecological tools such as a new methodology for closing the pulse loop and defining the pioneer action some farmers are already taking. This session will be followed by a lunchtime session (in the Long Room) where we will be invited to take part in facilitated discussions, tailored to their specific farm context, about practical action they can take on their farm right now to tackle pests and disease.

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YES WE CAN! HOW UK GROWERS COULD MEET DEMAND FOR FRUIT AND VEGETABLES
Speaker: Courtney Scott, Food Foundation
Chair: Rebecca Laughton, Landworkers’ Alliance/ Growing Communities
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LONG ROOM
DIVERSIFYING THE GRAIN CHAIN
Speaker: Kimberly Bell, Small Food Bakery
Chair: Katie Bell, The Gaia Foundation
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COUNCIL CHAMBER
PRACTICAL WAYS TO ACHIEVE ZERO CARBON IN THE UK
Speakers: Tim Benton, Chatham House and IPCC (The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change)
Caterina Brandmayr, Green Alliance UK
Phil Jarvis, NFU Environment Forum
Chair: Richard Berrell, Wildlife and Countryfile Link
The Government’s legally-binding target of net zero carbon by 2050 has huge implications for farmers and land managers in the UK. In this session, experts from all sides of the debate will interrogate exactly what net zero means for farmers. This session will explore in detail the risk and the pioneering action some farmers are already taking. This session will be followed by a lunchtime session (in the Long Room) where we will be invited to take part in facilitated discussions, tailored to their specific farm context, about practical action they can take on their farm right now to tackle pests and disease.

CURT庭 ROOM
WOODLAND AND AGROFORESTRY: OFFERING NEW BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR FARMERS
Speaker: Harriet Bell, Dartington Hall
Charles Tebbutt, Food & Forest
Clive Thomas, Soil Association
Chair: Nick Rae, Friends of the Earth
Adding trees to farms stores carbon, can boost productivity, diversifies outputs, and provides a host of other benefits. But how do we overcome the financial, skills, supply chain and market barriers to make trees a successful business? This session will showcase a range of options and hands-on practical advice for seizing financial opportunities offered by trees; how can farmers become foresters?; innovative tenancies and collaborations between landowners, farmers, and tree growers; the key role of land agents for flexible tenancies; cooperative working to take advantage of scale; accessing markets and crowdfunding; developing supply chains; and opportunities from new funding streams.

ST ALDATES ROOM
AGROFORESTRY HANDBOOK DROP-IN
Come along and pick up a copy of the Soil Association’s recent Agroforestry Handbook (while stocks last), and talk agroforestry with authors and editor. Find out more about opportunities for agroforestry in the UK and where to access local initiatives and learning networks.

UPSTAIRS @ ST ALDATES TAVERN
MARKET GARDENING AT LAURISTON FARM: REVIVING SMALL RAISED BEDS WITHIN A MIXED FARM
Speakers: Spencer Christy, Lauriston Farm
Andrea Kleinjans, Lauriston Farm
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Chair: John McGlasson, Managing Director of the community-owned farm on the Blackwater Estuary, just outside Goldhanger in Essex. The farm is biodiverse and is managed in a holistic, ecological and ethical way to produce beef, lamb and a variety of vegetables using small raised beds. This traditional market garden method was revived and improved by world renowned farmer and author, J.M. Fortier. For this talk, we will be hearing from the three farmers/ gardeners who look after Lauriston and find out how they used a two-wheeled tractor, hand tools and a tight planting scheme, to grow high-yielding and profitable crops on a small piece of land. We will also hear more about the social farming aspect of their work.
CONFERENCE ROOM

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LUNCHTIME DROP-IN:

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SPEAKERS: JYOTI FERNANDES, LANDWORKERS’ ALLIANCE

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Beginning to show what to enormous extent insect migration is affecting agricultural systems. Joseph’s work looks at farming for health and seek to identify pivotal health management practices.

GREEN ROOM WORKSHOP: PERSONAL RESILIENCE

(Max. 30 people. Please book your place on the sign-up sheet, which will be on the concertina boards in the Main Hall; although there may be further spaces available at the door.)

Whether we are undertaking activism, business, essential oil, for touch after touch ourselves often takes a backseat. But none of us are immune to burning out. We all instinctively know that burnout is ‘bad’, and resilience is ‘good’, but without space to understand the dynamics involved they remain abstract concepts which are hard to build into our daily (and busy) lives. This practical workshop will explore the symptoms and risks of burnout, as well as how to avoid contributing to it in yourself and others, working through theory and tools to help build resilience into our lives and in our groups.

The workshop will be led by Peter Lefort, a Trustee of the Transition Network, who has run workshops on resilience for activists, volunteers and employees for many years.

14.30-15.30

MAIN HALL

AFFORDABLE FOOD FOR ALL

Speaker: Henry Dibley DEFRA Dee Woods, Granville Community Kitchen Victoria Williams, Food Matters Jeremy Fenner, Landworkers’ Alliance Chair: Vicki Hird, Sustain

The UK has unacceptable levels of food insecurity and dietary related ill health. Despite being the 6th largest economy in the world, over 8.4 million people living in UK, the country has significant food and 13% of healthcare costs are from diet-related ill health. Farmers and food system activists argue that local food systems play a significant role in improving access to healthy, affordable food for all, regardless of their income, status or background. However, policy makers often see agriculture, food and health as separate. In this session explore how a food strategy for the UK could provide pathways towards improved local food systems and to access the healthy, affordable food for all.

ASSEMBLY ROOM

CLIMATE CHANGE AND UK HORTICULTURE: WHAT IS COMING? HOW TO BUILD RESILIENCE

Speaker: Rosemary Collier, University of Warwick

Climate change has already begun to make small changes to UK horticulture. This session will present experiences from UK growers and then model examples of the changes to come, with specific detail on insects. The session will aim to highlight the issues growers should pay attention to, but importantly present techniques to build resilience in organic systems. A follow-on session to this talk will be held in the St Aldates Room.

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LEAN, MEAN GROWING MACHINE

Speaker: Tim Paterson, Homestead Farm Ben Hartman, Clay Bottom Farm

Chair: Ellen Rignell, Trill Farm

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TRANSFORMING LAND OWNERSHIP AND LAND STEWARDSHIP MODELS FOR THE FUTURE

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DAY 1 – 8TH JANUARY

CONVERSE ROOM

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Patrick Gillett, Save UK CBD Catherine Wilson, European Industrial Hemp Association / British Hemp Association

Hemp is a wonder crop that offers many agronomic, economic and ecological benefits, holding the potential to transform our farms and society at large. This session will explore an opportunity to harvest seed, leaf and straw in order to create a huge range of valuable natural products. These include therapeutic treatments, construction, textile and feed oil, all complete with carbon-negative super food, super textiles, composite materials and much more.

After outlining its fantastic potential, the session will explore the practical and legislative barriers that currently limit the wider application of hemp, and collectively devise strategies for extending the positive influence of this miraculous plant.

MAIN HALL

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BUSINESS AND DEMOCRATIC COUNCIL CHAMBER

IMPROVING FARM PRODUCTIVITY WHILE LOOKING AFTER THE ENVIRONMENT

Speakers: Tim Mordan, DEFRA / Tim Mordan Chair: Yoti Fernandez, Landworkers’ Alliance

In this networking session, which follows on from a panel debate in the Council Chamber, farmers are invited to take part in group discussions, tailored to their specific farm context, about practical action they can take on their farm right now to tackle emissions and stewardship. Discussions will be broken down into arable, livestock, horticulture and mixed farming, and will be facilitated by representatives from Wildlife and Countryside Link and the Nature-Friendly Farming Network. Attendees should leave the session with some clear actions they can implement on their farms.

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The session will identify some of the challenges and barriers and provide practical solutions to successfully working together to deliver change.

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120,000 family businesses are expected to close or transfer ownership in the next three years. There is a gap between family farms and the value that they bring to the food systems and meeting local people’s needs, especially in relation to household food insecurity as experienced by people forced to use food banks.

This session will unpack challenges facing family businesses, hear from a pioneer in democratic land ownership, examine how creative and social, economic transformation.

During this talk you’ll get to an insight into our permaculture-designed community garden in South London. The interactive talk explores how food growing and creativity is used to make the environmental and Vegan plant movement more inclusive.

CONFERENCE ROOM

THE NATURE AND NUANCE OF LEANING

Chair: Vicky Hird, Sustain

This session will present experiences from farmer-farmer the world over, and this session is an opportunity to explore this as we hear from two experienced growers running successful horticultural businesses. Hosted by Landowners’ Alliance and Organic Growers Alliance.

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LEARNING FROM REGIONAL WERT IN GERMANY: FINANCING LOCALISED FOOD SYSTEMS
Speakers: Christian Hilg, Regionalwert AG
Joy Carey
Katrin Hochberg, COSMOS
Coralie Viau-Neuville, Regionalwert AG model offer independent and strategic financing solutions for UK local, urban and rural systems. This session will address how the Regionalwert AG - a German network of citizen shareholder companies with the purpose of strategically investing in and setting up (organic) businesses - can offer new models to support local trading networks; from farming, processing, catering, and retail to such services as machinery hire and repair. Capital is raised through equity offerings to local citizens. Investments, enabling local processing, non-family farm succession, independent retail capacity, farm or distribution start-ups, and catering-all are managed by the network's local governance body.

ST ALDATES ROOM
CREATING A VITAL FUTURE WITH MARGINAL GRAZING
Speakers: John Atkinson, Nithbiwate Grange Farm
Mary Bennett, Dudding Wood Farm
Jula Aigbogun, Foundation for Common Land (FCL)
Ruth Davis, RSPB
Chair: Christopher Price, Rare Breeds Survival Trust (RBST)

Livestock farmers are facing significant challenges - the loss of CAP payments, the threat from imported livestock at lower standards, and the general decline in meat-eating. In many cases these farmers could improve their position by adopting different business models, based on making the best use of all the opportunities the farm offers, including its location, the landscape, the quality of the grazing and the range of products that can be obtained from each. This session will encourage livestock grazers in marginal areas to think differently about their businesses.

ST ALDATES CHURCH
HOW DO WE REALLY REDUCE PESTICIDES? CROWD-SOURCING IS THE ANSWER
Speakers: Peter Lundgren
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ECONOMY FIT FOR PURPOSE?
Speakers: Tony Greenham, South West Mutual
Catherine Lucas MP, Green Party
Colin Mayer, Oxford University
Colin Tudge, Real Farming Trust
Chair: Ian Rapper
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WAKE UP TO GENOME EDITING: IS IT A THREAT OR AN OPPORTUNITY?
Speakers: Michael Antoniou, Kings College London
Lawrence Woodward, Beyond GM
Clare Robinson, GM Watch
Chair: Pat Thomas, Beyond GM
Genome editing is a profoundly transformative technology. It is being pushed by the research establishment, government, media and industry as the smart way to achieve sustainability. The agroecological/microbial movement has been compliant and mousy in response – if claims that big business is compatible with their principles. This technology will affect every aspect of production, but farmers and growers are either unaware of it or ignoring it. This session will cover where we are currently with opinions; potential health and environmental impacts; and how regulation – or lack of it – will impact.

ST ALDATES ROOM
FOLLOW-ON SESSION: CLIMATE CHANGE PREP SESSION
Following on from the main talk in the Assembly Room, this informal session will continue the conversation around ‘Climate change and UK Horticulture: Why not to come and ask relevant questions’. This will provide an opportunity to ask more questions, to share what people are doing in practice and to work together to come up with solutions to make us all more climate-ready.

ST ALDATES ROOM
ANSWERING TO THE NEXT GENERATION: A YOUNG PEOPLE’S ASSEMBLY ON THE NATIONAL FOOD STRATEGY FOR ENGLAND
Speakers: Henry Dimbleby and other experts will answer questions from young people, aged 15 to 25.
Chair: Chloe Donovan
We all believe there is an urgent need to transform current food and farming systems; to ensure future generations have access to good food and enjoy good health throughout their lives; and to ask young people: do young people think? What changes do they want to see and what questions would they put to the people shaping their future? This is our chance to find out. Join Henry Dimbleby – leader of the National Food Strategy for England – and a panel of experts from across the food and farming system as they answer questions from a panel of young people.

ST CHRISTOPHER ROOM
SECURING LAND FOR THE COMMON GOOD
Speakers: Tom Austin, National Trust
David Riddile, Soil Association Land Trust
Alice Favre, Chetle Estate
Shortens, Geo Chapman, 3Kkel / Soil Association Land Trust
We need land to provide its vital functions forever – to provide good food; capture, regulate and filter our water; lower carbon; sustain the living systems around us; and give us places to live in a way that is healthy for body and mind. Yet the mechanisms in place to create a sustainable landscape (grants, subsidies, market signals, regulations) are often short-term. And land tenure is rarely permanent. Join us to discuss the ways in which we can - and should - put land on a more permanent footing for the future.

UPSTAIRS @ ST ALDATES TAVERN
THE HERDSMAN: A PERFORMANCE followed by BEING A RESILIENT FARMER IN TIMES OF CHANGE
Chair: Tom Austin
Climatologist: Dr Andrew Dessergues, EUNIS
One of the most important things is what’s happening to the land is alive, and the animals peaceful, the people too are happy. Depression is not simply a problem that resides within an individual, but a symptom of environmental health, an indicator that we are on the wrong path. Storyteller, Georgia Wingfield-Hayes, tells the true story of Charles Eliot, great-grandson of the Ethical Dairy, once herdson a 1500 cow intensive dairy farm where his mental health crashed. Through Charles’s story we see how the need for food is driving the land, animals and people involved in its production. Charles is part of the panel in the following session on resilience.

BEING A RESILIENT FARMER IN TIMES OF CHANGE
Speakers: Sam Conway, The Farming Community Network
Adrian Cullis, Agricultural Christian Fellowship
Charles Eliot, The Ethical Dairy
Russ Carrington, Pasture-Fed Livestock Association
Planning for the future can be a daunting process, especially in farming where we are experiencing so much economic, political and social change. Settling a farm business is challenging enough, but trying to keep it sustainable and profitable in the face of adversity can have a negative impact on the wellbeing of families. Join Charles Eliot of Stream Farm, who will provide useful tips and guidance about how farmers can build their own personal and business resilience, thus helping them to embrace the changes that lie ahead – whatever they may be.
This session will run until 17:15.

GREEN ROOM
SMALL-SCALE GRAIN PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING: THE HOW TO TOOLKIT
Speakers: Charlotte Oliver, Landmatters
Holly Tiffen, Transition Town Totnes
Transition Town Totnes have produced a free interactive toolkit to help others set up small-scale grain projects and learn from their experiences along the way.

Hear from the founders of Grown in Totnes about some of the things to consider when setting up small-scale grain processing facilities and about the opportunities and pitfalls that may encounter along the way. The workshop will demonstrate how to use the toolkit and touch on a range of experiences; from setting up and financing an enterprise, to processing grains, to marketing your products.

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ROUNDTABLE: LGBTQIA + LWA ENTREPRENEURSHIP
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9.00 – 10.00

MAIN HALL

THE LEAN FARM: HOW TO CUT WASTE, INCREASE EFFICIENCY AND MAXIMISE PROFITS WITH LESS WORK

Speaker: Ben Hartman, Clay Bottom Farm

Chair: Ben Hartman and of The Lean Farm and The Lean Farm Guide to Growing Vegetables, will explain powerful concepts from the lean system that food producers of any size and type - from livestock or arable farmers to home gardeners - can use to produce more value with less waste and work. He will provide examples from Clay Bottom Farm in northern Indiana, where he and his wife earn a living from one acre of cultivated land, working less than 35 hours per week.

ASSEMBLY ROOM

THE FUTURE OF AGROECOLOGICAL WEED MANAGEMENT

Speakers: Chloe Maclean, Plant Ecologist, Rothamsted Research
Nicola Cannon, (RAU)
Mike Mallett, Maple Farm Kieszle
Chair: Sarah Cook, ADAS

This session will explore the future of weed management – integrating an ecological and technological perspective. Chloe Maclean will share the latest developments in weed ecology and new insights into the potential for more weed resilient systems. Nicola Cannon will delve into the role of technology and the latest innovations for non-chemical weed control - exploring the challenges and the trade-offs. We will then explore how to make this work in practice with Mike Mallett sharing some insights into the agroecological approaches to weed management he is implementing on his diverse arable / horticulture / horticulture system in Suffolk.

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SMALL FARM FINANCES

Speakers: Gareth Davies, Canalside Farm Food & Five Acre Community Farm
Josh Healy, North Aston Dairy
Gala Bailey-Barker, Plaw Hatch Farm
Chair: Jo Lewis, Soil Association

Livestock farming and meat and dairy production have potentially important roles in future sustainable food systems. While acknowledging ‘less and better’ meat and dairy shifts, how can we celebrate the innovations that are urgently needed to reverse nature’s decline. We want ORFC to input into this plan, so we’re hosting a Citizens’ Assembly to crowdsource ideas and inspiration as to how to change our food and farming system can help in restoring nature.

ST ALDATES ROOM

UPDATES ON WELSH FOOD AND FARMING

Speakers: Corinne Carad, Food Manifesto Wales
Holly Tomlinson, Landworkers’ Alliance
Cymru
Jane Powell, Food Manifesto Wales

Wales has a forward-looking government with sustainable high on its agenda. It is small enough for individuals and projects to make a difference, big enough for economies of scale, and diverse in its landscapes and culture. It has several innovative pieces of legislation that could support a transition to fairer and more environmentally sustainable farming and food production, if political authority and public support can be mobilised to link them together. However, there is still much to do to ensure that progressive policies in development are enacted and that those that exist have meaningful impact. In this session we will discuss recent developments in Wales, including the first Wales Real Food and Farming Conference (WFRC) which was held in March 2019. An overview by Chris Smaje of his ORFC 2019 and took place in November 2019; Welsh Government policy reviews of agriculture and land management, and food and drink; and the Food Manifesto for Wales.

ST ALDATES CHURCH

COUNCIL CHAMBER

AN EMERGENCY PLAN FOR AGRICULTURE AND WILDLIFE

Chair: Tom Lancaster, RSPB

The UK’s climate and nature are in crisis. The State of Nature report found that 41 percent of species have declined, with changes in agricultural management being one of the main drivers behind this - and climate change will only further exacerbate these trends. A crisis requires a radical response, so the RSPB has written an ‘Emergency Plan for Nature’ including a host of measures that are urgently needed to reverse nature’s decline. We want ORFC’s input into this plan, so we’re hosting a Citizens’ Assembly to crowdsource ideas and inspiration as to how to change our food and farming system can help in restoring nature.

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CHRISTOPHER ROOM

TAX AND FARMLAND

Speakers: Louise Spikes, CLA
Peter James, Waitrose UK
Anneliese Dodds MP, Labour Party

Miles King, People Need Nature
Farmers and landowners in England benefit from at least a billion a year in tax breaks – as much as they receive in farm subsidies. This session brings together researchers, politicians, campaigners and landowners to discuss whether landowners are efficiently using these tax breaks and whether they are needed to support farming. As the UK reforms the way it supports farming, moving away from area-based payments towards ‘public money for public goods’, the panel will debate whether these recently revealed tax breaks should be redirected towards storing carbon, bringing back wildlife, and supporting regenerative agriculture.

UPSTAIRS @ ST ALDATES TAVERN

SUSTAINABLE FARM FUTURE: MAKING THE CASE FOR ECONOMIC LOCALISATION AND SELF-PROVISIONING

Speakers: Clinton Cashmore, Small Future Farm
Shawn Chamberlain, Landworkers’ Alliance

An overview by Chris Smaje of his forthcoming book A Small Future Farm: Making the Case for a Society Built Around Local Economies, Self-Provisioning, Agricultural Diversity and a Shared Earth, focusing particularly on the need to rethink our approach to market trade and economic exchange as the basis of society; and on the political forces operating in the crisis conditions of today’s world which are forcing urgent reimagining. Will Chris discuss the agricultural implications of this in relation to the late David Fleming’s ideas about a ‘local’ solution to the future, from input from David’s editor Shawn Chamberlain, and from Rebecca Laughton on developments in the small farm sector in Britain today.

GREEN ROOM

HALF A CENTURY OF WWOOFING: WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

Speakers: Scarlett Penn, WWOOF
Tom Lancaster, RSPB

WWOOF, which began in the UK, is now a worldwide movement with representation in 133 countries. Over 100,000 people benefit from the exchange each year. As we approach our half-century, we’re looking for ways to strengthen and further our role. This session will be interactive with participants asked to help explore how WWOOF looks to the future and future challenges. Questions we’ll consider include: How can we reframe WWOOF? Should we build a larger, more diverse movement, or is small beautiful? Should we aim to reach a wider demographic or collaborate with existing organisations? And in this how can we best support small-scale producers?

BARRISTER ROOM

BREAKOUT SESSION: STRATEGIES FOR WORKING TO GRIPS WITH GENOME EDITING

This meeting will build on the previous days session on genome editing and report on technical, policy and value-based exchanges between researchers, policy makers, producers and citizens. Coordinated by Beyond GM and GM Watch, it will encourage an exchange of views and ideas with the aim of building technical, policy, regulatory and political strategies for the organic and agroecological movements to protect themselves from any undermining impacts of the push for a genome editing revolution.

10.30 – 11.30

MAIN HALL

TEN YEARS TO AGROECOLOGY

Speaker: Peter Mars Abbot, ODRI
Sue Pritchard, RSA Food, Farming and Countryside Commission
Chair: Jo Lewis, Soil Association

How can farming adapt to address climate change? Where does nature fit in? What is the role of diets? The ‘Ten Years for Agroecology in Europe’ report models a future where farming in Europe can respond to climate change, phase out fertilisers and pesticides, and stop imported deforestation, while providing a sufficient and healthy diet for a growing population. This session will propose how a ten-year transition to agroecology is possible in the UK, exploring the innovations, policy levers and food system shifts that are required to make this leap – and call on you for the solutions.

ASSEMBLY ROOM

THE FARMERS RESEARCHING THE WONDERS OF WOODCHIMP

Speakers: Audrey Littencich, Earthcare Technical Adam Bartkowski, George Thomas Ltd

Fenlo Costain, Farmwel Clare Hill, FAL Farms Roland Bonney, Benchmark Holdings Research
Research by a global team of scientists, including members of the Oxford Martin School and IPCC authors, provides a new way of relating the impacts of methane, and carbon dioxide, and suggests how ongoing ruminate methane emissions could still be compatible with ambitious climate targets seeking to limit further temperature increases.

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GROWING IS THE EASY BIT: MAKING A DECENT LIVING FROM FOOD PRODUCTION

Speakers: Colum Pawson, Schumacher College
Ed Hamer, Chagfed Community Garden
Ashley Wheeler, Trim Farm
Chair: Caroline Atken, Whitefield Permaculture

A session exploring education and training opportunities in agroecological farming, featuring discussion and Q&A on traineeships and Schumacher’s BSc Sustainable Food and Farming Business & Practical Resilience in Sustainable Horticulture.

COUNCIL CHAMBER

RUMINANT METHANE AND ITS ROLE IN GLOBAL WARMING

Speakers: John Lynch, University of Oxford
Fred Bonestroo, Home Farm Highgrove
Adam Bartkowski, George Thomas Ltd
Audrey Litterick, Earthcare

An overview by Chris Smaje of his report on technical, policy and values-based research into the many benefits of this innovative practice. Farmers are developing an abundance of friendly bacteria and microorganisms that can feed on methane, rather than releasing it into the atmosphere, and are investigating the many benefits of this new approach.

WONDERS OF WOODCHIP
Since its launch in 2015 the Countryside Stewardship Facilitation Fund has enabled ninety-eight groups of farmers and landowners to develop shared commons, coordinate action to improve land quality, and help restore wildlife and natural systems for all our benefit. At the heart of the initiative is the transition project approach based on cooperation across holdings, addressing evidence-based environmental priorities, helping overcome isolation, depression, fragmentation and upskilling farmers and land managers.

Additional groups starting in January 2020 will mean over 140 groups with up to 4,000 farmers and land managers are engaged in this dynamic new approach to up-skilling and driving positive action for the challenges ahead.

ST ALDATES CHURCH
EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT CSA

Speakers: Charlotte Barry, Camel CSA
Garth Davies, Canalbridge Community Food / Five Acre Community Farm
Ben Raskin, Soil Association
Dea Butterfly, The Landworkers Alliance
Chair: Page Dykstra, CSA Network UK

Everything you wanted to know about setting up and running a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) project, or making an existing one even better. This is a practical session to answer questions and get you started. Participants will be able to rotate between groups led by experienced individuals, picking and choosing the topics they’re most interested in and being able to discuss and ask questions in smaller and tighter groups. They can provide assessments of the four farms in terms of sustainability, viability and vitality at soil, plant, animal, human and spiritual levels.

BARRIERS ROOM
BREAKOUT SESSION: WORKING TOWARDS COP26 IN GLASGOW
Facilitators: Pete Ritchie, Nourah Scotland
Roz Corbett, LWA, Glasgow
Oli Redeker, LWA & ELC

In November 2020 the UN COP will meet in Glasgow. This will be an important opportunity for civil society to influence global debates on the role of food and agriculture in addressing climate change. Come along to find out more about what is planned for COP, both in shaping discussions within COP and fringe events and activities outside of the meetings, this is primarily an information session on what has been organised so far. There will be a short overview about experiences of previous COP meetings and key updates from the COP meeting in Chile, followed by an update about what plans are happening on the ground for Glasgow.

12.00 – 13.00

MAIN HALL
LAND FOR THE MANY

Speakers: George Monbiot, Journalist
Molly Scott Cato MEP, Green Party
Adam Payne, Landworkers’ Alliance
Tim Budden, Higher Hacknell Organic Farm
Chair: Megan Macnich, Scottish Land Commission

How can we support the fairer distribution of ownership and access to land across the UK, and what would that mean for farmers and landowners? Do current tax incentives encourage the consolidation of farms? Why are the world’s wealthiest buying our farmland as a tax-efficient asset or status symbol rather than as a place to produce food, and how does this impact farm succession and new entrants to farming? Join us as we consider some of the proposals to challenge and change the vast inequality of UK land ownership made in the recent ‘Land for the Many’ report, commissioned by Labour. We hope to cover taxation, planning, access rights, county farms and more.

ASSEMBLY ROOM
COPPER, PLASTIC AND OTHER CONTENTIOUS INPUTS: HOW ORGANIC FARMERS ARE TRANSITIONING AWAY

Speakers: Kate Collyns, Organic Growers Alliance
Joe Ribben, Abbey Home Farm
Ellen Rignell, Trill Farm
Chair: Paul Flynn, Soil Association

Organisations across Europe are investigating ways of minimising and eventually phasing out certain contentious inputs that are used in certified organic agriculture. For example, as a fungicide and plastic as a weed suppressant are one solution where organic growing margins are tight. But many are coming together to do better. Join this session to hear from a panel of pioneers who are developing a host of agroecological alternatives to strengthen the practice of organic farming.

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AUTOMATION OR AUTONOMOUS TECHNOLOGY: IS THERE A ROLE FOR ROBOTS IN THE FUTURE OF LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS?

Speakers: Jennia Haliday, Cat xâyle Change
Jonas Cities
Simon Fairlie, The Land Magazine
Chair: Liz Rignell, Trill Farm

Automation and robotics are increasingly viewed as a necessary and desirable development in farming by government, the private sector and some producer organisations. They are considered to offer solutions to a host of issues from soil compaction and farm emissions to low profitability and labour shortages. However, many farmers and civil society organisations argue that far from solving these issues, automation and robotics will make it harder for us to create a socially and environmentally just food system. Join us for a debate on what automation and robotics would mean for small-scale producers and local food systems.

COUNCIL CHAMBER
SAVING SMALL ABBATORIES

Speakers: Christopher Price, Rare Breeds Survival Trust (RBST)
Zara Martin, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Animal Welfare
Chair: Liz Bowles, The Land Magazine

For years most food has been treated as a commodity, with information about its origins a distant and inaccessible detail. Now this is changing – complex information can be provided online, and social media allows consumers to directly interact with farmers. To take people on this journey, effective storytelling and trust building are more important than ever – reshaping the food system in a way that works for everyone and for the natural world. In this session we hear from people embracing these new opportunities to drive sales of organic, regenerative, pasture-fed and wildlife-friendly food.

COURT ROOM
CIRCULAR FARMING

Speakers: Calum Weir, National Trust
Martin Lines, Nature Friendly Farming Network (NFFN)
George Young, Fobbing Farms
Nick Padwick, Ken Hill Estate
Chair: Liz Bowles, Soil Association

A circular economy aims to create a

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There are many justifications for farming, including ethical obligations to the wider world, and personal fulfilment, significance and security. Spiritual language has increasingly been used to describe these experiences. Spiritual language has always had a place in farming, but in the machine age it became un gemacht. Alongside this, with a focus on a range of practices, we will examine questions such as: ‘What should you feel about your land, your animals and your crops, and why?’ ‘Should scything and wind spreading be sanctified as new religious experiences?’ The land gives you a living, what response does it demand of you? ‘Do the Abrahamic religions really teach that humans should have toxic dominion over the natural world?’ ‘Was agriculture in the Neolithic a regrettable, inevitably damaging both humans and the environment?’ and ‘Should every stone on the farm be seen as en-souled?’

30 – 3.15 (FURTHER Sessions)

ALTERNATIVE FARMING AND FOOD SYSTEMS

Local and community food systems are increasingly seen as important for food security and the environment. However, the idea of a sustainable local food system is not always clear. This session will explore the different models of local food systems and consider the challenges and opportunities that they present.

30 – 3.15 (FURTHER Sessions)

AGROFORESTRY AND MULTI-LAYERED FOOD PRODUCTION

Agroforestry is a land management system that integrates trees with crops and livestock. It has many benefits, including increased biodiversity, improved soil health, and the provision of multiple products. However, it also presents challenges, such as the management of the system and the integration of different crops and livestock. This session will explore the different models of agroforestry and consider the challenges and opportunities that they present.

30 – 3.15 (FURTHER Sessions)

CO-OPERATIVE LAND MANAGEMENT

Co-operative land management is a land management system in which multiple stakeholders, including farmers, land managers, and community members, work together to manage and use land resources. It has many benefits, including increased resilience, improved soil health, and the provision of multiple products. However, it also presents challenges, such as the management of the system and the integration of different crops and livestock. This session will explore the different models of co-operative land management and consider the challenges and opportunities that they present.

30 – 3.15 (FURTHER Sessions)

SUSTAINABLE FOOD PRODUCTION

Sustainable food production is a land management system that aims to produce food in an environmentally and socially responsible way. It has many benefits, including increased resilience, improved soil health, and the provision of multiple products. However, it also presents challenges, such as the management of the system and the integration of different crops and livestock. This session will explore the different models of sustainable food production and consider the challenges and opportunities that they present.
ASSEMBLY ROOM

CLIMATE FRIENDLY FARMING: MOVING TOWARDS THE PRODUCTION OF MORE AGROECOLOGICAL PROTEINS FOR ANIMAL FOODSTUFFS

Speakers: David McNaughton, Soya UK
Alex Warrington – Researcher in UK
Lindsay Whistance, The Organic Research Centre

Chair: Jerry Alford, Soil Association

The UK currently imports around two million tonnes of soya beans per year to feed its livestock. The production of this soya, in countries such as Brazil and Argentina, is known to be one of the major contributors to deforestation, and consequently, climate change. While we need to reduce our reliance on grain-fed livestock in the long term, in the shorter term we can grow animal feed proteins in the UK and reduce our demand for imported soy. In this session we will share advances in growing and processing, which should make it possible to reduce our reliance on imported animal feeds — through changing arable farming to include legume crops within longer rotations to improve soil health and reduce overall GHG emissions.

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AGROECOLOGY SCHOOLS AND TRAINING FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Speakers: Leah Penman, Soul Fire Farm
Jyoti Fernandes, Landworkers’ Alliance

Chair: Dee Butterly, Southern Roots Organics

Farmers’ organisations around the world are setting up and running farmer-led agroecology schools and training programmes that build skills and knowledge in agroecology as well as the politics and social movement elements. La Via Campesina has a network of over 55 such schools around the world. The farmer-led agroecology school model focuses on collaborating to develop land management practices that work in that particular local area, sharing that knowledge by example, and working out how the principles can work in other situations.

Join us to hear from farmers and trainers who are developing these models to scale out agroecology in the USA and the UK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER

ENVIRONMENTAL LAND MANAGEMENT SCHEMES: STATE OF PLAY

Speakers: David Kennedy, DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs)
Ellie Brodie, The Wildlife Trusts
Patrick Barker, Nature Friendly Farming Network (NFFN)
Jyoti Fernandes, Landworkers’ Alliance

Adrian Steele, Soil Association

The first results of a new study, led by researchers at the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology with sixty Pasture for Life Farms, will be discussed in this session.

The project: Sustainable Economic and Ecological Grazing Systems – Learning from Innovative Practitioners (SEEGSLIP) looked at the agronomic and social impacts of this certified approach to grazing management and asked ‘What is its potential as a basis for a sustainable, UK-wide system?’

Come and hear from beef, sheep and dairy farmers who took part, as well as the researchers who will announce the interim results.

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KNOWING YOUR SOILS: PRACTICAL SOIL ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT

Speakers: Jeremy Willson, Farm Carbon Cutting Toolkit
Jonathan Leake, University of Sheffield Chair: Mark Measures, EIP-AGRI! Soils

This practical session will provide an opportunity to deepen your understanding of different methods of soil analysis and how they can be utilised to inform adaptation in management practices. Starting with a brief outline of the different soil analysis methods available, we will then have an open discussion and q & a to help you understand how you can enhance your soil with monitoring and exploring potential changes in management. Including the use of organic and mineral fertiliser inputs, cover crops and manure use and when composting may be useful.

Bring along your own soil analyses to discuss potential implications and pros and cons of different analysis methods.

ST ALDATES CHURCH

LAND AND FARMING SINGERS’ SESSION

Hosted by Robin Grey from the ‘Three Acres And A Cow’ land rights history show, come and end your conference with a rousing sing. Bring a ballad to share, or come along to listen and join in with old folk songs about land and farming.

CHRISTOPHER ROOM

THE FUTURE OF COUNTY FARMS

Speakers: Kim Graham, Shared Assets
Guy Shrubsole, Who Owns England?
Rupert Dunn, Fortis Y Ti
Bridget Slade, The Norse Group
Chair: Sue Pritchard, RSA Food, Farming and Countryside Commission

The future of farming, providing a route into agriculture for young and first-time farmers – yet over 16,000 acres of this publicly-owned land has been sold off since 2010. New research from NEF (New Economics Foundation), Shared Assets, Who Owns England and CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) reveals what’s happened to our County Farms and how they can be revitalised to become beacons of sustainable farming post-Brexit. A panel discussion with Q&A, followed by breakout groups discussing proposed ways to help support County Farms, feeding back action points at the end.

UPSTAIRS @ ST ALDATES TAVERN

ROTATION REBELLION: CAN PLANTS ALONE REGENERATE SOIL?

Speakers: Lydia Smith, NIAB (National Institute of Agricultural Botany)
Ian Tolhurst, Tolhurst Organic
Chair: Ian Wilkinson, Cotswold Seeds

While the need for drought tolerance, and less reliance on chemical fertilisers and other costly inputs, is increasing the focus on regenerative farming systems which incorporate soil improvement, there’s some controversy about what is best to achieve this. Some farmers argue that soil improving plants/crops such as herbal leys, green manures and cover crops can only be used in a diverse farming system that includes livestock in the rotation. However other farmers argue that livestock are not necessary and that the use of the right plants and cover crops can achieve improved soil health. The session will be of interest to livestock and non-livestock farmers.
Michael Antoniou is a Reader in Molecular Genetics and Head of the Gene Expression and Therapeutics Lab, King’s College London. He has 35 years’ experience of using genetic engineering technology, including gene editing tools, with over 50 peer-reviewed publications. He has taken an active interest in the safety of GM crops and has been keen to continue to support the farming communities around Europe and drive demand for better GMO labelling and robust regulatory systems. He is also a founder member of the Federation of European Animal Welfare Organizations (FEAWO).

Lucie Bjorck is a professor of agricultural and environmental economics at the Agricultural University of Norway. She is also a director of the Research Group for Organic Agriculture and a founder of the Nordic Cooperative for Organic Research (NORCO). She has been a visiting scholar at the Department of Biotechnology and Society at the Technical University of Denmark and at the Soil Association in the UK. She is also a member of the International Panel of Experts on Organic Standards.

Joanna Blythman is an award-winning investigative journalist, the author of seven landmark books on food issues, and a commentator on the British food chain. Her book The Cruelty Reporters and Chairs is a co-founder of Justice Now, the UK Food Group, ACORD and the World Climate (2019), and the UK’s Climate Justice Now. She is a co-founder of the social movement Extinction Rebellion (XR) which spread rapidly internationally since its launch in October 2018. Gail has been a global agenda steward of the World Economic Forum, and is an author of seven landmark books on food issues.
SPEAKERS AND CHAIRS

of the ecological crisis, the psychology of active participation and the need for civil disobedience to defend the natural environment, which has gone viral and been part of the inspiration for many to join XR.

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Anna Curra @Anna_Curra is responsible for the management of key programmes at the Foundation, building her career in the Food Citizenship project. Anna is a zoologist with a doctorate in biodiversity conservation biology at Oxford University. In 2010 she started working with the Food Coalition project. Anna is also a member of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) Working Group on Food Security and was a co-organiser of the 2018 UK National Food Strategy Conference. In 2015 she helped to create the Food Coalition in Oxford, where she works to support local food producers and consumers. She has also been involved in various initiatives related to food sovereignty and community food systems, including co-founding the Oxford Food Coalition. Anna is a member of the Executive Committee and a member of the Policy and Advocacy Group. She is also a member of the Food Ethics Council, with particular focus on food justice and equity. Anna is currently working on a project to develop a food policy agenda for the next 10 years, which aims to address the challenges of food security, sustainability and affordability.

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and the Botanic Lab. Maddy also co-founded The Sustainability Centre in Hampshire and is a trustee of Oxford University’s, a non-profit regenerative development programme working with the 35 Commonwealth nations to develop regenerative projects. He is internationally renowned for his engagement, economic and regenerative scalable.

Mark Harrison is the main grower, treasurer and one of the founders of Stourbridge Food Hub. He is an MA in Economics for Transition from Schumacher College and has completed the Jewish Farming Fellowship at Adam, a Jewish diaspora farm in Connecticut. He lives and works on a small market garden in the UK and is at the early stages of imagining a spiritual, land-based community, grounded in radical social justice.

Ben Hartman @ClayBottomFarm is the Wales Coordinator for the Gaia Foundation’s Regenerative Development programme working in the NGO sector she co-owned and helped run the Organic Matters conference in 2019. She has led on an inquiry and subsequent report members updated on issues and organises all departments raising awareness and solutions to inquiries, and producing letters to Government partners he has pioneered a sophisticated socio-economic development projects to promote and sustain local businesses and agro-ecology. He is chief executive of VetNet where he worked on development projects in Mozambique and Somaliland. In his spare time he’s seen sailing, or running in the hills with his whee dog, Billy.

Rebecca Laughton @LandworkersUK @Landworkers is a gardener and co-ordinator for the Landworkers’ Alliance/Growing Communities’ Horticulture Strategy. She has worked in the food and farming sector for over 25 years, spent a brief spell as a chef and was an early advocate for healthy, local and water protection and renewable energy. He is currently their Head of Farming.

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John Latta is an organic farmer and researcher who has been engaged in research on oilseeds, pig feed and small-scale agriculture since 2009. He has a background in plant science, ecology and archaeology, and uses ‘evolutionary’ principles to develop sustainable practices for diverse crop populations. His research focuses on the carbon-negative growth of cereal crops that eliminates the need for crop rotation, improves soil health and enhances biodiversity. His company Heritage Harvest Ltd supplies flour and grain to craft bakers, breweries and food manufacturers.

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Martin Lines (@MartinFLines) is a farmer and contractor in South Cambridgeshire, growing mainly arable crops on his family farm and managing 250 acres in farm conservation management, currently running an ELS and HLS agreement and has Countryside Stewardship schemes on land he rents and manages. He also supports the delivery of Stewardship schemes through his role in several community groups, NGOs, governments and large agribusiness companies to improve protection of landscapes, habitats and species, and assist in land reform, private sector land management, biodiversity management and development, and human rights.

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Claire Robinson @GMWatch

is the facilitator of the Access to Land network, a European network of grassroots organisations supporting access to land for farmers and food producers on a community coordinator for Te De La Lien. She has a background in international social justice and a passion for bringing people together to find solutions for equality and inclusion of disabled people for 25 years. She studied philosophy a long time ago.

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Abby Robb @Oxfam is a physical education teacher in the UK. She has two farm acres in her family’s small farm in Chichester where she makes natural handcrafted olive oil, and makes a variety of natural soap. She co-developed Solodant, an app that enables farmers to monitor and learn about the soil health of their soils using satellite data. She also makes Farmerama Radio, a podcast sharing the voices of the independent farming community. Abby is committed to using open data, ecology, profitability and beauty on farms in the UK and the UK.

Miriam Ross is a long term international soil and food activist working with food, farming and metals industry. She also co-manages the organic Hardwick Estate in South Oxfordshire with her brother and father, where they are working to reform age old dystopian agriculture and find practical solutions to support farmers’ responsibility for and governance of the land.

Nick Rowell farms West Stoke Farm on the Hampshire Downs, just north of Winchester. West Stoke farms form part of John Rowell, Anthony Rowell and Thomas Rowell’s, which is a collective of family owned and run agricultural enterprises, with land situated on two main sites. Nick is committed to enhancing biodiversity on his farm as well as tracking improvements as a mechanism to improve the resilience of the farm as a business. He is an active member of the UK Farming industry and is engaged in a number of cross-cutting themes: the Impacts of Upscaling Farming Systems; Holistic Agriculture and a Director at the Farm Management Academy.

Courtney Scott @FOOD Foundation is a student of the Institute of Noetic Sciences in Petaluma, California and of Schumacher College in Dartington, Devon. His website is sheldrake.org.

Joe Short @RBOrganic is a Chartered Surveyor, Horticulturist and Community farmer who has farmed in the West Midlands for 25 years and in 2011 co-founded 3D Rural Surveys. He received an OBE for services to agriculture through to retail, and driving up public expectations of good food and drink. He is a new entrant landworker, involved with the pilot and getting to work with a group of inspiring farmers truly rewarding.

Ben Scriver @Tamarsic Farm is a new farmer. He lives and works on Tamarsic Farm, an 80-acre small mixed holding under the Welsh One Planet Land Development plan. Ben is also works for the Ecological Land Co-operative as part of the communications team and for the Landworkers Alliance as Membership Secretary.

Jaber Singh, with NGOs, Jaber has used civil, legal, and restorative justice for community, social, and environmental activism and digital action, for groups and communities. He is a new entrant landworker, involved with the pilot and getting to work with a group of inspiring farmers truly rewarding.

Patrick Senger has been involved with the organic producer movement and the Soil Association urban waste for over 30 years and is well known for his work with communities. Pat has worked in the UK, New Zealand and Germany, working with communities. He is a new entrant landworker, involved with the pilot and getting to work with a group of inspiring farmers truly rewarding.

Rupert Shearland @RupertShearland is a landscape ecologist and a new entrant landworker, involved with the pilot and getting to work with a group of inspiring farmers truly rewarding.

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Natalie Sorensen (McGee) is a Project Leader for Better Food Traders, Growing Communities’ new network for ethical-based food producers and traders, a network of food producers and traders to help them find ways to increase their profits while maintaining their connection to the environment.

Ian Solomon-Kawall has over 20 years of leading positive social change and raising awareness of a wide range of social issues, through the powerful words and rhythms of Hip Hop music. He combines his love for music and nature through his work at the Project Play Gardens, a community space he founded that builds bridges between young people in urban areas and working with the young people on themes like health, cultural understanding, education and social change. He is a new entrant landworker, involved with the pilot and getting to work with a group of inspiring farmers truly rewarding.

Becce Sprig @Natures Voice was the RSPB’s Chief Executive in August, having previously been in the role of CEO of the Woodland Trust. Prior to the Woodland Trust Becce worked for the National Trust.
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**for 14 years, initially as general manager of the Stourhead Estate, then as director for its East and West client farms. Previously, Beccy was responsible for leading and championing the National Trust’s work on the sustainable food sector and was the co-founder of the Food for Life Catering Mark Standards Committee for the Soil Association.**

Louise Speke, Chief Tax Adviser at the CLA, Louise has overall responsibility for the tax law and policy at the CLA, including the tax advisory service to members who are farmers, owners of land and rural businesses. She represents the CLA on the HMRC liaison groups for Capital Taxes and VAT, and is a regularly qualified as solicitor and has wide experience dealing with all tax issues and the CLA at various Law Societies.**

Adrian Steele (@SoilAssociation) is a development and strategy director at the Soil Association and has been instrumental in creating and developing marketing initiatives in the livestock, seeds and cereal sector. His farm in Worcestershire also hosts vegetable production and dairy herifers, and is used with other local landowners through share farm and rental arrangements. He has worked closely with food processors and marketing agents for over 25 years. Adrian is also a qualified solicitor, and has served as a trustee of the Soil Association.

Ricarda Steinbrecher is a biologist, molecular geneticist and agronomist. She has worked on GMOs, their risks and impacts on agriculture, environment and health since 1996. She is known for her work on the Biological Diversity, and appointed to serve as the Co-Chair of the international group on synthetic biology, biotechnology and risk assessment. She is a founding member of the European Network of Scientists for Social and Environmental Responsibility and works closely with civil society and small-scale farmers’ organisations.

Becca Stevenson became interested in growing veg whilst travelling and WWOOFing in New Zealand and Canada. After working at farm shops, private gardens and community food and education projects, she went on to grow it instead and became part of the first cohort of students trained through the Soil Association apprenticeship scheme, with her placement being at Abbeys field farm for two years. She has been the head gardener at Five Acre Community Farm for three years.

Peter Stevenson (@GWoW) is Chief Policy Advisor of Compassion in World Farming. He studied economics and law at Trinity College, Cambridge. Peter’s primary role was in winning the EU ban on real cates, battery cage and sow stalls as well as a new status for animals. He left EU law at the end of 2019. Peter’s written reports on the effect of the WTO rules on farm animals and the detrimental impacts of industrial farming.

Kate Still. Having completed an honours degree in Agriculture, Kate’s career to date has included practical farming, farm business consultancy and providing advice to farmers on agri-environment schemes and habitat conservation on farmland enterprises. She is an agri-adviser on livestock health and welfare, working with producers, inspectors/assessors, vets and others to reduce regulatory burden on welfare with a focus on using welfare outcome assessment to ensure the good regulation and early intervention to prevent welfare problems occurring.

Nicola Supit is a ‘payman’ boulanger or peasant baker. He and his wife, Laticia, now live in the Loire in France where they selected vegetable land race seeds to grow and harvest. They also bred an ancient race of Breton cousin called ‘Pla Noire’. Nicola is also the co-founder of a farmer collective that supports agricultural and innovative projects, as well as a school farm, and has been a speaker at events. Nicola has worked in various roles including participation in various research programmes around land race seeds, breadmaking and agroecology.

Charles Tockott runs a community interest company working to expand the use of alley cropping. The CIC invests directly in the local community and also develops a retail trade in nut products to guarantee a market for the produce. Charles is a Director of the Community Land Trust at the Defra to create a specific alley cropping grant based on creating the environmental benefits of alley cropping.

Clive Thomas has spent 30 years managing forests and influencing forest policy in Wales, the UK and internationally. He now works for the Sustainable Harvest Fund (forest and international land use) and has worked closely with food processors and marketing agents for over 25 years. Adrian is also a qualified solicitor, and has served as a trustee of the Soil Association.

Chloë Stock is the co-ordinator for the Catering and Procurement theme of Bristol’s Going for Gold ambition which aims to improve sustainable procurement of food, and is passionate about sustainable food and food production.

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burdens; and investigating alternatives to contentious inputs, including antibiotics, in organic farming. Ian Wilkinson @RealFarmED studied farming and grassland management at the University of Reading and joined Cotswold Seeds 34 years ago where he developed the business with a strong emphasis on the ecological and environmental sustainability of the farm. Ian has a passion for providing an information bridge between farmers and the scientific community. Six years ago, Ian attended Honors Farm and was introduced to the work of Cotswolds which is now being developed as FarmED, an exciting new centre for farm and food education in Biology and Sustainable Enterprise. FarmED is due to open this year. Tim Williams @pasture_geek helped establish English Farm, near Reading, a regenerative grassland farm dedicated to certified PFLA and organic standards. He has managed grassland in outlook Australia and the Salisbury Plain, set up his own high-end butcher, The Stove Meat Company, and now manages Mangarana Station, the home of regenerative agriculture in NZ. Currently he is leading a team to launch an open source platform for education around regenerative practices, with the ultimate goal of creating a UK specific regenerative farming model. Victoria Williams @FoodMaterials.org is the Director at Food Matters, a charity working to make healthy, sustainable, fair food become a reality for everyone. Food Matters has expertise centres on food poverty and access issues particularly the effect of national policies on local food systems. Victoria is a co-founder of the Hove Food Partnership Board Chair, board member of the Brighton & Hove Allotment Federation, and serves on the advisory board of Change for A Safer, a Safer and for better food and farming.

Graeme Willis @CPREF is farming lead at CPRE, the countryside charity. He managed CPRE’s research on local food webs (networks) across England and has written on farm diversity (New model farming, 2016), the loss of farms (Farming without a farm, 2019), and the role of traditional farming in the mental health of our countryside. He is a member of the Hove Food Partnership Board Chair, board member of the Brighton & Hove Allotment Federation, and serves on the advisory board of Change for a Safer, Safer and for better food and farming.

Dee Woods @Didara is a food and farming actionist and campaigner, and co-founder of Granville Community Kitchen in South Kilburn. A previous BBC Food and Farming Awards winner, Dee sits on the GLG London Food Board, the steering group of Food Power and is a co-editor of A People’s Food Policy. She is an Honorary Research Fellow at CAWR, Coventry University, a member of the Food Ethics Council and co-chair of the Independent Food Aid Network, IFAN

Sally Words runs a dairy farm of 200 Jersey crossbred cows in SW Wales with her partner, Garry. They recently reduced their herd by 100 cows as they are converting to organic standards. She has transitioned her conventional farm to ‘beyond organic’ in her quest to improve the health of her entire farm.

Lawrence Woodward @beyond_GM is a co-founder and former Director of the Organic Research Centre - Eton Farm. Lawrence was an awarded an OBE in 2001 for services to organic farming, having played a pivotal role in the strategic and practical development of organic farming at the ORC and internationally. He is a co-founder and director of Beyond GM and Whole Health Agriculture. The creator of the Farm Crap App, he is engaged in projects related to seed production, organic farming techniques and health.

Julia White @CoventryCAWR is a Senior Associate Professor in Agroecological Farming at the Centre for Agroecology Water and Resilience. She has a background in international sustainable food agriculture and agroecological systems development. Her current research focuses on Subtropical Agroecologies – the hidden half of nature. Julia is a Trustee and chair of the Biodynamic Association.

Paul Wyman is a Master Mill and past chair of Traditional Millers Guild. A serious change of life has seen Paul move from corporate life in IT to running a traditional windmill in rural Nottinghamshire. Over the past 15 years Paul and his wife, Fari, have developed a thriving heritage business at Tuxford, North Notts. Paul runs the windmill producing flour using stoneground stone from a variety of grains locally grown by Turners of Bytham, while Fari showcases the flours, baking on the on-site tea room.

Rob York @blacklockag is an independent community farmer-educator, conservation, farming, wildlife, forestry, fieldsports, rewilding, and more. He chairs dezign – a new vision for a better future, leads. sales, has over 110 letters in The Times, fronted two TV series, is a rural curator (FRSIC) and runs Red Rye Reconciliation Countryside in 2019.

George Young is an agroecologist from Farming Farm in Essex. He is motivated to create a genuinely biodiverse farm system with many crops, market gardening, agroforestry and livestock, as well as plenty of pollinators to support the health of the farm’s ecosystem. Education is also a key driver for George who hopes that good farm and food education will be part of better diet and health for the population.

Richard Young @SafiFoodtrust led the Soil Association’s campaign against the misuse of antibiotics in agriculture for 17 years. He has also been a sustainable farming advocate and leads the cosmetics industry in combating over-packaging by developing products that can be sold ‘naked’ to the consumer.

At Tredios Bank, @Tirosdavid we believe banking can be a powerful catalyst for achieving fair trade. Gathering evidence of governance and ethical business practices is just the start of a journey. We only lend to projects and organisations that have a positive impact on people and the planet, using real money deposited with us by savers and investors who share our values. We’re proud to help finance over 100 sustainable businesses and farms businesses in the UK, working together for a fair food and farming system.

The A Team Foundation @team foundation sponsors food and land projects that are ecologically, economically and socially fair and sustainable. The Foundation is led by funding the charitable work of organisations that are building an inclusive, creative and sustainable society.

Riverford Organic Farmers @Riverford - Proper farmers with mud on our boots, we’ve been growing organic produce for over 40 years. Unharnessed in the climate emergency, we’ve always chosen the fastest varieties – and never spray our food with artificial nasties. Caring for the soil and wildlife on our land, as well as the other growers and makers in our community, is at the heart of everything we do.

Compassion in World Farming @ciwf is a leading farm animal welfare charity founded more than 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. Its campaigning work has resulted in the EU recognising farm animals as beings, capturing their feelings and suffering; has secured landmark agreements to outlaw barren battery cages for egg-laying hens as well as outlawing narrowveal crates and sow stalls across Europe. 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 over 113 million signatures have been secured as part of Compassion’s ‘Good Farm Animal Welfare Awards’ winners’ policies.

Lush @LushLtdlou invents, manufactures and retails fresh handmade cosmetics. A beauty company with a campaigning heart, Lush operates on a sustainable business model and leads the cosmetics industry in combating over-packaging by developing products that can be sold ‘naked’ to the consumer.

Agriology (@agriology) is a collaboration of farmers and researchers working towards more resource efficient, resilient and profitable farming systems. Agriology advocates for a more sustainable approach to agriculture, including the development of organic farming. The LWA is an official member organisation of La Via Campesina which represents over 200 million small-scale farmers around the world. We promote a food system that has a positive impact on people and the planet, using real money deposited with us by savers and investors that share our values. We’re proud to help finance over 100 sustainable businesses and farms businesses in the UK, working together for a fair food and farming system. The Pasture-Fed Livestock Association (PFLA) @PastureForLife is a growing group of British farmers and other interested parties who own the ‘Pasture For Life’ certification mark. PFLA is working to certify its members who are producing 100% grass-fed beef, lamb and dairy, which are enjoyed by consumers for its health benefits and environmental credentials. Find out more at: The Land Workers’ Alliance (LWA) @LandworkersUK is a producer-led union of small-scale and family farmers who use sustainable methods to produce food, fibre and fuel. The LWA is an official member organisation of La Via Campesina which represents over 200 million small-scale farmers around the world. We promote a food system that has a positive impact on people and the planet, using real money deposited with us by savers and investors that share our values. We’re proud to help finance over 100 sustainable businesses and farms businesses in the UK, working together for a fair food and farming system.

Sustain @UKSustain is the alliance for better food and farming. We work around one hundred national members, and hundreds more at local level, working together to create a more just and sustainable future for food, farming and fishing. Sustain co-ordinates our alliances response to the far-reaching implications of Brexit. We are building a future that offers fair, healthy food and dynamic, diverse landscapes which are good for environment and people. 

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Land Justice Network (@landjusticeUK) is a non-hierarchical network of groups and individuals including climatologists, housing activists, artists, rammers, coders, musicians, planners, artists, land workers and bird watchers. We recognise current land use/land management as the result of policies and decisions with little basis in social justice or considerations of the cumulative detrimental effects of chemical fertilisers on land and the environment.

Back for another year, the Farming Community Network (FCN) represents farmers and growers uncovering a more progressive politics. Discover a wide range of books on regenerative and organic agriculture, permaculture, agroforestry, farm entrepreneurship and much more at: @farmerama_.

The Centre for Agroecology Water and Resource (CAWR) at CoventryCAWR aims to solve real-world problems and have a positive impact on environment and society. Our transdisciplinary research brings together a unique mix of natural and social sciences, and combines them with the local knowledge of farmers, water managers, and other citizens. We use participatory research methods, which recognise the value of citizen knowledge and expertise. Now in its fifth year of production, the monthly show features ideas, experiments and experiences from everyday farmers and growers uncovering a more regenerative and sustainable food – and it’s about our physical and mental health, climate change, animal welfare, biodiversity, and much more. Tune in each month on any good podcasting platform or at: @Exhibitors.

EXHIBITORS

In the UK the Biodynamic Association (@BiodynamicUK) and its partners BD Agriculture Certification, the Land Trust, the BD Agriculture College and the Seed Cooperative provide a range of information, training, support and products for organic, biodynamic and planet respecting agriculture. Biodynamics is an approach, method and world view of a healing and regenerative form of agricultural development. Biodynamic agriculture developed from indications given in 1924 by R Steiner when farmers first saw the detrimental effects of chemical fertilisers on their farms.

For the past 50 years Cranfield University (@CranfieldUni) has been contributing to enhancing natural capital and ensuring that global food systems are resilient and sustainable for the future. We are recognised worldwide by industry, government and academia as leaders in the understanding of the CSA model amongst farmers, growers, policy makers and the general public.

Growing Food for Nutrition (GFfN) believe that nutrition is fundamental to health which can be measured by the nutrient density of an individual food plant, as this relates to its content of vitamins and minerals, and environmental conditions of soil, water and air. In 2017, Cranfield was awarded the Queen’s Anniversary Prize for research and education in large-scale soil and environmental data for the sustainable use of natural resources in the UK and worldwide.

The Land www.thelandmagazine.org.uk is written by and for people who believe that the individuals in charge of making our society and democracy lie not so much in access to money, or the ballot box, as in access to land and its resources.

Man@Machine is committed to the future of organic farming, bringing the best machines to your farm. 35 years’ organic experience and for the last four years importer of Treffler agricultural machinery to the United Kingdom, United States, Canada, Denmark and Benelux. The Treffler harrow is an altogether new generation turn weeder and the best machine for minimal till land management from 80cm hand drawn up to 100ft. Treffler cultivators cut 100% without going deeper than 5cm supporting no-till farming practices. We provide machines you don’t want to miss in your organic system.

National Forest Gardening Scheme (@NatForestGarden) is a Community Interest Company with members with a wide range of backgrounds: planners, humanitarians, environmental consultants, educators, community activists, systems-oriented academics, and of course farmers and gardeners. We are exploring the potential of these gardens to feed us, to support public communities to enhance, and reinvigorate their public green space and support citizens to grow food in sustainable food systems which are much more productive and climate resilient than conventional horticulture, and more welcoming to wildlife. One exciting project we want to showcase at ORFC 2020 is our new Forest Garden in a Box. We also have an online forum with more than 150 members, to support and inspire existing and new forest gardeners.

The Nature Friendly Farming Network (@NFFN) exists to conserve and promote our native breeds of farm animals. It is committed to the protection and enhancement of farms and farmland for nature, but is also the most productive and profitable, and works with farmers across the UK to enable wildlife to flourish.

The UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (CEH) (@UK_CEH) is an independent, not-for-profit research institute carrying out world-class research to address the climate and environmental change being experienced in the UK and around the world. Through the ASSIST programme, along with Rothamsted Research and the British Geological Survey, we help put in place policies that enable farming communities to adapt to climate change, will support sustainable agricultural practices, and help address and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Whole Health Agriculture (@WholedHealth_A) is a community of farmers, health practitioners and citizens united in the need to support holistic farming practices and to get a better understanding of the links between the way we farm and human health. Through surveys and workshops we are exploring holistic management practices and what farmers find useful in reducing the use of antibiotics and toxic chemicals.

Woodland Trust (@WoodlandTrust) - incorporating trees into existing farm management practices can help to support a more sustainable and productive agricultural sector. From simple hedgerow plantings to fully integrated agroforestry systems, trees help address a range of issues affecting sustainable farming by contributing to; shade, shelter, water and pollution management, reducing soil erosion, pollination, integrated pest management, climate change mitigation and product diversification. The Woodland Trust offers tailored advice, support and trees for farmers wanting to plant on their land.

WWOOF UK (@WWOOF) started out in England in 1974 and has become a global movement with representation in 135 countries. WWOOF UK are not an educational programme or a debating society but a network of volunteers wanting to learn about ecological growing and experience low impact lifestyles, with sites across Scotland, Wales, England and Northern Ireland living ethically, needing practical help on the land and willing to share knowledge. Food and accommodation are provided.
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