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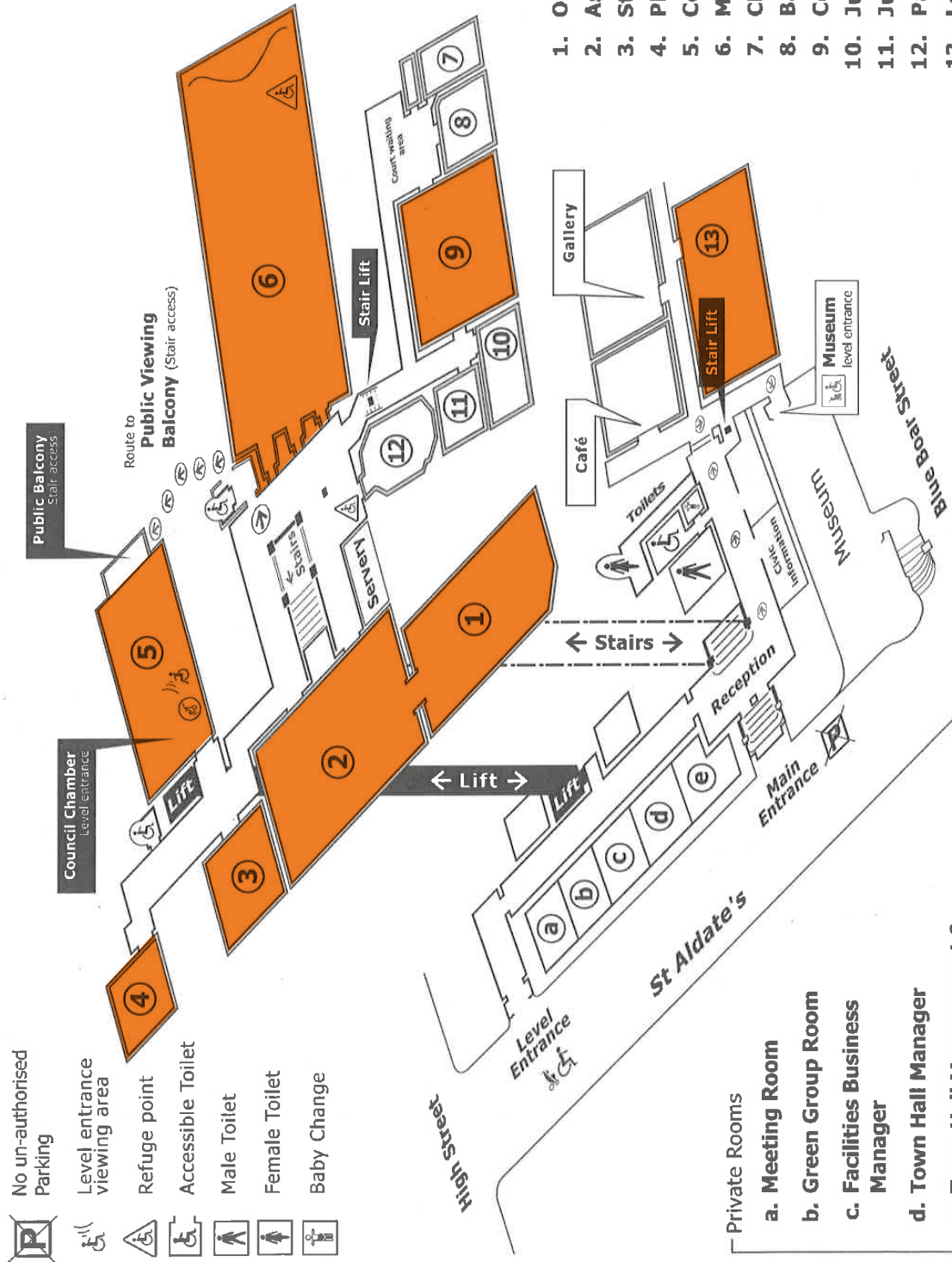


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OXFORD TOWN HALL FLOOR PLAN



1. Old Library
2. Assembly Room
3. St Aldate's Room
4. Plowman Room
5. Council Chamber
6. Main Hall
7. Clerks' Room
8. Barristers' Room
9. Court Room
10. Judge's Room
11. Jury Room
12. Panel Room
13. Long Room (downstairs)

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WELCOME TO ORFC 2023

A huge thanks to you all for your support in making ORFC possible and in keeping it true to its vision of good food for everyone forever within a flourishing biosphere.

When we first started, we saw ourselves as a fringe meeting to the Oxford Farming Conference (OFC), our primary intention being to make it clear that there is another way to farm - one in which farming is not a business like any other, at the mercy of global trade and commodity markets, but at the heart of all human endeavour.

Our first ORFCs included protests against the industrialisation of farming outside Oxford's Examination Schools, where the OFC - seen to be the embodiment of industrial farming - was meeting. The protest was led by a group of farmers and

growers who, a couple of years down the line, formed the nexus of the Landworkers' Alliance. Back then the question was whether transforming our food system to one based on agroecology and food sovereignty would result in enough food for everyone in the world. Now we know the answer to be a resounding YES. We have the data needed to support this vision, as the UN Rapporteur on the Right to Food, Michael Fakhri, made clear last November in his evidence to the UK Select Committee, EFRACOM.

We are now at a transitional stage, where everything needs to be looked at and all possible ways forward explored, many encouraged, some embraced. This need to step outside our normal boundaries is reflected in this year's programme, where we have made space for many more diverse themes and imagined new narratives into being. On behalf of the conference team, we invite you to join us on this journey for the next few days.

**Ruth West and Colin Tudge, co-founders,
Oxford Real Farming Conference**

OUR FIRST HYBRID CONFERENCE

It's taken three years, but we are finally back together, and not just as one conference but as two! For our 14th year, we are really excited to combine the in-person conference that so many of you have enjoyed over the years with the online conference that evolved, in collaboration with our global partners, during the pandemic. By the time you join us in Oxford, the online conference will be underway. It began at 9am on Wednesday 4th January and ends at the same time as the in-person conference; 5pm on Friday. As an in-person delegate, you will have access to all these sessions too, though you may want to wait to watch them on playback in the evening or once you're home. You can find the full online programme on our website.

GETTING AROUND

Here in Oxford, we are offering over 120 sessions across seven different venues. They are all within a three minute walk of each other (we have tested this!) so don't panic, you will have plenty of time to get from one session to another. Please be aware that space in each of the rooms is limited, so if you are very keen to see a particular session, we recommend you get there as soon as you can and take your seat. We will be keeping a close count on numbers, so please be prepared to look for an alternative if the room becomes too full.

There is a map of the Town Hall on page 2 and a map of all the venues on page 76. If you don't know how to get to your next session, please ask a volunteer (in the orange tops).

PROGRAMMED BY YOU

The ORFC is unique in that it is programmed by you. The sessions are brought together from the many hundreds of ideas we receive in response to our Call for Submissions that goes out earlier in the year. Working with our partners - both globally and here in the UK - we are able to weave your great ideas into sessions that cover the vast array of topics this movement is interested in; from farm practice to food policy, from climate change to land-use, from justice issues to spiritual ecology.

OUR PARTNERS, FUNDERS AND SPONSORS

We would like to extend our gratitude to our partners across

both conferences: Agroecology Fund, Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA), COATI, Innovative Farmers, La Via Campesina, Land in Our Names (LION), Landworkers' Alliance, Nourish Scotland, PAN Asia Pacific, Real Food Media (US), Schumacher College, Shared Assets, Soil Association and Sustain. And our funders and sponsors: A Team Foundation, Be the Earth Foundation, Cotswold Seeds, Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, Organic Herb Trading, Nature Friendly Farming Network, Necessity, Riverford Organic Farmers and the Sheepdrove Trust. Also, our thanks to all those who purchased supporter tickets for both our in-person and online conferences.

We are grateful to work with the following media partners: Chelsea Green Publishing, Farmerama, Resurgence and Civil Eats. Also, we're pleased to partner with Good Food Oxfordshire who have selected the local vendors who are offering the delicious array of food for your lunchtime and evening meals.

THE CONFERENCE TEAM

Organising one conference was always challenging; organising two at the same time has taken a lot of hard work and dedication from our incredible and ever-growing team. This year the team includes; Francesca Price (Conference Director), Brittany Oakes (Operations Manager), Sarah Buckingham (Communications Manager), Hester van Hensbergen (Programme Co-ordinator), Dora Taylor (Programme Co-ordinator), Lucy Harding (Communications Co-ordinator) and Ruth West (Advisor).

The team has been joined for the in-person conference by Jade Neville (Operations Co-ordinator), Ben Brown (Operations Support), Han Smith and Emilia Brumpton (Conference Assistants), Peter Lefort (Tech Support Manager), Ted Roberts and Rachel Rees-Middleton (Tech Support).

For our online conference, the team is joined by Helen Freudenberg (Operations Co-ordinator), Chris Jackson and Phoebe Price (Conference Assistants), Erin Maguire and Taryn Millard (Tech Support), plus a team of interpreters coordinated by COATI.

As ever, ORFC would not be possible without the support of an amazing crew of in-person and online volunteers; please be sure to thank them for their good work!

NAVIGATING THE PROGRAMME

There's a lot happening over the next two days, so here's a brief guide to the various spaces at ORFC and what you will find going on there.

In the Town Hall

Join us in the **Main Hall** for our opening and closing plenaries, and to find live-streamed sessions from movement leaders, reflecting on decades of activism, and taking on our most urgent challenges today, from the economic crisis to the threat of gene editing. Find answers to all your practical questions in our live-streamed **Assembly Room** and the **Old Library**, where the Soil Association and Pasture for Life have developed a programme to share the latest on UK nut production, rare fruit and vegetables, animal welfare, climate-friendly sheep farming, grain to loaf peasant bakeries, and much more. We need to make progress at the policy level to build the real food and farming movement across the UK. At this time of uncertainty about government approaches to farming, come to the **Council Chamber** to unpick key policy puzzles with fellow farmers, policymakers and academics. Visit the **Long Room, Court Room** and **St Aldate's Room** for a rich range of sessions showing you the magic of Britain's ancient trees, looking at options for doing dairy differently, discussing the role of livestock in the UK's food future, and exploring the uses of agroecology for tackling climate change.

In the Story Museum

Enter **The Woodshed** for a series of live-streamed sessions curated by the Landworkers' Alliance, on land justice, workers' rights, food sovereignty, subsidy systems and farmer-led research. Explore nature connection, land-based spirituality and earth jurisprudence in **The Magic Common Room** sessions. **The Link Room**, hosted by Land In Our Names (LION) and Shared Assets, is a hub for conversations about justice issues and their relationship to food and farming. It is a dedicated space for people who are oppressed, discriminated against or marginalised within agricultural spaces to feel empowered, connect with each other and exchange knowledge, but everyone is welcome to come and share the space. Drop in anytime to the hands-on printing workshop in **The Triangle Room** on Thursday, or come and have your photos taken by the We Feed the World team on Friday.

In the Cheng Building

Find critical and urgent discussions in the **Digital Hub** downstairs at the Cheng Building, from the future of UK food security to the urgent need to unite food, farming and human health, as well as live screenings of sessions from the online conference. Explore new approaches to transforming our food future in the **Seminar Room**, from the place of neurodiversity in farming to overcoming challenges in the transition to localised farming systems.

In St Aldates Church and Parish Centre

The Church is our main social hub, with lunches, refreshments and uplifting workshops during the day, and food, music, and a bar each evening. Head over to the **Parish Centre** to find the **Christopher Room** for sessions taking a critical look at natural capital, exploring folklore and ritual, and investigating the role of wild foods in human diets. Whether you are new to farming, or looking to explore new avenues, find out how to get started with CSAs, local food hubs and more in the **Conference Room**.

In the Museum of Oxford

Downstairs in the Oxford Museum, the **Museum Makers Space** will host sessions on community food businesses and social impact, agroecology in schools, and unconventional financing models for farms. The **Learning Studio** is an intimate practical space, where participants can join a varied selection of workshops, from personal resilience and activist strategy sessions to creative thinking and writing about soil.

In St Aldates Tavern

Head over to the **Blue Room** on the first floor of the St Aldates Tavern for our new entrants and press socials, and a series of brilliant book talks with authors including Claire Ratinon, Simon Fairlie, Sue Stuart-Smith and others.

ACCESSIBILITY

Large print versions of this programme are available on the boards in the Main Hall and at the Info Desk in St Aldates Church.

All venues are fully accessible, except for the Blue Room in St Aldates Tavern, which unfortunately does not have lift access. Hearing loops are available in the Main Hall, Assembly Room and Old Library (Town Hall); and in the Woodshed (Story Museum).

If there is anything we can help with, please let us know.

CLOAK ROOM

An unticketed, unsupervised cloak room is available in the foyer of St Aldates Church and in the Town Hall corridor outside the Plowman Room. Belongings are left at your own risk and **must be collected by 5:15pm on Friday, 6th January**.

QUIET ROOM

If you need space to get away from the hustle and bustle of the corridors or to recharge in silence, a quiet space is available in the Plowman Room of the Town Hall.

TEA AND COFFEE

Tea and coffee is available free-of-charge in the Main Hall and Church, but you will need to provide your own cup. If you don't have one, ORFC mugs are for sale near the registration desk in the Town Hall and at the info table in the Church. Keep them with you at all times!

Dark Horse Roastery will also be selling speciality coffee and freshly-baked pastries in St Aldates Church from 8:30am - 11am (or so) on Thursday and Friday.

LUNCHEAS AND DINNERS

ORFC provides a number of great food options. Throughout the conference, Good Food Oxfordshire have arranged for local food providers to run stalls in St Aldates Church. Lunches will be available from 12.30pm - 2.00pm (or until sold out) on Wednesday and dinners from 6pm - 9pm on Wednesday and 5:30pm - 9pm on Thursday.

For lunch, we have:

Damascus Rose Kitchen: traditional Middle Eastern mezze boxes and wraps, all vegetarian;

Ellie's Kitchen: Greek savoury and sweet pies - authentically traditional, homemade, seasonal and organic;

Organic Deli: organic salads, sourdough sandwiches, hot plant-based dishes and slow-pressed juice;

Oxford & Miss Ingredient: sourdough focaccia, local veg and regeneratively-reared meat. Salad boxes, kombucha, cake;

Vaults & Garden Café: organic stews and salads with meat, vegetarian and vegan options.

For dinner, we have:

Damascus Rose Kitchen: traditional Middle Eastern mezze boxes and wraps, all vegetarian;

Organic Deli: organic salads, sourdough sandwiches, hot plant-based dishes and slow-pressed juice;

The Oxford Hog Roast Company: a choice of locally-sourced hog roast or venison baps;

Vaults & Garden Café: organic stews and salads with meat, vegetarian and vegan options.

There are formal dinners on Thursday night at Wilding and No 1 Ship Street. These tickets sell out early, but if you are interested in attending and haven't already secured a ticket, please check at the registration desk as there may still be a few on offer.

There are cafes within most of our conference venues, which also provide food and space for networking between sessions. They are downstairs at the Town Hall, off the courtyard of the Story Museum, and on the second floor of the Cheng Building at Jesus College. The Cheng Building Cafe is a particularly big space with WiFi which is good for impromptu meetings. *Present your conference badge at any of these cafes for 10% off your food and drink order.*

BAR

On Thursday night there will be a bar in the Church provided by Old Tree Brewery, a social enterprise micro-fermentary using traditional brewing techniques. They will serve a creative array of beer, wine and kombucha.

There will also be a bar open in the upstairs of the St Aldates Tavern during the ORFC Media Drinks (5.30 - 7.00pm) on Thursday night and the follow-on session, *Protest and Land Rights: What have we got to be afraid of?* (8.00 - 9.30pm). This bar will remain open until 11pm.

There will also be a bar running before and during the screening of the film, *Rams*, in the Digital Hub of the Cheng Building from 7.30 - 9.30pm.

ENTERTAINMENT

In true ORFC fashion, there will be plenty of opportunities to enjoy yourselves over the next few days.

Music

WEDNESDAY 4th JANUARY 6pm - 10pm

Come and register early at 6pm in The Church and enjoy music from Welsh folk singer and rural revivalist Owen Shiers, the musician behind folk song collecting project Cynefin. Also, the band, 321: with singers Kate, Ric and Dom, who will be performing a blend of folk and punk. (Music will be from 7pm).

THURSDAY 5th JANUARY 6pm - 10pm

Join us in The Church for an evening with The King Driscolls, for everything from rousing ballads to bawdy foot stompers. To warm everyone up, The Pegwells will be playing a mix of jazz and banjo inspired by the music of Appalachia to New Orleans. There will be food and drinks from 6pm. Music and dancing will start at 7pm.

Film Screenings

THURSDAY 5th JANUARY 8pm - 9.30pm

On Thursday night we will be screening two feature-length films for you to enjoy with drinks. Get comfy in the Woodshed at the Story Museum for a screening of *The Wind Blows the Border* (2022), a documentary focusing on the battle for

Brazilian lands, waged between Indigenous peoples and big agribusiness. Drinks will be available from the bar in the foyer outside ahead of the screening. Or head to the Digital Hub in the Cheng Building for *Rams* (2015), a hilarious and heartbreaking story of warring sheep farming brothers in Iceland, winner of the *Un Certain Regard* award at the 2015 Cannes Film Festival. There will be a bar for alcoholic drinks and complimentary apple juice from Oxford-based Tiddy Pomes.

Poetry and Storytelling

THURSDAY 5th JANUARY 1pm - 1.45pm

Unlock your creativity over lunch in the Story Museum's Magic Common Room with storyteller Jackie Singer, who will run a light-hearted and interactive session. Bring your lunch, if you wish, and let your inner storyteller surprise you.

FRIDAY 6th JANUARY 9am - 10.30am

Start the day with some magic and join Lisa Schneidau for a telling of *The World Tree* in The Church. A tangle of Norse myth, Irish legend and English folktale, *The World Tree* is dedicated to our beloved ash trees, past, present and future. Hear the latest about our tree pandemic, learn some juicy reptilian insults and discover what happened after the world really did end.

FRIDAY 6th JANUARY 1pm - 1.45pm

Join the poet Trelawney and others at lunchtime in the Story Museum's Magic Common Room to hear some great poems: From odes, to the joys of eating together, to the rich experience of life working the land.

NETWORKING

THURSDAY 5th JANUARY 1pm - 1.45pm

New to ORFC? It can feel a bit daunting being a first-timer! Come and join new friends for a chat and a drink over lunch (1pm - 1.45pm) in the Blue Room at the top of St Aldates Tavern, just opposite the Town Hall. ORFC and Landworkers' Alliance will be on hand to answer questions.

THURSDAY 5th JANUARY 5.30pm - 7pm

Journalists and comms professionals, join us for the ORFC Media Drinks in the Blue Room. There will be free drinks for those who get there first! This session is hosted by the Agroecology Comms Network.

COMMUNICATIONS & PRESS

There will be photography and filming at the conference. The Main Hall, the Assembly Room and the Woodshed will be live-streamed to enable online delegates to enjoy the in-person conference programme. Please let us know at registration if you do not want to be photographed or filmed.

Please keep your phones on silent during the conference. You are welcome to tweet and post from the sessions, and we'd love to see your highlights from the conference on social media - use #ORFC23. Connect with us on Instagram (@oxfordrealfarmingconference), Twitter (@ORFC) and Facebook (/OxfordRealFarmingConference).

Journalists: The press room is in the Jury Room (see map). Your press contact throughout the conference is Sarah Buckingham, who will be available to help set up interviews or find quiet places to film: press@orfc.org.uk

Don't miss out on a free drink and meeting your colleagues at the Media Drinks on Thursday 5th January, 5.30pm in the Blue Room, St Aldates Tavern. All press and comms professionals are welcome.

DAY 1 – THURSDAY 5TH JANUARY

Wednesday 4th January

6pm - 9pm

St Aldates Centre
THE CHURCH

EARLY REGISTRATION, FOOD AND MUSIC IN THE CHURCH

For early arrivals to Oxford, join us in the Church for food and music. Oxfordshire food vendors will be selling a delicious array of meals featuring local and organic ingredients. There will be music from folk singer and rural revivalist, Owen Shiers, the musician behind folk song collecting project Cynefin. And 321, which is Kate, Ric and Dom, who will be doing a special voices-only set, somewhere between folk and punk. Maybe that's polk.

Thursday 5th January

9.30am - 10.30am

Town Hall
MAIN HALL

OPENING PLENARY

After two years online, ORFC is back in person! Come and gather with your friends and colleagues in the Main Hall as we celebrate the movement and reflect on all we've been through over the last three years. There will be short opening addresses from each of the ORFC's partner organisations and musical performances by folk singer, Kate Huggett and the Shumei Taiko Ensemble, featuring Natural Agriculture farmers from Japan, the US and the UK.

If the Main Hall becomes too full, you can watch the opening plenary on screens in the Assembly Room and Old Library of the Town Hall, and in the Digital Hub of the Cheng Building. Please see the map for further details.

About the performances

The Quiet Joys of Brotherhood is a poem written by Richard Farina which was set to music 50 years ago and has been sung by many folk singers since. The poem reflects our growing disconnect from nature and our desire to return to a sustainable, even sacred, relationship with the land. British singer, Kate Huggett, will be performing the song for the ORFC.

Taiko drumming is traditionally a call to the spirits of nature and the drumming is based on the natural elements such as water, wind, rain and thunder. It is like listening to the heartbeat of the Earth and reflects the harmony that exists between all living beings and Mother Earth. In traditional farming culture, it is often a way for farmers to tap into their connection with the land.

11am - 12.30pm

Town Hall
MAIN HALL

IN THE NAME OF THE FARMER: VANDANA SHIVA RECALLS A LIFETIME OF CAMPAIGNING FOR SMALL-SCALE FARMERS

Speaker: Vandana Shiva (Farmers' Rights Activist)

Chair: Jyoti Fernandes (Landworkers' Alliance)

For over four decades, Vandana Shiva has vociferously advocated for farmers' rights, indigenous knowledge, diversity, localisation and real democracy. She has been at the forefront of seed-saving, food sovereignty and connecting the dots between the destruction of nature and indiscriminate corporate greed. In her keynote talk, Dr Shiva will reflect on a life of activism, recounted in her new memoir, *Terra Viva*. She shares memories of her childhood in post-partition India, and reflects on how she was called to activism by the powerful Chipko movement – whose women were 'the real custodians of biodiversity-related knowledge'. She discusses how she later worked alongside some of the world's most celebrated activists and environmentalists fighting for a more habitable planet and healthier democracies. With the challenges revealed by the COVID crisis, the privatisation of biotechnology, and the commodification of our biological and natural resources, Dr Shiva illuminates a path forward and continues to inspire new generations of activists along the way.

Town Hall
ASSEMBLY ROOM

FINDING SOLUTIONS TO THE FERTILISER CRISIS: PRACTICAL ON-FARM INNOVATION FOR HOME-GROWN FERTILITY

Speakers: Matthew Izod (Priory Farm, Cotswolds), Amelia Lake (Real Food

Garden, Cornwall), Gillian Preece (ADAS), Sarah Whaley (FWAG)

Chair: Jerry Alford (Soil Association)

In 2022 we saw a meteoric rise in the price of all major fertilisers, triggering a ripple effect of extra costs across the farming industry. Long before the recent crisis, farmers have been investigating nature-friendly practices which give them independence from global markets. Through Innovative Farmers, groups of farmers are teaming up with researchers to test new ideas on their farms. From developing low tech innovation in herbal leys, living mulches, and intercropping to researching the latest composting and cover crop techniques – this session will give you an opportunity to hear from farmers and researchers who are at the forefront of the home-grown fertility movement.

Town Hall
OLD LIBRARY

ORGANIC PROPAGATION: DIY PERENNIALS AND THE CHALLENGES OF SETTING UP A FIELD-SCALE FOREST NURSERY

Speakers: Richard and Keith Shropshire (Organic Hedging and Trees), Dave Washington (Taw Valley Organics, Devon)

Chair: Tom Hartley (Soil Association)

An in-depth look at various ways to propagate perennials in an organic system. Dave Washington of Taw Valley Organics takes us through propagating from seed, transplants, cuttings, grafting, division and non soil-based methods, with clarity over how to convert cuttings from non-organic plants to organic. With increasing interest in agroforestry and net zero aspirations using woodland plantings, how can this be achieved organically on a field scale? Richard and Keith of Organic Hedging and Trees share their passion for trying to achieve this including a new project establishing an organic field-scale forest nursery under Soil Association organic standards.

Town Hall
COUNCIL CHAMBER

STATE OF THE FOUR NATIONS: UK FOOD AND FARMING POLICY

Speakers: Kerry Melville (Nourish, Northern Ireland), Katie Palmer (Food Sense, Wales), Pete Ritchie (Nourish, Scotland), James Woodward (Sustain, England)

DAY 1 – THURSDAY 5TH JANUARY

Chair: Amy Willoughby (Plotgate Community Farm)

In this session, we will explore the best of farming and food policy from across the UK nations that has the potential to enable a transition to agroecological farming and local food systems. The panellists will highlight the gaps in policy and discuss how we can learn from each other to move towards a better future for farming and food that has people and planet at its heart. Delegates will have the opportunity to respond to the panellists and ask questions from the floor.

Town Hall
LONG ROOM

STEPPING OFF THE DAIRY TREADMILL (WORKSHOP)

Speakers: Dan Burdett (farmer, Sussex and Kent), Bryce Cunningham (Mossgiel Dairy Farm, Ayrshire, Scotland), Clare Hill (FAI Farms and New Foundation Farms)

Chair: Abigail Williams (Food Ethics Council)

How can we step off the dairy treadmill? Join farmers from the Food Ethics Council's Dairy Project who are seeking to overcome lock-ins relating to dairy. Much UK dairy production has intensified, with average herd sizes doubling and milk production per cow increasing. Soaring input costs alongside limited increases in farmgate milk prices have pushed many small-scale farms out of production and others onto a treadmill of volume-based production over value-based products. This has major knock-on effects for animal welfare, the environment and the physical and mental health of farm workers. Can dairying be done differently? Join us in this interactive workshop to uncover practical actions, examples and resources to empower farmers.

Town Hall
COURT ROOM

RADICAL RETAILERS: WORKING TOGETHER BETTER AS TRADERS

Speakers: Phil Haughton (Better Food), Dawn Dublin (Joyful Roots), Julia Kirby-Smith (Better Food Traders), Duncan Catchpole (Cambridge Organic)

Chair: Sarah Williams (Sustain)

In the drive towards shorter and more farmer-focused supply chains, retailers play a key role. If we want

to build real alternatives to the supermarket system, how do we support retailers and ensure they are a force for good in the chain from field to fork? How can retailers share logistics and support each other? What role do retailers play in growing the market for organic produce? And what does the future of ethical food retail look like? We'll hear from the founders of two of the UK's most successful ethical food businesses, as well as Better Food Traders, the UK-wide network that supports and promotes ethical food retailers. This session is for anyone trading - whether you're a farmer selling direct to customers or a shop, food hub, market stall or veg box scheme - and anyone involved in policy/research around short supply chains and retail.

Town Hall
ST ALDATE'S ROOM

FARMING AND COMMUNITY ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR OUR LANDSCAPE, CLIMATE AND NATURE RECOVERY

Facilitators: Teresa Meadows (BASIS) and Jenny Phelps (Gloucestershire Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group)

This session will set out a shared vision for how to find structured local support for farmers and communities to deliver resilience and climate action. It will demonstrate an integrated framework and the essential role of farmer collaboration and facilitation. It will help delegates understand how to contribute to creating a structure around the complex architecture of farm and community advice in a climate emergency. It will explore the many partnership roles needed to deliver transformational change, and how they can complement each other for co-investment in natural capital recovery. It will also demonstrate how to develop farmer-led, investment-ready projects for blended finance that create opportunities for sustainable food and fuel production, that in turn create opportunities for environmental recovery.

Story Museum
THE WOODSHED

EXPERTS IN THEIR FIELD: EXPLORING THE BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES OF FARMER-LED RESEARCH

Speakers: Rosie Begg (blackcurrant grower), Tom Gregory (organic dairy farmer), Camilla Hayselden-Ashby (Field Margin, Ashby Farms and Innovative Farmers), Rebecca Swinn (Innovative

Farmers programme, Soil Association)

Chair: Tara Wight (Landworkers' Alliance)

Experimentation has been a core element of many farmers' and growers' practice since the dawn of agriculture, and continues to influence day-to-day decisions at the farm level. However, in recent decades, top-down approaches to innovation in agriculture have dominated the formal research agenda, resulting in massive degradation of land, environment and local culture. There is an urgent need to recognise the value of farmers' knowledge and research, and the essential role it can play in the transition to a resilient agroecological food system. Farmers from a variety of sectors will present their own research, and talk through the research process and their findings and learnings. There will then be a panel discussion on the benefits and challenges of farmer-led research, methods for dissemination of findings, and how to integrate this knowledge into the formal knowledge system.

Story Museum
THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM

CONTEMPORARY SPIRITUALITY AND MENTAL HEALTH: RECOGNISING OUR OWN PATH IN RELATION TO NATURE AND THE LAND

Speakers: Spencer Christy (biodynamic farmer, Lauriston Farm), Eleanor Gallia (farmer, shepherdess, and medical herbalist), Patrick MacManaway (land healing practitioner and shaman), Flora Stubbs (biodynamic farmer, West Sussex), Mandave Singh (ancient spiritual text researcher)

Chair: Gabriel Kaye (Biodynamic Association)

In this session, biodynamic farmers and land workers will share how an openness to spirituality connects them to land, people and nature, and underpins their practical farm work, as well as how it affects their own mental and physical wellbeing. Underpinning its practical methods, biodynamics also offers a spiritual connection - in the widest sense - to nature, the planet, farming and gardening. People are often drawn to biodynamics when their personal paths find echoes in this perspective. Each presenter will share their own path, how they came to work with biodynamics and what it means to them now. Audience members will be encouraged to share their own experiences.

DAY 1 – THURSDAY 5TH JANUARY

Story Museum
THE LINK ROOM

BUILDING A JEWISH LAND AND FOOD JUSTICE MOVEMENT IN THE UK

Speakers: Samson Hart (Miknaf Ha'aretz and Landworkers' Alliance) and Sara Moon (Miknaf Ha'aretz)

How to cultivate Jewish identity and community rooted in 'radical-diasporism'? How to mobilise the Jewish community to act on food and land justice issues? How to link in to the wider land justice movement whilst articulating a specific Jewish experience in relationship with land? This session will share the work of Miknaf Ha'aretz in building a radical, diasporist, Jewish food and land justice movement in the UK, offering Jewish-identifying folks more access points to be on land as a source of joy, healing, connection and belonging, beyond assimilation and nationalism.

Story Museum
THE TRIANGLE ROOM

PRESS PRESS PRESS COMMUNITY PRINTING PRESS: RADICAL PATCH PRINTING

Facilitator: Kate Bowman (Maker and facilitator)

Press Press Press is a bold hands-on printing workshop that celebrates heritage craft, and small, experimental printing processes through the traditional craft of printmaking. Press Press Press aims to bring back the mobile, radical community printing press, creating custom blocks for each event that pick up the political nature of making things and growing community. Print a cloth patch using our wide range of specially hand carved linocut and vintage rubber stamps to commemorate the radical themes of ORFC 2023. The patch can be sewn onto clothing to mend or decorate, extending the life of a garment, and a way of wearing your bold principles on your sleeve.

Note: this is a drop-in session that runs all day until 5.30pm

Cheng Building
DIGITAL HUB

HOW CAN INVESTMENT AND FINANCE DECISIONS BE ALIGNED WITH A TRANSITION TO AGROECOLOGY?

Speakers: Helen Avery (Green Finance Institute), Tom Dyke (Triodos Bank), Rohit Kaushish (NFU), Fergus Lyon

(ESRC Centre for the Understanding of Sustainable Prosperity)

Chair: Tony Greenham (Food, Farming and Countryside Commission)

Aligning investment and finance decisions is critical to kickstart a transition to agroecology. Farmers can be a force for change, but what are investors looking for and how can policy and market frameworks support bold moves? What does supportive finance look like for farmers trying to access new investment or new environmental services markets as part of viable farm businesses? And what role can the UK's financial institutions play in this? Join the Food, Farming and Countryside Commission's Finance Director Tony Greenham and guest speakers for a robust discussion of the challenges and opportunities.

Cheng Building
SEMINAR ROOM

CREATING SPACE FOR NEURODIVERSITY IN REGENERATIVE FARMING PRACTICES

Speakers: Raul Ospina Bonillo (FarmAbility), Jonathan Bowden (The Market Garden, Eynsham), Emma Masefield (Pennyhooks Farm Trust), Gordon Gatward (Pennyhooks Farm Trust)

Chair: Coralie Hopwood (FarmAbility)

A discussion of the benefits of creating space on working farms for people with learning disabilities and who are autistic or otherwise neurodiverse. Farms provide an active, outdoor environment where people can engage with animals, soil, food, and the changing seasons. Farms can offer a space and welcoming community for those who have struggled within the confines of mainstream learning environments. Members of FarmAbility, Pennyhooks Farm Trust and The Market Garden in Eynsham will speak about their experiences working in farms that cultivate inclusive spaces for neurodiversity. The panel will look at an inclusive approach to the productivity of a farm business and the importance of bringing all members of society into a sustainable future for nature and farming.

St Aldates Centre
CHRISTOPHER ROOM

COMMONING FOOD SYSTEMS THROUGH ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF OWNERSHIP

Speakers: Rob Booth (Common Wealth), Ollie Zhang (Fairhold), Kai Heron (Birkbeck), Oli Rodker (Ecological Land Cooperative and Landworkers' Alliance)

Chair: Frances Northrop (New Economics Foundation)

The UK's industrial food system is buckling under a series of converging and mutually reinforcing crises: the cost of energy, the cost of off-farm inputs, the inaccessibility of land for new growers and the system's tendency to pollute and deteriorate the ecosystems it relies on. This panel suggests that alternative forms of ownership could hold the key to a more just and ecologically regenerative food system. The panel brings together growers, academics, and think tank representatives to discuss how alternative forms of ownership such as Public-Common Partnership and Fairholds could democratise food systems, regenerate ecosystems, and ensure that food is a right, not a privilege, for all.

St Aldates Centre
CONFERENCE ROOM

OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO NEW ENTRANTS (WORKSHOP)

Facilitators: Hatty Richards, Holly Tomlinson and Rhian Williams (Landworkers' Alliance)

In the UK, many of the landworkers within our movement are new entrants: people who haven't been born into farming families, or who are new to agroecology. If you're a new entrant of any age and involved in any kind of land work, join us for this session where we will share our experiences and inspiration as landworkers. We will also discuss the challenges and barriers to becoming a landworker, and the support we'd like to see. The Landworkers' Alliance New Entrant Support Team will facilitate the session, share info about the support on offer to new entrants and invite input to the development of LWA's New Entrant Network. We will also signpost to other organisations in the movement offering support to new entrants. This session will be delivered

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in English, but landworkers looking for support in Welsh can email amber.wheeler@landworkersalliance.org.uk.

Oxford Museum
MUSEUM MAKERS SPACE

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY FOOD BUSINESSES IN DELIVERING SOCIAL IMPACT AND SOCIAL CHANGE?

Speakers: Jess Clynewood (St Werburghs City Farm), Clare Horrell (Real Farming Trust), Suzy Russell (CSA Network)

Chair: Jade Bashford (Real Farming Trust)

This session brings together community enterprises representing a variety of views about and experience of the part that social impact plays in their mission. The three organisations (Real Farming Trust, CSA Network and St Werburgh's City Farm) will present findings from their research and their work around the role of community food businesses in delivering social change. They will explore what the sector is and isn't doing, share best practice and explore the issues that need to be faced in delivering social change. Following the presentations there will be plenty of time to open the floor for discussion.

1pm - 1.45pm

Town Hall
MAIN HALL

IS THERE AN INSECT APOCALYPSE?

Speaker: Dave Goulson (University of Sussex and author)

Chair: Vicki Hird (Sustain and author)

Just how much trouble are the invertebrates in, why does it matter, and what can we do about it? In this session we will explore these questions with Dave Goulson, Professor of Biology at the University of Sussex, one of the leading scientists studying the ecology, behaviour and conservation of bumblebees and a keen supporter of citizen science, where the public actively support scientists with their own observations. He is also a bestselling author, having written seven books on invertebrates, and a strong vocal advocate for better policies to stem the tide of insect declines seen in past decades. Vicki Hird, campaigner and author of *Rebugging the Planet*, will be talking to

Dave about what he's learnt from years of talking to the public about bugs; what is really going on with declines; the latest research on the role and status of invertebrates, especially in food and farming; and how we can help stop the damage. Bring your questions too, and we will aim to have a lively discussion and help you to leave with a rebugging plan for food and farming.

Town Hall
ASSEMBLY ROOM

ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION AND AGROECOLOGY THROUGH ONLINE LEARNING

Speakers: Vandana Shiva (farmers' rights activist), Charles Dowding (no dig gardener), Ruby Reed (Advaya and EcoResolution), Christabel Reed (Advaya and EcoResolution)

The UN reports that the only way we can meet the global target of 1 billion restored hectares in the next eight years and avoid ecosystem collapse is to support people across the world to engage in localised ecosystem restoration. Join this lunchtime session and explore how we can leverage online learning to support a peer-driven, participatory global ecosystem restoration movement. We will hear from the sister founders of soon-to-be launched Earthed, a nature skills platform for a global community learning to grow, together with two of the platform teachers, Vandana Shiva and Charles Dowding. The conversation will discuss the role of farming in biodiversity and ecosystem restoration, access to education, contextual expertise, communication, reaching new audiences, and diversifying the movement for change.

Town Hall
OLD LIBRARY

NICHOLAS SUPIOT AND THE ALCHEMY OF BAKING, GERMANY (2022) FILM SCREENING

Twenty-five years ago Nicolas left Paris for a village in Brittany, where he decided to make bread. The wheat comes from his own farm, where grains, peas and beans grow side by side. Nicolas works with coarse salt and fleur de sel from Bourgneuf-sur-Retz sent to him by a friend. Directed by Eileen Byrne, Germany, 2022.

Town Hall
LONG ROOM

STREET GOAT: URBAN GOAT REARING FOR HIGH WELFARE MILK AND MEAT

Speakers: Mary Dobbing, Carol Laslett and Patrick Mallery (Street Goat)

Street Goat is an urban micro dairy collective based in Bristol which aims to bring animal farming back into urban spaces and bring people closer to where their food comes from. Since the project's foundation in 2015, it has grown to have three milking sites across Bristol and a regenerative grazing project called Meat Goat. Meat Goat buys ex-dairy male kids that were destined for slaughter after birth and rears them for several years around Bristol on different nature reserves and plots of land. In this panel discussion we will explain how we work with the local councils, wildlife trusts and other organisations to manage their land for them, as well as how the project functions. We'll also look at some of the more challenging situations we have experienced with the project. Our aim is to show you how we use this model to provide high welfare goat meat to local communities whilst also benefitting the wider environment.

Town Hall
COURT ROOM

INTRODUCTION TO BENEFICIAL BEETLE MONITORING AND IDENTIFICATION

Speaker: Kelly Jowett (Applied Entomologist)

A session describing why and how to monitor beneficial beetles on farms. This will focus on carabid beetles (which eat crop pests and weed seeds), dung beetles (which cycle cattle dung, improving pastures and reducing associated pests) and the farm measures that can encourage abundance and diversity of species in different systems. Attendees will learn why and how to trap beneficial beetles on their farms, and there will be a practical demonstration of beetle ID with microscopes, with a free Farmland Carabid ID guide for attendees. Farmers are encouraged to 'bring a beetle' or photos of beetles from their farm for everyone to look at.

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Story Museum
THE WOODSHED

OUR WILD FARMING LIFE

Speaker: Lynn Cassells (Lynbreck Croft)

Chair: Fiona Mountain (FarmED)

Life on the land - it's the dream of many but the realisation of the few. In *Our Wild Farming Life* we share the story of our journey from the busy south-east of England to the Highlands, leaving behind our jobs, family and friends to follow our dreams of living a more self-sufficient existence. The leap led us into small-scale regenerative farming, building a business from scratch in a corner of Scotland deemed marginal at best by many for its food growing potential. The last six years have been a voyage of discovery as we learn how to truly farm with nature, nurture our spiritual connection with the land and help reconnect those who visit us with the food they eat and the land it comes from.

Story Museum
THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM

STORYTELLING GAMES

Facilitator: Jackie Singer (storyteller)

A light-hearted session to relax, connect with others, flex your ideas muscle and unlock your creativity. Bring your lunch, if you wish, and let your inner storyteller surprise you.

Cheng Building
DIGITAL HUB

MYCELIUM'S MOMENT: UNDERSTANDING THE GROWING FASCINATION WITH FUNGI

Speakers: Merlin Sheldrake (biologist and author) and Doug Bierend (journalist and author)

Join us for a live screening of this online session (12.45pm - 1.45pm)

Most fungi live out of sight, yet they're all around us, and make up a massively diverse kingdom of organisms that support and sustain nearly all life on Earth. The more we learn about them, the more fascinating fungi become. In this conversation, Doug Bierend and Merlin Sheldrake will discuss some of the ways these extraordinary beings - and our relationships with them - change our understanding of the world in which we live.

Cheng Building
SEMINAR ROOM

INVESTIGATIVE ECOLOGY: CRITICAL VIEWS ON THE POLITICS OF CONTEMPORARY AGRICULTURE

Speakers: Peter Brooks (researcher and designer), Areej Ashhab (architect and researcher), Gabriella Demczuk (artist, journalist and researcher), Jacob Bertilsson (artist researcher)

How can spatial practices within a framework of critical research intervene in the pressing ecological issues of our time? Investigative Ecology assembles artist-researchers from the Centre for Research Architecture (CRA) whose investigations look into the political forces shaping agriculture and the environmental space. We will cover issues from colonial land practices to nutritional violence, the digitisation of forests, and the enclosure of life-forms through intellectual property. Our practices come together in cultural, legal, institutional, and grassroots fora to instigate debate around capitalist agribusiness and land usage while also building new methods for intervention.

St Aldates Centre
CHRISTOPHER ROOM

HOW ANIMAL FEED CONTRIBUTES TO DEFORESTATION IN THE AMAZON: AN INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVE (FILM SCREENING)

Speaker: Jyoti Fernandes
(Landworkers' Alliance)

The Kayapo community of the Brazilian Amazon want UK farmers to understand how genetically modified soya - grown to feed pigs and poultry in this country and around the world - is destroying the rainforest and their indigenous way of life. This 15-minute film was shot by young Kayapo filmmakers in the Brazilian state of Mato Grosso especially for this year's ORFC. The Mato Grosso State is the largest soy-producing area in Brazil with 33 million hectares currently in use, an area of land larger than the UK. The soy is shipped around the world to feed livestock but its production and transport, led by corporate agriculture, is destroying Kayapo communities and the local habitat. Come and learn what agroecological farmers in this country can do to support them and prevent further destruction of the Amazon from happening.

Oxford Museum
MUSEUM MAKERS SPACE

CORNWALL'S CLIMATE STORIES (DOCUMENTARY SCREENING AND DISCUSSION)

Facilitator: Cornwall's Climate Stories

Should we all give up meat and dairy if we're to have a hope of avoiding climate breakdown? This is what the headlines seem to tell us. But is this too simplistic a picture - and what would this mean for Cornwall, where most of our farmland is used to raise livestock or to grow crops for these animals to eat? *Food for Thought* is a thought-provoking new film from the charity Cornwall Climate Care, looking at the undeniable impacts of modern animal agriculture as well as some of the incredible local initiatives underway to mitigate them - and also the important role that regenerative livestock systems could play in actually combatting climate change. Presented by Lisa Guy, who farms an organic beef herd at Land's End, this film aims to inspire much-needed conversation and action around a crucial subject that has become one of the most contentious within the climate debate.

St Aldates Tavern
THE BLUE ROOM

NEW TO ORFC OR VISITING ON YOUR OWN? LUNCHTIME NETWORKING SESSION

Facilitator: Oxford Real Farming
Conference and Landworkers' Alliance

We want everyone at ORFC to enjoy their time outside as well as in the sessions. If you have come to ORFC for the first time, or have come on your own and want to meet others, then join our informal meet and greet session. Over a drink in the Blue Room you can meet people from some of the leading organisations in the movement, and others new to the ORFC who share your interests and passions.

2pm - 3.30pm

Town Hall
MAIN HALL

CAN FARMING AND FOOD TRADERS WEATHER THE ECONOMIC STORM?

Speakers: Martin Lines (NFFN, Nature
Friendly Farming Network), Jade
Bashford (Real Farming Trust and

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Stroud Brewery), Caron Whaley (RABI, The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution), Kim Brooks (The Community Farm), Mark Thomas (Farming Community Network), Phil Haughton (Better Food Traders)

Chair: Anita McNaught (journalist and farmer)

We are in the midst of an energy and cost of living crisis that is putting enormous pressure on agroecological food and farming businesses. Some businesses will not survive, others will need substantial support. As a movement, this is our time to come together and look at how we can support each other through these difficult days. This session will explore the details of those challenges and look at how food and farming businesses are rising to them. It will offer perspectives from prominent voices in the retail and farming communities, and give organisations such as the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution the opportunity to offer guidance and advice on financial support. It will also introduce the Farming Community Network, which runs a confidential helpline for farmers and their families. A follow-on clinic will be held in the St Aldate's Room, where farmers and food traders can speak informally with representatives of support organisations.

Town Hall
ASSEMBLY ROOM

LIVING BREAD: THE WAY OF THE PEASANT BAKER

Speakers: Rupert Dunn (heritage wheat baker), Jean-Marc Albisetti (biodynamic grain grower and miller), Rosy Benson (artisan baker and educator)

Chair: Michel Pimbert (Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience, Coventry University)

'We consider bread and agricultural products as spiritual nourishment and physically vital as well as emotionally, culturally and spiritually healing'. (Panis Vita)

The peasant baker is someone who grows, mills and bakes with landrace heritage grains on a small scale. It is a model which combines tradition and innovation, producing the best possible quality of bread from nutritionally dense grains. During this session we will be hearing from Rupert Dunn and Jean-Marc Albisetti,

who have run peasant bakeries in the UK and France respectively, and Rosy Benson of the field bakery at Gotherlney Farm. We will take you through the key aspects, equipment and techniques which make a peasant bakery come to life, as well as exploring wider cultural questions concerning what makes this a distinct livelihood.

Town Hall
OLD LIBRARY

THE ROLE OF FARMER-FARMER MENTORING IN THE AGRICULTURAL TRANSITION

Speakers: Deborah Barker (Pasture for Life), Christine Meadows (High Weald AONB), Fidelity Weston (CLEAR, Consortium for Labelling for the Environment, Animal Welfare and Regenerative farming), Fergus Henderson (High Weald farmer)

Chair: Jimmy Woodrow (Pasture for Life)

In the spectrum of services farmers can access to help them transition to regenerative practices, where does mentoring fit? Often overlooked or poorly executed, does mentoring have a place alongside other services farmers access to support their practice? In this session we hear from farmers and project managers involved with Pasture for Life who have been working to set up mentoring schemes across the country, including what has gone well and what the challenges have been.

Town Hall
COUNCIL CHAMBER

UK CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE ASSESSES THE ROLE OF AGROECOLOGICAL FARMING IN THE TRANSITION TO NET ZERO

Speakers: Lord Deben (UK Climate Change Committee, CCC), Fabrizio Albanito (UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, Bangor)

Chair: Lord Teverson (All-Party Parliamentary Group on Agroecology)

For the first time, UK policymakers are actively researching the potential for agroecology to help deliver net zero. In Spring 2022, the Climate Change Committee (CCC) commissioned the University of Aberdeen to review a range of agroecological farm practices – such as reduced and minimum tillage, leys, extensive livestock systems and cropping approaches

– and assess their impact on GHG emissions, vegetation and soil carbon stocks, and changes to yields. Join Lord Deben, Chair of the CCC, and researcher Fabrizio Albanito, to discuss the findings and implications for farm policy and practice in the UK. The session is hosted by Lord Teverson, Co-Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Agroecology.

Town Hall
LONG ROOM

GROWING IN COMMON GROUND: WHAT'S NEEDED TO MAKE THE UNITED VISIONS OF ORGANIC, REGENERATIVE AND AGROECOLOGY FLOURISH?

Speakers: Ben Andrews (organic and agroecological farmer, Broadward Hall Farm, Herefordshire), Sarah Compson (Soil Association), Sarah Hathway (Soil Association), Jake Freestone (Overbury Farms, Cotswolds), Guy Singh-Watson (organic farmer and founder of Riverford Organic Farmers)

Chair: Lee Holdstock (Soil Association)

There is a buzz of excitement forming around new ways of farming sustainably with the idea of a regenerative revolution gaining traction amongst farmers. This new term may sound different, but fundamentally it is very similar to organic, and some principles of each are shared, moving from an extractive to a restorative style of agriculture. Organic agriculture could be a well-proved blueprint that can help lead the regenerative revolution. However, how can these farming movements unite to achieve shared goals and overcome the current tensions and differences?

Town Hall
COURT ROOM

SEED-SAVING: PRESERVING BIODIVERSITY, STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE AND PROMOTING HEALTHY DIETS

Speakers: Alice Cunningham (Shumei International), K. Greene (Hudson Valley Seed Company), Shinya Imahashi (Shumei Natural Agriculture Farmer), Melanie Knight (Griffin Growers)

Chair: Ben Raskin (Soil Association)

The urgently needed transition to agroecology begins with seed and soil. This transition is only possible with policies and efforts to support and recognise native seeds. This session

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will focus on the crucial importance of saving, exchanging and cultivating heirloom and open-pollinated seeds as a means to empower farmers, protect biodiversity, strengthen climate change resiliency and address food system fragility. Hear from farmers and seed experts about the role of seed-saving in strengthening community resilience, as well as promoting healthy diets using local seed and diversified production. Speakers will share their experiences and insights on how farmers can implement seed-saving and other Natural Agricultural practices to restore and work with nature.

Town Hall
ST ALDATE'S ROOM

WHAT'S AT STEAK? THE ROLE OF LIVESTOCK AND ALTERNATIVE PROTEINS TO BUILD SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS AND SUSTAINABLE DIETS IN THE UK

Facilitators: Chantal Wei-Ying Clément (IPES-Food) and Pete Ritchie (Nourish Scotland)

With the climate crisis and threats to food security and human health increasing by the day, meat and alternative proteins are now firmly in the spotlight. In the UK, policy change and increasing investments affecting livestock and plant-based alternatives are imminent, from support for a *protein transition* and regenerative livestock management, the commercialisation of lab-grown meat, to improvements to animal welfare legislation. Although debates remain polarised, a growing number of voices are converging on the need to move away from highly industrial livestock production and move towards 'less and better'. But how much consensus is there around this vision? What does it look like in practice? Can we trace out a clear reform pathway? This participatory workshop aims to create a space for open discussion on these questions. It will allow for different viewpoints to be shared, and for common ground to potentially emerge on pathways forward.

Story Museum
THE WOODSHED

STRUGGLES FOR LAND JUSTICE: SHARING STRATEGIES FROM THE UK, BRAZIL AND EAST AFRICA

Speakers: Daniel Piovesan do Nascimento (Movimento dos

Trabalhadores Rurais Sem Terra - MST), Emma Cardwell (Lancaster Environment Centre), Roz Corbett (Landworkers' Alliance), Nick Lunch (InsightShare)

Chair: Oli Rodker (Ecological Land Cooperative and Landworkers' Alliance)

A long history of land enclosure, both here in the UK and globally, has left a legacy of deep societal disconnection from the land and denied countless communities their right to pursue land-based livelihoods. But just as mass land disposessions and the creeping enclosure of the commons are phenomena that are still ongoing today, the struggles for land justice and reclaiming our connection to the land are equally widespread. This session will shine a light on a variety of strategies being used to bring about land justice in different corners of the globe: learning from the histories of land and agrarian struggles in England, to the direct grassroots action of the Movimento dos Trabalhadores Rurais Sem Terra (MST) in Brazil; and from participatory videography with indigenous groups defending their territories in East Africa, to the pursuit of progressive land reform policy and legislation in Scotland.

Story Museum
THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM

INTUITIVE FARMING AND OTHER NATURAL WAYS OF KNOWING

Speakers: Jackie Pearce-Dickens (Whole Health Agriculture), Miche Fabre Lewin (artist-gastrosopher), Eleanor Gallia (farmer, shepherdess and medical herbalist), Flora Gathorne-Hardy (ecological artist)

Chair: Julia Wright (Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience, Coventry University)

On the one hand the agroecological farming movement petitions for transformation in the food and farming sector. Yet on the other hand, there is the sense that this can happen whilst we retain our familiar western mindsets and beliefs, our ways of knowing, feeling and communicating. Can we really have outer transformation without a parallel inner one? At an international level there is an upsurge of interest in transformative methodologies. Alongside the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals are the Inner Development Goals (IDGs)

which promote transformational, transpersonal skills for sustainable development. This session explores the application of these skills and capacities in farming, through the experiences of a panel of practitioners who will discuss their worldviews, their work and their methods, and the contribution that they feel this can make to real farming.

Story Museum
THE LINK ROOM

JUMPING FENCES REPORT: LAND JUSTICE, FOOD JUSTICE AND RACIAL JUSTICE IN BRITISH FARMING

Speakers: Josina Calliste (Land in Our Names), Cel Robertson (Forever Green Flowers), Flavian Obiero (NFU), Naomi Terry (Jumping Fences)

Chair: Dora Taylor (Oxford Real Farming Conference)

Jumping Fences is a collaboration between the Ecological Land Cooperative, Land in Our Names and the Landworkers' Alliance which seeks to understand and address the barriers to access to land for Black people and people of colour (BPOC) in agroecological farming in Britain. The research was published in December 2022, and this session is an opportunity to hear the findings from the project, and join a Q&A with a panel of farmers, researchers and activists ideating the pathways forward for land justice, food justice and racial justice in Britain.

There will be copies of the report available.

Story Museum
THE TRIANGLE ROOM

PRESS PRESS PRESS COMMUNITY PRINTING PRESS: RADICAL PATCH PRINTING

Facilitator: Kate Bowman (maker and facilitator)

Press Press Press is a bold hands-on printing workshop that celebrates heritage craft, and small, experimental printing processes through the traditional craft of printmaking. Press Press Press aims to bring back the mobile, radical community printing press, creating custom blocks for each event that pick up the political nature of making things and growing community. Print a cloth patch using our wide range of specially hand carved linocut and vintage rubber stamps to commemorate the radical

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themes of ORFC 2023. The patch can be sewn onto clothing to mend or decorate, extending the life of a garment, and a way of wearing your bold principles on your sleeve.

Note: this is a drop-in session that runs all day until 5.30pm

Cheng Building
DIGITAL HUB

SHOULD THE UK GROW MORE FOOD? AN OPEN FORUM ON THE STATE OF UK FOOD SECURITY

Speakers: Vicki Hird (Sustain), Tim Lang (City, University of London), Anna Taylor (Food Foundation), Dee Woods (Granville Community Kitchen)

Chair: Tim Benton (Chatham House)

What's the state of UK food security and should we be growing more food in the UK? In December 2021, the UK government published the first of its new triennial Food Security Reports. This painted a picture which could either reassure or concern us. The UK is heavily import dependent. Home production has slowly fallen since the 1980s. There's a c.£25bn annual food trade gap. Nearly a fifth of the population report being food insecure. Diet is a major driver of ill-health and environmental damage. As a rich economy, the UK seems confident that it's ok simply to buy food from where land and labour are cheaper. Does this matter? If we wanted to grow more food, how could this be delivered? For what purpose? What are the blockages? With the Russian invasion of Ukraine reminding us of how dependent food is on fossil fuels, is it time for a big rethink? The government sidelined the July 2021 Dibleby report, but might this change? Join an expert panel for an open forum discussing these questions for British food security.

Cheng Building
SEMINAR ROOM

WHAT'S STOPPING THE TRANSITION TO MORE LOCALISED AGROECOLOGICAL FARMING SYSTEMS?

Speakers: George Chanarin (Cumulus Consultants), Ruth Segal (CAFOD), George Young (Fobbing Farm, Essex), Nikki Yoxall (farmer and NFFN Scotland)

Chair: Gareth Morgan (Soil Association)

The ORFC is full of great initiatives demonstrating agroecology and nature-friendly farming in action. But at a national and global level, progress is still too slow and we need to understand why. Come to learn about and discuss research commissioned by the Soil Association as part of the Transition to Agroecology project, looking at the national and farm-level impacts of the shift to an agroecological food and farming system – on farmers, on natural capital and on the economy. We will hear from farmers and researchers on attitudes to agroecology, and how to encourage more people to join the movement. There will also be a look at how the transition might play out for farmers in low-income countries and the risks posed by trade deals. What policy changes could shift the dial to improve the speed of the agroecological transition?

St Aldates Centre
THE CHURCH

NEW GMOS NEED NEW IDEAS: ON NEXT STEPS FOR CAMPAIGNING ON GM IN FOOD AND FARMING (WORKSHOP)

Facilitators: Liz O'Neill (GM Freeze) and Catherine Howell (Seed Sovereignty Programme)

Westminster's Genetic Technology Bill will impose unregulated – and unlabelled – GMOs on the UK food chain. It destroys many of the safeguards that the first generation of GM campaigners gained for us all and sets worrying precedents affecting food sovereignty, and environmental, food and farming policy. This facilitated workshop will explore how the agroecology movement – and others concerned about genetic engineering in food and farming – can most effectively influence the remaining stages of the UK Genetic Technology Bill, as well as what comes next. The session will be creative and informal, providing a safe, supportive space for all to share their experiences, ideas and concerns. The focus will be on stimulating ideas and further questions rather than drawing firm conclusions.

Expert participants from Beyond GM, EcoNexus, GM Free Cymru, GM Watch and Organic Farmers & Growers will join us.

St Aldates Centre
CHRISTOPHER ROOM

FOLKLORE, CUSTOM AND RITUAL

Speakers: Sharon Blackie (psychologist, mythologist and writer), Rupert Callender (undertaker and author), Sam Lee (folksinger and conservationist), Jackie Singer (storyteller, musician, celebrant and shaman)

Chair: Andy Letcher (Schumacher College)

Many people are interested in deepening or enriching their own connection to land, place and the nonhuman as part of a wider rejection of extractivist, capitalist modes of being in the world. They seek more traditional forms of knowledge, which might involve some elements of ritual or ceremony. But how can this be achieved without appropriating yet again from other cultures? In this panel we will open the treasure chest of British folklore, folk song and folk customs to ask whether such traditions that remain can be reinvigorated, reread or reinvented to offer ways of opening up our connection with the world. We will meet a range of contributors who, in their own way, have looked to British folk traditions, old and new, to make meaningful ceremonies and customs that are relevant to our needs at this time of profound ecological and social crisis.

St Aldates Centre
CONFERENCE ROOM

THE EMERGENT GENERATION: BUILDING AN AGROECOLOGICAL FUTURE

Speakers: Danielle Semple (FarmED), Jed Soleiman (student, University of Oxford), Felicity Jones (farmer and student), Hermione Beckitt (Dartington Estate), Paige Hunt (Environmental Sustainability Team, Sainsbury's)

Chair: Becky Grove (FarmED)

The Emergent Generation is a new ecosystem of young regenerative thinkers and agroecological champions. It is facilitated by the FarmED team. In this session you will hear about our process of co-design, and the diverse range of outcomes, inspiring successes and lessons learnt from our three-day launch event held in September 2022. Members of the Emergent Generation will tell their

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stories - sharing their reasons for engaging, their highlights from the event, and what they're now doing with their new knowledge, skills and connections. We will then spend time working together to map your emergent needs and the barriers to overcome. Come and tell us what you want. Help us to plan our next steps and develop partnership opportunities. Help shape the Emergent Generation.

Oxford Museum
MUSEUM MAKERS SPACE

FUNDING REGENERATION: HOW UNCONVENTIONAL FINANCING MODELS CAN SUPPORT FOOD AND FARMING BUSINESSES

Speakers: Pete Russell (Oooby software platform), Jennifer Hunter (Fernhill Farm & Fibre), Robert Fraser (Real Farming Trust), Marc Jones (Wildfarming)

Chair: Tessa Etkin-Silver (Be the Earth Foundation)

Join us in a conversation with three entrepreneurs working in food and farming and two funders exploring alternative financing models. We'll discuss what makes each business untraditional from a funding perspective, and the best ways to source aligned capital, including the specialised programmes run by the two funders. We'll try to get to the crux of why there is insufficient private capital being invested in food and farming, and discuss how finance must (and is already starting to) change, to support our evolving food systems. Whether you are a founder, a funder, or a farmer, this conversation is for you.

Oxford Museum
LEARNING STUDIO

UNEARTHING: DEVELOPING SOCIAL PERMACULTURE PHILOSOPHY AND PRINCIPLES THROUGH SHARED MOVEMENT PRACTICE (WORKSHOP*)

Facilitator: Rachel Sweeney (Schumacher College)

This workshop explores practical and embodied tools to explore social permaculture principles, reflecting on transitions, interconnections and empathy concepts in community practices, centred on progressive learning

and co-development. Led by Rachel Sweeney, Programme Leader for the Movement Mind and Ecology Masters at Schumacher College, Devon, this interactive and practical workshop will provide physical tools to explore how diverse knowledge systems can find parallels with sustainability concepts working within social permaculture collective structures. Rachel will be joined by Movement Mind and Ecology students Mona Baur and Eleanor Herndlhofer.

***This workshop has limited space. Please sign up in the Main Hall at registration.**

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THE BLUE ROOM

THE WORLD TREE

Speaker: Lisa Schneidau (storyteller)

In a world of magic and miracles, Yggdrasil the ash tree holds all of creation in its roots and branches. Odin the Allfather hangs upside down from the great tree, waiting for wisdom to come. But what happens when the ash tree falls sick? Ash is one of our most common trees, bringing many gifts: timber, fuel, tools, inspiration and protection. Now ash dieback is on the march through our countryside, and in ten years' time most of our ash trees will be lost. Lisa Schneidau tells *The World Tree*: a storytelling dedicated to our beloved ash trees, past, present and future. Here's a tangle of Norse myth, Irish legend and English folktale, where you can hear the latest about our tree pandemic, learn some juicy reptilian insults and discover what happened after the world really did end.

4pm - 5.30pm

Town Hall
MAIN HALL

HUMANITY'S HERDING HERITAGE: PERSPECTIVES ON PASTORALISM FROM INDIA TO SPAIN

Speakers: Ilse Köhler-Rollefson (herding specialist and author), Hanwant Singh Rathore (grazing rights advocate), Zuriñe Iglesias González (biologist and rural facilitator)

Chair: Saverio Krätli (pastoralism specialist)

Pastoralists are people all over the

world who keep herds of livestock – ranging from alpacas to yaks – in mobile systems, producing food on the move, providing organic manure and recycling crop residues. Herds are amazingly efficient protein producers whilst also being conservers of biodiversity. Pastoralists regard their animals as family members that they keep in ways that can be considered cruelty-free: without separating mothers from offspring, allowing them dietary choices, and freedom to move. Join an international panel of pastoralists and experts working across Africa, Asia and Europe to discuss how pastoralist practices and philosophies are situated at the interface of ecological livestock-keeping and nature conservation.

Town Hall
ASSEMBLY ROOM

A GOOD LIFE: HOW ANIMAL WELFARE AND SUSTAINABILITY GO HOOF IN HAND

Speakers: Marthe Kiley-Worthington (ethologist and farmer), Rebecca Mayhew (farmer), Lizzie Rowe (Reading University)

Chair: Nikki Yoxall (Pasture for Life)

There is often a perceived conflict between animal welfare and sustainability. People may hold the belief that slower-growing breeds are less efficient and therefore less sustainable; or that extensive systems have a decreased output per unit of environmental footprint, so intensive systems are preferable; or that we should replace ruminants with monogastrics and apply intensification principles. In this session, we will explore some of the misconceptions, trade offs and areas of positive practice that are being developed, both in the research space and through on-farm practice.

Town Hall
OLD LIBRARY

GETTING TO THE ROOTS OF HERBAL LEYS

Speakers: Lydia Smith (NIAB Innovation Farm), Paul Totterdell (Cotswold Seeds Ltd), David Whiting (Natural England), Ian Wilkinson (FarmED and Cotswolds Seeds Ltd)

Chair: Jonty Brunyee (FarmED)

A herbal ley is a complex mixture of grasses, legumes and herbs which, when well-managed, can offer benefits

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for wildlife, livestock, emissions and soil. In this session you will hear from the Cotswolds Seeds and FarmED team about the benefits of multi-species herbal leys, seed mix selection and how to establish and manage new swards. Dr Lydia Smith will share the latest research findings from the National Institute of Agricultural Botany, and David Whiting from Natural England will update us on how herbal leys currently fit into Environmental Land Management Schemes and the Sustainable Farming Incentive. Importantly, we will consider the need for diversity within our mixtures if we want fully functional leys and the optimum suite of benefits. Oversimplified leys, as prescribed by some, do not offer this. There will be time for questions from the floor, group discussion and knowledge sharing.

Town Hall
COUNCIL CHAMBER

FROM FIELD TO BAKERY: RADICAL BUT REALISTIC POLICY CHANGES FOR ACCELERATING DIVERSIFIED GRAIN SYSTEMS IN THE UK

Speakers: Kimberley Bell (Small Food Bakery, Nottingham), Josiah Meldrum (Hodmedods), John Turner (organic farmer, Lincolnshire)

Chair: Stephanie Walton (Centre for Food Policy, City, University of London)

A transition to agroecological, climate-resilient food and farming systems requires new grain systems, from seed to field, to baking and retailing. Our current agricultural system is almost exclusively focused on productivity and consistency, unintentionally creating an unjust and unhealthy grain system from soil to gut. The sort of radical change needed to deliver an equitable, climate-resilient food and farming system won't be delivered by fine tuning the existing predominant model. It's easy to be overwhelmed by the problems, but innovative food producers - seed breeders, farmers, millers and bakers - are doing the important work of reimagining the grain and bread system as they envisage a system where skills are nurtured, communities are nourished and values are shared. The panel will share their own experiences, with a focus on areas where policy has the capacity to enable change and where it is stifling progress. Their work illuminates areas where change is most needed and where we can all

play a part in delivering the sort of transformation that the UK is hungry for.

Town Hall
LONG ROOM

BIODYNAMICS FOR LOCAL FOOD AND NATURE RESTORATION: TRIALLING A MODEL WITH DIOCESIAN LAND

Speakers: Mark Betson (Church of England), Philip Franses (The Flow Partnership), Marina O'Connell (Apricot Centre), Jeremy Smith (chartered surveyor)

Chair: Gabriel Kaye (Biodynamic Land Trust)

Finding land for growing local food, nature restoration and carbon capture is a huge challenge. The Apricot Centre has been given an opportunity to trial an innovative approach, with a tenancy on land owned by the local Exeter Diocese. The Centre has already demonstrated the benefits of biodynamic and agroecological farming for carbon sequestration and energy-efficient, human-scale farming on its own land; in turn, this new tenancy will help the Diocese to reduce the carbon footprint of its properties. This workshop explores how the model is being trialled, and the terms required for such tenancies to be successfully rolled out with other large landowners.

Town Hall
COURT ROOM

FORGOTTEN FRUIT: HOW CRAFT CIDER IS REVIVING TRADITIONAL ENGLISH ORCHARDS

Speakers: Alex Fitton (Pullo Natural Wine Shop), Lydia Crimp and Tom Tibbits (Artistray Cider), Sam Leach (Wilding Cider)

Chair: Isy Schultz (Barleywood Orchard)

Traditional orchards have declined by 81% since the 1900s. They hold great value for biodiversity (offering food as well as refuge), for climate change resilience, and for the local community. With a growing interest in craft cider in the UK, small-scale makers are proliferating - reclaiming old orchards, innovating low-impact methods in cultivation and production, and supporting each other in a movement that prides itself on creating natural products with a real connection to the land. Join this session for an introduction to and discussion of

what cider producers are doing, and the methods that are maximising the positive impact of orchards, while appreciating a natural, indigenous alcoholic drink!

Town Hall
ST ALDATE'S ROOM

FARMING, FOOD TRADERS AND ECONOMIC CRISIS FOLLOW-UP: INFORMAL CLINIC

An informal clinic where farmers are invited to meet with representatives of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI), Farming Community Network, Landworkers' Alliance and Real Farming Trust to find out about the support and resources these organisations can offer. This is a follow-up session from the discussion (in the Main Hall) of how the economic and energy crises are affecting farmers and food traders.

Story Museum
THE WOODSHED

HOW DO PRISONS AND POLICING IMPACT AND INTERSECT WITH OUR STRUGGLES FOR LAND JUSTICE?

Speakers: Sophia Doyle (London Freedom Seed Bank), Tallulah Brennan (writer, Abolitionist Futures, SHADO magazine, It's Freezing in LA), Jesse Noon (Mycro Mushroom Coop), Kelsey and Chelsea (Cradle Community)

Speakers including transformative justice collective Cradle Community, urban mushroom farming cooperative Myco Manchester Coop and others will look at how the prison system, policing and punishment system structure UK landscapes and geographies, and the multitude ways that the racist prison state intersects with land justice issues, whether that be the bifurcation of rural and urban relationships, the imprisonment of protestors or the destruction of habitats and green space, amongst many other things. The second part of the session will explore 'Abolition Ecologies', looking at the many ways of living that could be a part of making prisons obsolete, at the same time as securing an ecologically resilient relationship with the land. From land reparations to community gardens, webs of mycelium, mental health work and radical approaches to accountability, we will use this part of the session to collectively imagine how we can deal with harm in a way that prioritises healing, wellbeing, and

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living in community with both people and planet. Organised by the Link Room hosts Land In Our Names (LION) and Shared Assets.

Story Museum
THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM

BELONGING TO THE LAND: RESISTANCE AND RESILIENCE

Speakers: Samson Hart (Miknaf Ha'aretz and Landworkers' Alliance), Sui Searle (@decolonisethegarden), Mama D (community food and nourishment practitioner)

In our interactive, reflective and embodied session, Mama D, Sui Searle and Samson Hart will discuss our relationships to land, belonging, spirituality, resilience and resistance within ourselves and our movements. We look towards understanding land as belonging, sovereignty, homeland, or identity beyond capitalism and we re-imagine co-liberation through land and spiritual practice. We will share our experiences in relation to specific questions, then open these up to wider discussion and reflection. Questions are: can displacement and severance from land be reimagined and healed through land connection? How do we centre what we value in our movements, lives and work in relation to colonialism, capitalism and patriarchy's impact on our relationship to land? Can spiritual connection to the natural world act as antidote to disconnectedness?

Story Museum
THE LINK ROOM

INTERGENERATIONAL STORY SHARING FOR BUILDING A YOUTH-LED AGROECOLOGY MOVEMENT

Facilitator: FLAME (Youth Branch of the Landworkers' Alliance)

The youth branch of the LWA - FLAME - invites you to an intergenerational story sharing space. We will listen and share stories from older and younger generations on building a youth-led movement for agroecology. How can we increase awareness of agroecology and food justice in generations facing a widening disconnect from the land? What techniques can young people learn from older generations, and what can young people teach them?

Story Museum
THE TRIANGLE ROOM

PRESS PRESS PRESS COMMUNITY PRINTING PRESS: RADICAL PATCH PRINTING

Facilitator: Kate Bowman (maker and facilitator)

Press Press Press is a bold hands-on printing workshop that celebrates heritage craft, and small, experimental printing processes through the traditional craft of printmaking. Press Press Press aims to bring back the mobile, radical community printing press, creating custom blocks for each event that pick up the political nature of making things and growing community. Print a cloth patch using our wide range of specially hand carved linocut and vintage rubber stamps to commemorate the radical themes of ORFC 2023. The patch can be sewn onto clothing to mend or decorate, extending the life of a garment, and a way of wearing your bold principles on your sleeve.

Note: this is a drop-in session that runs all day until 5.30pm

Cheng Building
DIGITAL HUB

THE POWER OF FOOD TO HEAL MINDS, BODIES, COMMUNITIES AND OUR LAND

Speakers: Lucy Williamson (nutritionist and vet), Jayne Buxton (author), Sue Stuart-Smith (psychiatrist and author), Sarah Langford (barrister, organic farmer and author)

Chair: Sally Bell (GP)

Food has the power to restore our physical and mental health, bring families together and reconnect us with our landscape, culture and history. Sadly, in our present climate, it polarises, confuses and perpetuates chronic illness. This all-female panel including a doctor, farmer, barrister, psychiatrist and vet-turned-nutritionist will join together to share their stories of how agroecological methods are healing our bodies, minds, communities and our land. As Wendell Berry said, "People are fed by the food industry, which pays no attention to health, and are treated by the health industry, which pays no attention to food". Never before has there been such a need to bring together health practitioners, farming and food producers, to find a unifying

language to excite change, work out common actions and nurture mutual respect. These networks must be encouraged from top to bottom - at the policy level, and in the field and clinic - to restore human and planetary health.

Cheng Building
SEMINAR ROOM

FARMER CONNECTIONS: A FOOD PARTNERSHIP APPROACH

Speakers: Abi Mordin (Propagate and Glasgow Community Food Network), Gavin Fletcher (Good Food Leicestershire), Jenny Rouquette (Shropshire Good Food Partnership), Diana Garduño Jiménez (Nourish Scotland)

Chair: Chris Walker (Sustainable Food Places)

The connection between the farming community and wider communities has often been weak. For the food system to meaningfully change to an agroecological model, all communities need to work together towards a shared vision. A number of Sustainable Food Places (SFP) members and our partners have sought to bridge that gap using a partnership approach, facilitating spaces where fruitful dialogues between farmers and their communities can happen. This approach is also a successful methodology to support peer-to-peer conversations and best practice sharing with farmers. What have we learned from them? What are the elements that constitute best practice? How is it best to engage farmers locally? How can farmers best engage their communities? Open and honest dialogues are the first steps on this journey to build understanding and trust.

St Aldates Centre
CHRISTOPHER ROOM

INTERGENERATIONAL LAND OWNERSHIP BEYOND THE FAMILY TREE

Speakers: Miriam Rose (Hardwick Estate), Olivia Oldham (University of Edinburgh), Ninian Stuart (Falkland Estate), Patrick Andrews (Barefoot lawyer), Tom Carman (Shared Assets)

Chair: Jane Davidson (University of Wales Trinity Saint David, land restorer and author)

What happens if landowners entrust their land to more distributed and

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diverse forms of ownership and governance than a single bloodline? Might a culture of diversity lead to even greater resilience? Two progressive estate owners, a lawyer, an agro-economist and a researcher explore emerging models of land governance designed to enable more people to tend the soil for future generations, whilst growing the fabric of communities. What are the opportunities and risks in sharing the prosperity of, and responsibility for, the land? We will enquire into the benefits and drawbacks of both the old order and the emerging order now taking root in some places.

St Aldates Centre
CONFERENCE ROOM

HOW TO START A COMMUNITY LAND-BASED PROJECT

Speakers: Sonia Sinanan and Zoe Wangler (Ecological Land Cooperative)

Want advice about starting a community land-based project? The Ecological Land Cooperative share their learnings from 15 years of developing agroecological smallholdings for new entrants to ecological farming. The aim is to demystify the journey of buying community-owned farmland. The session will explore how to develop a viable business plan, finance your project, write planning applications, choose governance structures, and ensure good relationships between community owners and tenants. The session will also be a good opportunity to get to know the work of the Ecological Land Cooperative, with a chance to ask questions in the second half.

Oxford Museum
MUSEUM MAKERS SPACE

DEVELOPING THE UK ORGANIC SECTOR: ORGANIC ACTION PLANS AS STRATEGIES FOR GROWTH

Speakers: Dafydd Owen (Welsh Organic Forum), Denise Walton (farmer, food producer and ecologist, Scottish Borders), Christopher Stopes (English Organic Forum), Adrian Steele (Soil Association and English Organic Forum), Ross Paton (Scottish Organic Stakeholders Group)

Chair: David McKay (Soil Association)

Policymakers are increasingly recognising the potential of organic farming to help meet emissions reduction targets and to improve

biodiversity on farmed land. Organic sector bodies are working with the UK Government and the devolved administrations in Scotland and Wales to develop Organic Action Plans aimed at driving growth in organic farming. Similar plans are being developed by EU member states to help meet the European Commission's target to increase the amount of land farmed organically to at least 25% by 2030. This panel session, featuring sector representatives from across the UK, will explore the role of Organic Action Plans as strategies for growth. Do we need Organic Action Plans? Have previous plans been effective in driving growth in the sector here in the UK, or further afield in Europe? What resources are required to ensure that an Organic Action Plan delivers on its objectives? Will current plans as drafted help the UK organic sector reach its full potential?

Oxford Museum
LEARNING STUDIO

ORGANISING TOGETHER FOR TRANSFORMATION (WORKSHOP*)

Facilitator: Ali Taherzadeh (researcher, activist, facilitator)

This participatory session invites landworkers, activists and organisations interested in supporting agroecological transformations to come together to discuss how we can strengthen our collective movement ecology to have the biggest impact. The session begins with a presentation of key findings from over three years of research with the UK agroecology movement into the role of movement organising and learning practices in driving transformative change. This will be followed by small and whole group discussions around how we can work more collectively and more strategically as a movement, bringing together our different strengths and strategies to be more than the sum of our parts.

***This workshop has limited space. Please sign up in the Main Hall at registration.**

6pm-7.30pm

Story Museum
THE WOODSHED

AGROECOLOGY AND FEMINISM: TRANSFORMING OUR ECONOMY AND OUR SOCIETY

Sasha Georgiades (Women and gender marginalised folk in forestry and landwork), Selma James (Global Women's Strike), Bridget Murphy (Talamh Beo), Sandra Salazar (GoGrowWithLove)

Chair: Clem Sandison (Landworkers' Alliance)

Agroecology, food sovereignty, climate justice and antipoverty economics aim to value all life by ending power relations, including sexism, racism and every form of discrimination. A women's movement with a practical perspective on agroecology, includes all who identify as women and/or as antisexist, not only to create spaces free of discrimination but to revalue the 'unseen' work that mainly women and gender-marginalised people do. The global economy could not function without this work. Our struggle for its recognition is integral to creating a future centred on the survival and wellbeing of the human race and the natural world. This panel explores the obstacles women and gender-marginalised people face when building the agroecological movement, and how we can act together to overcome them and build humane relationships. Drinks will be available in the foyer outside the Woodshed before and after this evening session.

Story Museum
THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM

USING SYSTEMIC MAPPING FOR FINDING POSITIVE SOLUTIONS IN COMPLEX SITUATIONS (WORKSHOP*)

Facilitators: Jenny Mackewn (leadership coach and organisational consultant), Angela Raffle (systemic mapping practitioner)

You will be introduced to, and practice, a problem-solving approach that is both deep and highly practical. It taps straight into intuition, instinct, embodied sense and emotional knowing, and can be applied both to the everyday e.g. 'How best to describe and advertise for this post I'm recruiting?' and to deeper questions e.g. 'What is my life's purpose?' Jenny has led the development of Systemic Embodied Mapping within the sphere of ecological activism. Last winter, with Angela, she ran training for staff within an organic farm CSA, to great effect. In this taster workshop you will practise identifying and mapping both visible and invisible elements in a problem, and experience the process of making

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experimental moves to find ways for shifting a system towards a great outcome. This workshop is limited to 30 participants, so please sign up in the Main Hall at registration. A follow-up workshop (limited to 12 places) will run on Friday in the Oxford Museum Learning Studio, for participants who wish to deepen their understanding.

***This workshop has limited space. Please sign up in the Main Hall at registration.**

Story Museum
THE LINK ROOM

JUST ANOTHER DIAMOND DAY: BUILDING WORKERS' POWER IN THE AGROECOLOGICAL AND REGENERATIVE FARMING SECTORS (WORKSHOP)

Nell Benney, Zoe Miles and Ellie Paganini (Solidarity Across Land Trades, SALT)

This workshop is for all non-management level employees, trainees, freelancers or volunteers in food growing / agroecology / regenerative agriculture / land care sectors. This will be an opportunity to meet and connect with others, share struggles and strategies and find out what the Growers' Union has been working on over the last year. There will be an opportunity to contribute to our ongoing workers' enquiry, add a song to the playlist and find out how you can get involved with collective action to improve working conditions in your sector.

Cheng Building
DIGITAL HUB

COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING FOR A RACIALLY JUST FOOD SYSTEM

Speakers: Melanie Allen (Black Farmer Fund, US) and Pilot Community members

Chair: Olivia Watkins (Black Farmer Fund, US)

Join us for a live screening of this online session.

Black Farmer Fund (BFF) was created by Black farmers who were frustrated with the limited financing options available to them, with the hopes of creating a funding vehicle that would challenge the racial injustices and wealth inequalities faced by Black Food actors. BFF is by us, for us, with a community of 12 Black farmers and food systems entrepreneurs from across the state leading the fund's

governance and making decisions around which applicants receive funding. This panel will discuss the importance of community wealth-building when addressing intersecting issues of racial justice, agriculture, and wealth inequity.

St Aldates Centre
THE CHURCH

FOOD, DRINK, MUSIC AND DANCING

Join us in the church for an evening of food, drinks and music. We will be joined by land worker folk band The King Driscolls for the evening, with support from The Pegwells, a banjo and guitar duo blending soulful melodies, high energy blues and country music.

Note: the church is open all evening, from 6pm till 10pm

St Aldates Tavern
THE BLUE ROOM

ORFC MEDIA DRINKS

Facilitator: Agroecology Comms Network

This is an opportunity for journalists and comms professionals attending the conference to gather for an informal social before the evening's entertainment. Please come and meet friends and colleagues for a drink upstairs in the St Aldates Tavern (opposite the Town Hall). The event will be hosted by the Agroecology Comms Network, which connects those working in communications across the food and farming movement. There will be free drinks for those who are quick!

Note: this social runs from 5.30pm to 7pm

8pm - 9.30pm

Story Museum
THE WOODSHED

THE WIND BLOWS THE BORDER (VENTO NA FRONTERA), BRAZIL (2022)

FILM SCREENING

The Wind Blows the Border is a documentary film from directors Marina Weis and Laura Faerman. In the territories where Brazil shares its border with Paraguay, the film narrates the struggle of the Guarani-Kaiowá people for their lands against aggressive land grabbing by Brazilian agribusiness. The documentary follows

the lives of two very different women, representatives of two opposing worlds: Guarani-Kaiowá community leader, Alenir Aquino Ximenes, and Luana Ruiz Silva, a wealthy lawyer with farm business interests in the land. Grab a drink from the bar in the foyer directly outside the Woodshed, and join us for this fascinating film.

Story Museum
THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM

NIGHTSHADE FAMILY DYNAMICS WITH THE SEED SISTAS: BRIDGING THE GAP BETWIXT MAGIC AND MEDICINE

Facilitators: Kazz Goodweather and Fiona Heckels (Seed SistAs)

Do you talk to plants? We certainly do and some of them literally will not shut up!

Come and have a chat with two super stars of the plant world, the Solanacea SistAs. They are ready to bend your ear about all manner of things but they are keen to tell tales of witches, shamans, medicine folk of the globe and their more ethereal practices. Meet the Hot and Sassy Carolina Reaper-Sol and the Lovely lunar temptress darling Datura. These two have plenty to get off their chests when it comes to the current fashion of eliminating the nightshades from the diet - they are quite bemused. Come meet these fruity Queens and learn all about how an ancient maligned herbal preparation (the witch's flying ointment) has opened the doors to the reunification of cultivation, health and magic!

Cheng Building
DIGITAL HUB

RAMS (HRÚTAR), ICELAND (2015)

FILM SCREENING

Grimúr Hákonarson's dark and humorous drama about Icelandic sheep farmers. Gummi and Kiddi are two estranged brothers who must unite to save their ancestral flocks when a lethal disease threatens to infect them all. Relax with the film, enjoy drinks from the bar, and complimentary *Tiddly Pomes* apple juice, pressed using unused apples from Oxford's orchards. "Hilarious and heartbreaking", Mark Kermode (*The Guardian*)

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THE CHURCH

FOOD, DRINK, MUSIC AND DANCING IN THE CHURCH

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St Aldates Tavern

THE BLUE ROOM

PROTEST AND LAND RIGHTS: WHAT HAVE WE GOT TO BE AFRAID OF?

Speakers: Simon Fairlie (farmer and editor) and Nicola Chester (teacher and activist)

Chair: Nick Hayes (illustrator and author)

Access to land as a source of sustenance and connection to nature is surely a route to environmental sustainability, the protection of wildlife, and the health and wellbeing of all, wherever we are and wherever we 'come' from. From tied and tenanted cottages on grand country estates such as Highclere, to boats moored on the River Thames beside 'Toad Hall', via small-scale farming on a liberated French chateau estate, our speakers discuss their experiences of resistance, engagement and activism, as well as modern - and old - enclosures. How is land, and the future of nature and our own health, owned, and how do we challenge access to it? What are we afraid of - and can embracing a new (old) way lead to a more harmonious, equitable and sustainable relationship with farming, food and nature?

Stay for drinks and to meet fellow land rights activists until 11pm!

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8am - 8.30am

Town Hall
MAIN HALL

MEDITATION WITH SATISH KUMAR

Facilitator: Satish Kumar (Schumacher College and The Resurgence Trust)

For the last 10 months, activist, gardener and former monk, Satish Kumar, has led a weekly Friday morning meditation for farmers, food producers and all those working towards a better food and farming system. "Beyond our differences", he says, "we all share the soil." This morning, Satish will lead the meditation live from the ORFC at the slightly later time of 8am. The meditation – intended to strengthen our connection to the land and to each other – will be followed by an opportunity to ask Satish questions. This is a chance to join a growing global circle of people who share similar intentions while reflecting on your own activism and food and farming practices.

9am - 10.30am

Town Hall
MAIN HALL

GM'S FALSE PROMISES: COULD THE UK BE NEXT?

Speakers: Jim Goodman (farmer and National Family Farm Coalition), Gerald Miles (farmer and GM campaigner), Vandana Shiva (farmers' rights activist), Liz O'Neill (GM Freeze)

Chair: Ele Rose (FLAME)

Three legendary activists for farmers' rights tackle the false hope and real threats of genetic modification, sharing what they have learned and how those lessons can be used in the ongoing fight. The first wave of genetically modified (GMO) crops made false promises to reduce pesticide use and create higher yields and profits for farmers – from cotton farmers in Asia to maize growers in North America. There is very little evidence that this happened and instead the reality is one of increased herbicide use, ecological damage, static or reduced yields, greater farmer insecurity, greater corporate control and industrialisation. North America led the way with false promises, but farmers in many countries have paid the price. While opposition within the EU has protected the UK to some extent, Brexit and high tech zeal for gene editing technology

are now changing the dynamic for the new wave of modification. The narrative that gene editing (GE) is not GMO and is somehow 'akin to nature' is gaining ground, even amongst farmers who call themselves 'regenerative' and 'sustainable'. Pro-GE legislation is being pushed in the UK and across the EU on the back of yet more false promises and hype.

Town Hall
ASSEMBLY ROOM

FUTURE NUT PRODUCTION IN THE UK

Speakers: Guy Singh-Watson (Riverford Organic Farmers), Tom Tame (Warwickshire Walnuts), Tom Cannon (Roughway Farm and Kentish Cobnuts Association)

Chair: Kate Hughes (sustainability columnist and regenerative farmer)

Want to learn more about nuts? If you're considering agroforestry but aren't sure what to plant, or you already know you want to plant nut trees, or perhaps you already have some but don't know what to do with them, then this is the session for you. With a panel spanning years of nut tree growing experience, international research, business development and new nut tree agroforestry enthusiasm, this session will crack open the technical and commercial details of growing nut trees. Speakers will get to the kernel of variety selection, tree spacing, protection, management, pruning, yields, harvesting, processing and products.

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OLD LIBRARY

DIY SOIL MONITORING: SOIL SCIENCE WITHOUT THE 'SCIENTISTS'?

Speakers: Abby Rose (Soilmentor and Farmerama), Kim Graham (Shared Assets and Community Soil Clinic project), Annie Landless (Vidacycle)

Chair: Chris Maughan (Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience, Coventry University)

Healthy soils are the foundation of any sustainable food system. Yet those who steward land are often disconnected – even excluded – from the processes of researching and learning about how to assess soil health and condition. This session will bring together three initiatives that are developing new ways to engage with soils and create knowledge about them, each in their

own way taking seriously the need to retain ownership over the knowledge and practice of soil monitoring. The three initiatives are Soilmentor, an app designed by and for farmers to monitor soil health; a nascent and developing 'Community Soil Clinic'; and a project promoting the use of weeds as 'bioindicators' of soil condition. Each presenter will offer their experiences of creating a DIY culture of soil research and learning, as well as the challenges involved in going it alone.

Town Hall
COUNCIL CHAMBER

REWARDING THE FARMING CHAMPIONS: A FUTURE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAND MANAGEMENT

Speakers: Jonathan Baker (Defra), Stuart Roberts (Liberal Democrats' working group on food, farming and the environment), Jyoti Fernandes (Landworkers' Alliance), Richard Benwell (Wildlife & Countryside Link), Craig Bennett (Wildlife Trusts)

Chair: Vicki Hird (Sustain)

Policies that govern farming and land management in England are undergoing one of the biggest shifts in a generation. This comes at a critical juncture for biodiversity, for climate and for the future resilience of farm businesses. Two years into the Agricultural Transition, this session will look at the development of Environmental Land Management (ELM). It will bring together voices from the farming and NGO sectors, as well as from Defra, to discuss what the Transition means for farmer business decisions in the here and now, its impact on the environment, and what the next stages of development for environmental land policy are.

Town Hall
LONG ROOM

LIVING LEGENDS: RECOGNISING THE HERITAGE AND NATURE VALUE OF ANCIENT TREES ON FARMS

Speakers: Cat Frampton (farmer, Dartmoor), Ben Andrews (farmer, Herefordshire), James Robinson (farmer, Cumbria), Dr Emma Gilmartin (ecologist, Woodland Trust), Ewan McHenry (ecologist, Woodland Trust)

Chair: Martin Lines (farmer, Cambridgeshire)

Step back in time and discover the historical landscape on your farm

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using old maps from the 19th century. From ancient hedgerow lines to old trees, use this knowledge to help plan future land management for cultural and nature continuity. Explore the integration of trees into the working landscape, and how to select areas to establish ancient trees of the future. Three farmers will describe important cultural features on their land; explain why they cherish them; and highlight the benefits these features have brought to their farms. Learn to identify old trees, and find out what future support will be available to retain the trees, ensuring they are there for future generations.

Town Hall
COURT ROOM

PARTICIPATORY GUARANTEE SYSTEMS: A UK EXPLORATION

Facilitators: Steven Jacobs (Organic Farmers & Growers C.I.C), Lawrence Woodward (Beyond GM and Whole Health Agriculture), Cornelia Kirchner (organic guarantees systems consultant), Suzy Russell (CSA Network), Tamara Schiopu (Tolhurst Organic)

This session is for anyone interested in finding out more about Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS), or anybody who would like to share their experience or knowledge in this area. Are you looking for a different way to certify your farm? Are you interested in developing a peer review group with other local farmers and growers? Then this workshop is for you! PGS has been developed and used in countries across the world, but not in the UK. We will briefly outline the diverse ways in which it has been used globally, before opening up the discussion to workshop participants about how and why it might be useful to develop it in the UK context.

Town Hall
ST ALDATE'S ROOM

GETTING STARTED WITH RAW MILK

Speakers: Jonny Crickmore (Fen Farm Dairy), Daisy Fossett (Dromedairy)

Chair: Tali Eichner (Raw Milk Producers Association)

The availability of raw milk can be very beneficial to a local community as well as a valuable part of a small scale, agroecological and/or mixed farm, but taking the leap into starting

a raw milk dairy can be daunting. There are currently only approximately 140 raw milk farms in the UK. Hear from farmers about what is needed to get started in raw milk, including the practicalities, equipment, regulations, economics and their experiences of the challenges and rewards of life on a raw milk farm. Find out whether raw milk might be right for your farm, how to get support in starting up, and what's needed to produce it safely and with confidence.

Story Museum
THE WOODSHED

LOCAL FOOD ECONOMIES: HOW DO WE JOIN THE DOTS?

Speakers: Emma Shires (Nottingham Mill Coop), Sophie Paterson (Food Data Collaboration), Danny Fisher (Better Food Shed)

Chair: Peter Samsom (Landworkers' Alliance)

Over the last 30 years or so, a vibrant network of agroecological short supply chain and direct sales businesses has developed in the UK, but currently they represent a tiny proportion of the market. Scaling up will bring colossal benefits to the environment, local economies and communities; but it is an equally colossal task! Infrastructure - or lack thereof - is key to upscaling local food systems. A loss of local infrastructure - particularly processing facilities like abattoirs and mills - combined with difficulties in accessing markets, has hindered the scalability of local food systems and left many small-scale local producers struggling to get their produce to consumers. But new initiatives to share, cooperate and create open source infrastructure are providing grassroots solutions to filling in the gaps. They are putting control over the food system back in the hands of local producers and communities, and making healthy local sustainably produced food more accessible to everyone.

Story Museum
THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM

EGO TO ECO: RESTORING PEOPLES AND PLACES TO EACH OTHER

Speakers: Samuel Nnah (Full Circle, Cameroon), Hal Rhoades (Action for Conservation, Wales), Sharon Blackie (psychologist, mythologist and writer)

Chair: Satish Kumar (Schumacher College and The Resurgence Trust)

It is no longer enough to simply conserve what we have. The living ecosystems that sustain us are unravelling, and are in urgent need of restoration. In this need, humanity can find a new role as 're-weavers' of diversity; a keystone species for ecological resurgence. Taking up this new mantle will require us to undo not only the ecological harms of industrial colonialism, but also the psychological, social and political damage that has caused us to think of the living, non-human world as something 'other'. In this talk, chaired by Satish Kumar, community animators from Cameroon and the UK will discuss the role that restoring community life, collective place-making and intergenerational decision-making can play in restoring the diversity and abundance of our fields, forests, wetlands and beyond.

Story Museum
THE LINK ROOM

AT THE ROOT: LAND JUSTICE AND OUR COLLECTIVE LIBERATION (WORKSHOP)

Facilitator: Katherine Wall (Land Justice Facilitator)

In this interactive workshop, participants will be invited to co-create histories of 'land' in England to explore the connections between land and (in)justice. Together we will follow the roots of the many interconnected struggles that go back a long way into our collective past. We will see how these pasts show up in our present, and how we are all affected, even in very different ways. We will close by starting to imagine what might be needed for our collective liberation. This workshop is offered by Katherine Wall - a white-bodied, queer, middle-class facilitator and researcher working at the intersection of land and racial justice in England.

Story Museum
THE TRIANGLE ROOM

WE FEED THE WORLD POP-UP PORTRAIT STUDIO

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welcome to pop in for a pic. Feel free to bring props, banners, books, hats and tools as we capture the faces of the folk who make up the regenerative farming movement across the UK and beyond. We Feed the World is a worldwide visual storytelling project celebrating smallholder farmers, fisherfolk and regenerative farming practices. *We Feed the UK!* photo studio will be a collective celebration of smallholder farmers - the cream of the agroecological crop, as you all descend on Oxford.

Note: this session runs all day until 3.30pm

Cheng Building
DIGITAL HUB

DARTINGTON AS AN AGROECOLOGICAL LIGHTHOUSE

Speakers: Basil Gibson (student, Schumacher College), Bob Mehew (Apricot Centre and Dartington Mill), Dan Mifsud (The Almond Thief Bakery, Totnes), Marina O'Connell (Apricot Centre and Dartington Mill), Melissa Harvey (School Farm CSA)

Chair: Nathan Einbinder (Schumacher College)

Isolated pockets of agroecology are developing in the UK, particularly in South West England. The area surrounding Dartington, in rural Devon, offers a unique example of an agroecological lighthouse in the making. By lighthouse we refer to a site, or many sites combined, and possibly an entire territory, that is demonstrative as well as practical in terms of commercial farms and farmers applying agroecological principles, and contributing to the local food system. A lighthouse can act as a centre for exchange and diffusion of knowledge to local communities and practitioners. In this panel we will discuss the unique characteristics of Dartington and the surrounding area that make it favourable for agroecology. Our objective is to present some of the key actors and researchers, and discuss the history and actions that led to favourable conditions and rich collaborations. We hope for a participatory session that will examine how what's happening in Dartington might be transferable elsewhere.

Cheng Building
SEMINAR ROOM

WE NEED A HORTICULTURAL REVOLUTION

Speakers: Jim Aplin (Organic Growers Alliance) and Tony Little (Sustainable Farming Consultancy)

Chair: Ben Raskin (Soil Association)

It seems everyone agrees we need a massive increase in vegetable and fruit production and consumption in the UK: for healthier kids and adults; to become more self-sufficient and stop exporting our global footprint; as a core part of the transition to agroecological farming systems; to rebuild local food economies - the list goes on. But how should this be supported and what are the lessons from innovators already doing this? This session will also touch on the challenge posed by the drive to tackle GHG emissions from farming on lowland peat and how this could impact on food production. What action is needed now to prevent this making the horticulture challenge even harder?

St Aldates Centre
CHRISTOPHER ROOM

WHAT PRICE FOR SAVING NATURE?

Speakers: Ian Rappel (College for Real Farming and Food Culture) and Jutta Kill (biologist and journalist)

Nature is being financialised. From climate change mitigation to the biodiversity crisis, mainstream environmentalism is turning towards nature commodification as the solution. The hope is that private investors and state actors will release badly needed resources into 'nature-positive solutions' - if that exercise returns a profit. The Real Farming Trust's College for Real Farming and Food Culture presents its critique of this new 'gold rush'. Join us to discuss who is benefitting, who is losing, and the true costs for nature and agroecology.

St Aldates Centre
CONFERENCE ROOM

PLANTLIFE'S MEADOW-MAKING WORKSHOP

Facilitators: Matt Pitts (Meadows Adviser, Plantlife), Elizabeth Cooke (Botanical Adviser, Plantlife) and Carol Lodge (Botanical Adviser, Plantlife)

Join Plantlife for a meadow-making workshop. Participants will learn how to create or restore a wildflower meadow on their land, and learn about the value of meadows and other species-rich grasslands for nature, sustainable farming, carbon storage and climate change resilience. In this interactive workshop, Plantlife's botanical advisers will guide you through key questions and decisions about a potential meadow-making site. For example, looking at habitat type, seeding options and other practical considerations. By the end of the session, you should have a good understanding of essential meadow creation principles and access to additional resources. Plantlife is the international conservation charity working to secure a world rich in wild plants and fungi.

Oxford Museum
MUSEUM MAKERS SPACE

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT LOCAL FOOD GROWING? THOUGHTS FROM WALES

Speakers: Adam Alexander (The Seed Detective), Catrina Fenton (Heritage Seed Library), Katherine Langton (Langtons Farm)

Chair: Tim Lang (City, University of London)

With farming policy deferred to the nations, and a Welsh government that has put a renewed emphasis on building a sustainable and vibrant local food production environment, are there lessons to be learned from Wales? This session considers why new enterprises are emerging today, and how horticultural enterprises can champion local, regional and national identity. It will look at the business case for growing local varieties and how this is unfolding in Wales. It will discuss opportunities to increase the diversity of crops grown, and what resources are needed to make traditional and forgotten varieties widely available and affordable. What are local authorities doing to provide a meaningful solution to local food security and growth for food businesses in Wales? Could this be embraced by all four nations of the UK? What can we learn from each other?

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Oxford Museum
LEARNING STUDIO

USING SYSTEMIC MAPPING FOR FINDING POSITIVE SOLUTIONS IN COMPLEX SITUATIONS: FOLLOW-UP (WORKSHOP)

Facilitators: Jenny Mackewn (leadership coach and organisational consultant) and Angela Raffle (systemic mapping practitioner)

This is a follow-on session from Thursday's workshop in the Story Museum's Magic Common Room. The workshop will be limited to 12 places for those who have attended the previous session on systemic mapping and would like to deepen their understanding.

11am - 12.30pm

Town Hall
MAIN HALL

CULTIVATING BELONGING: EXPLORING DIASPORIC RELATIONSHIPS TO LAND

Speakers: Claire Ratinon (organic grower and author) and Rachel Solnick (Bodfrigan project, Wales)

Chair: Jo Kamal (Landworkers' Alliance)

In this session, Claire Ratinon and Rachel Solnick will discuss their two very different experiences of identity, diaspora and displacement in relation to land work. Chaired by Jo Kamal, this conversation will see where Claire's Mauritian Kreol heritage and Rachel's Jewish Diasporist identity converge in order to explore what it means to work the land when our ancestral relationship to the earth has been disrupted and how diasporic peoples might - in reclaiming the role of land steward - cultivate rootedness and belonging wherever they find themselves.

Town Hall
ASSEMBLY ROOM

PEAT-FREE GROWING MEDIA IN COMMERCIAL HORTICULTURE

Speakers: Iain Tolhurst (Tolhurst Organic), Margi Lennartsson Turner (Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience, Coventry University), Jill Vaughan (Delfland Nurseries Limited)

Chair: Ben Raskin (Soil Association)

The last decade has seen strides made in sales of peat-free growing media in amateur horticulture, although voluntary targets set by the government failed to mobilise the industry to phase out sales by 2020. In commercial organic horticulture, a voluntary target has been set to end the use of peat in growing media by 2024, ahead of Defra's 2028 target for professional horticulture. However, the challenge remains to find affordable alternatives with the physical and chemical properties of peat. Many commercial growers have found challenges with cost, availability, quality, consistency and suitability of peat-free alternatives, particularly in areas such as transplanting, propagation and mushroom casing. Furthermore, not all alternatives have glowing environmental or social credentials. This panel session will hear from growers, researchers and plant nurseries on recent successes and innovations in the sector, as well as remaining barriers and needs for the industry if these targets are to be met.

Town Hall
OLD LIBRARY

CLIMATE-FRIENDLY SHEEP FARMING

Speakers: Tom Blunt and Andrea Parry Jones (Rare Breeds Survival Trust)

Chair: Christopher Price (Rare Breeds Survival Trust)

Centred on research carried out by the Rare Breeds Survival Trust (RBST), the native livestock conservation charity, the session will explore the impact of sheep farming on our climate, and then consider the practical steps farmers can take to adapt their systems to minimise that impact, particularly through selecting appropriate breeds, modifying diets, improving welfare and altering breeding practices. Speakers include experts from RBST's Conservation Team.

Town Hall
COUNCIL CHAMBER

HOW FARMERS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO MEANINGFUL FOOD SYSTEM CHANGE

Speakers: George Young (Fobbing Farm, Essex), Luke Dale Harris (Farm Wilder), Rebecca Mayhew (Old Hall Farm, Norfolk), Alastair Trickett (Grassroots Farming)

Chair: Sarah Langford (barrister, farmer, and author)

As food insecurity, climate change and biodiversity loss pressurise food production, what can farmers do to help shape a food system that nourishes people, restores our environment and adapts to changing weather? This discussion asks how farmers can contribute to meaningful food system change at a farm level. The panel will share their experiences of adopting regenerative farming practices, and how functioning ecosystems underpin their farms, before engaging in a broader discussion. Can consumer-led markets support nature-friendly farmers? How can supply chains and farmers work together to scale nature-friendly farming? What is the role of digital tech in the food system of the future? Hear from farmers doing things differently, and explore the risks and rewards in building a fairer food and farming future.

Town Hall
LONG ROOM

HEMP: KEY ELEMENT OF A DECENTRALISED BIO-BASED ECONOMY?

Speakers: David Dixon and Lucy Beasley (Wessex Community Assets' Raise the Roof Project), Camilla Hayselden-Ashby (Field Margin, Ashby Farms and Innovative Farmers), Paloma Gormley and Summer Islam (Material Cultures, UAL, Practice Architecture & Studio Abroad)

Chair: Tim Crabtree (Wessex Community Assets)

Hemp could become a key element of regenerative farming. There are thousands of potential uses for the fibre, woody core and seeds. It sequesters carbon faster than any other crop, and this carbon can be locked up, for example, into innovative construction products. However, hemp is challenging to harvest and process, and markets are underdeveloped. Venture capital funders see an opportunity but are focused on large-scale, investor-controlled factories. There is a danger that smaller farms will be squeezed out of the value added element of hemp, or relegated to just producing it as a wholesale commodity. What is the potential for cooperative models of ownership and smaller, decentralised, harvesting, processing and marketing

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operations? This session will explore the results of field trials in Dorset and Kent; discuss the challenges of developing and financing viable localised infrastructure; and present research which promotes hemp as part of a regenerative bio-based economy.

Town Hall
COURT ROOM

CATTLE AS TRANSLATORS OF THE LAND

Speakers: Marthe Kiley-Worthington (farmer, ethnologist and ecologist) and Samar Khan (philosopher and artist)

Cows have incredibly intimate relationships with land, which raises questions about whether they can communicate with plants, soil, fungi and microbes. Perhaps cows can receive instruction from the land about what it needs? If so, they are amazing translators that we can learn from. In this session, we build from the observation that cows are designing our landscapes through their choices about which grasses, weeds or bushes to eat. If we viewed cattle as collaborators in regenerating land we might take their sensory and cognitive abilities more seriously. Furthermore, we can also wonder whether cattle are helping the land to express itself.

Town Hall
ST ALDATE'S ROOM

SHARING LESSONS FROM KINDLING FARM'S £1 MILLION COMMUNITY SHARES CAMPAIGN

Speakers: Mark Simmonds (cooperative and community entrepreneur), Helen Woodcock and Chris Walsh (Kindling Trust)

The Kindling Trust is the latest organisation to run a community shares offer to attract investment to purchase a farm. The campaign surpassed all expectations, raising over a million pounds with the support of over 620 investors, double the original target. Hear from the Kindling team about the campaign and their subsequent work to keep investors informed and engaged. Find out what they think worked, what mistakes were made, and about the crucial work to prepare the business case and the share offer prospectus. This very practical session looks at the research and planning undertaken beforehand, and the breakdown of the costs, staff and volunteer hours involved. It reviews the impact of various communications methods, and the motivations and aspirations of the investors.

Story Museum
THE WOODSHED

SMALL FARMS ACROSS FOUR NATIONS: TOWARDS A MORE INCLUSIVE UK SUBSIDY SYSTEM

Speakers: Holly Tomlinson (Landworkers' Alliance, Wales), Tara Wight (Landworkers' Alliance, Scotland), Rebecca Laughton (Landworkers' Alliance, England), Bridgit Murphy (Talamh Beo, Ireland)

Chair: Jyoti Fernandes (Landworkers' Alliance)

The shift away from area-based agricultural subsidies has been a welcome transition to those who recognise the flaws in a system which has essentially rewarded farmers and landowners for owning large amounts of land. As we embark on new farming subsidy policies in Wales, Scotland, Ireland and England, which will instead incentivise farmers to adopt more sustainable farming practices, the question remains of where small farms - including market gardens, crofts, and urban and peri-urban farms - will fit into the picture. This panel will explore the potential as well as the limitations of current subsidy reforms in Wales, Scotland, Ireland and England in relation to small farms; and the benefits that small farms bring to the UK's food system. It will discuss recommendations for how UK subsidy reforms can better support these sectors.

Story Museum
THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM

AN INTRODUCTION TO LAND WHISPERING AND SUBTLE ENERGIES

Speaker: Patrick MacManaway (land healing practitioner and shaman)

Chair: Julia Wright (Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience, Coventry University)

Every landscape holds a thousand secrets; of the damage done to it, of those who came before us and of the subtle energies which run through it, similar to the acupuncture meridians in a human body. None of these energies can be seen with the human eye but they all impact on the land, a phenomenon sometimes referred to as "geopathic stress". The health, fertility and yield in cows has been shown to be affected depending on the nature of energy present, and horses, sheep and pigs are also sensitive. Dr Patrick MacManaway has worked for the last 25 years with farmers, gardeners and land stewards

on three continents, helping them to apply these techniques to their farms in order to keep them healthy. He will talk through his work and invite you to consider what might be possible where you live.

Story Museum
THE LINK ROOM

GREEN INVESTMENT: OPPORTUNITIES FOR NATURE-FRIENDLY FARMING OR A NEW LAND GRAB?

Speakers: Bonnie VandeSteege (People's Land Policy), Mark Walton (Shared Assets), Olivia Oldham (University of Edinburgh), Kai Heron (Birkbeck)

Whilst new public and private investment in nature restoration and carbon offsetting is welcome, it risks sparking a new gold rush. Private and corporate interests are buying up land for rewilding and reforestation projects with little consideration for the impacts on local communities, or wider issues such as rising land prices and the loss of high quality farmland to low quality woodland planting. This panel will explore the opportunities this flood of new investment in nature presents in the struggle for a more just and sustainable land, food and farming system; and the risk that it just leads to a new form of landlordism.

Story Museum
THE TRIANGLE ROOM

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UNCEDED VOICES: REMATRIATING THE NARRATIVE

Speakers: Kelly Carlisle (Acta Non Verba Youth Urban Farm), Rubi Orozco Santos (La Semilla Food Center) and Esperanza Pallana (Food & Farm Communications Fund)

Chair: Anna Sulan Masing (academic and writer)

Mainstream food media is a largely White-controlled and culturally-homogenous landscape. This means the accompanying narratives about food culture and justice are shaped by a predominantly White and often male lens. Join us in a conversation with practitioners and funders who are changing this. By supporting forward-thinking media projects, they uplift underexplored stories and cultural connections at a critical juncture in United States politics. This session highlights the counter vision of rematriation of land and politics. Our emphasis is on discussing media strategies that inspire collective action for food sovereignty intertwined with reproductive health equity.

Cheng Building
SEMINAR ROOM

SEED STORIES FROM ACROSS THE UK AND IRELAND

Speakers: Ashley Wheeler (Trill Farm Garden, Devon), Lisa Houston (Granton Community Gardeners and Lauriston Farm, Edinburgh), Richie Walsh (Seed Sovereignty Coordinator, Scotland) and Adam Alexander (The Seed Detective)

Chair: Sinéad Fortune (Seed Sovereignty Programme)

When seeds are sown, gifted or packed on journeys, they carry stories. Stories of where they come from, whose hands saved them, which meals were cooked from their bounty and in which soil they were sown. In this storytelling circle hosted by the Seed Sovereignty Programme, we will hear from growers across the British Isles about the seeds which matter most to them. Seed sovereignty is the cornerstone of food sovereignty. Growers having agency of our collective seed stocks, building back crop diversity and growing that which is best suited to our culinary needs and environmental conditions is essential for a just and resilient food future. The stories platformed here will share a little of

the magnificent diversity we have across the British Isles, the stewards of this diversity, and the ways humans and seeds are entangled.

St Aldates Centre
CHRISTOPHER ROOM

WHAT ROLE COULD HUNTING AND GATHERING PLAY IN FEEDING OUR NATION?

Speakers: Suzanne Wynn (writer and campaigner), Monica Wilde (forager, research herbalist and author), Mike Robinson (game chef)

Chair: Dan Saladino (journalist and author)

In *Eating to Extinction*, Dan Saladino contends that by any measure hunting and gathering has been our most successful lifestyle to date. Whilst it is rare to find people existing entirely by this means today, the Hadza tribe is one such example and amongst them modern diseases are almost non-existent. Herbalist Mo Wilde lived for a year entirely on free wild food foraged in Scotland, documenting her findings in *The Wilderness Cure*. Defra recently consulted on managing our population of wild deer including promoting its consumption, something Mike Robinson has been doing for years. Suzanne Wynn writes for the Real Farming Trust on Food Culture and believes that wild food should play a more significant role in feeding us today.

St Aldates Centre
CONFERENCE ROOM

WHY CONVERT TO COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA)? A SESSION FOR LANDOWNERS, LARGER FARMS AND MARKET GARDENERS

Speakers: Jo Hunt (crofter, Knockfarrel Produce, Highlands), Gerald Miles (organic farmer, Pembrokeshire), Tamara Hall (Frith Farm CSA, Hull), Amy Willoughby (Plotgate Community Farm)

Chair: Suzy Russell (CSA Network UK)

A chance for landowners, farmers and market gardeners to hear from those who have made the conversion of all or part of their farm to CSA; how they did it and what the pitfalls and benefits have been; and ask their own questions about conversion. Hear from four speakers about their different journeys to CSA: the opportunities and challenges, and why they chose

to make the shift. Large farmer turned CSA convert Gerald Miles; family farm owner and CSA landowner Tamara Hall; ex economist turned farmer Jo Hunt, who is currently considering converting his market garden to a CSA; and Amy Willoughby, who co-runs Plotgate CSA, on a piece of jointly owned land.

Oxford Museum
MUSEUM MAKERS SPACE

MAKING THE BEST USE OF OUR LAND: WHAT'S THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR YOUR FARM IN THE TRANSITION TO A NATURE POSITIVE, NET ZERO, GOOD FOOD FUTURE?

Speakers: Sophie Mott (RSPB Hope Farm), Hywel Morgan (beef and sheep farmer, Esgairllaethdy, Llandovery), Denise Walton (farmer, food producer and ecologist, Scottish Borders)

Chair: Lucy Bjorck (RSPB)

In order to address the climate and nature crises, we need to make better use of our land, and the agricultural sector has a major role to play. Making the best use of our land requires informed decision-making around the trade-offs, benefits and economic viability of different land uses in the context of wider UK landscapes. This session will explore how our land use needs to change; look at on-farm practical implications; and explore how best decisions can be supported. Following an overview of new science exploring trade-offs in land use, we'll hear on-farm experiences from three speakers, covering topics like agroforestry, organic and Maximum Sustainable Output. A resource kit will be developed following the participatory discussion, and shared after ORFC.

Oxford Museum
LEARNING STUDIO

SOIL VOICES: A CREATIVE WORKSHOP EXPLORING WHAT PEOPLE THINK ABOUT THE STUFF BENEATH OUR FEET (WORKSHOP*)

Facilitators: Jude Allen (Soil Voices) and Poppy Flint (Underfoot)

Soil scientist, Dr. Karen Vancampenhout, tells us we need to stop thinking about soil as 'brown stuff'. Although many of us engage with soil on a daily basis, sometimes we forget how important it is to stop for a moment and really appreciate

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its beauty. Participants will be invited to explore their personal relationship with soil, using mindful and sensory engagement, and considering how we connect with the systems underfoot that underpin and anchor our ecosystem. We will reflect more broadly on how soil is perceived culturally through existing creative writing about the subject. At the end of the session, everyone will be welcome to record or write their own soil stories, adding to the Soil Voices map and contributing to a new awareness of soil across the globe.

***This workshop has limited space. Please sign up in the Main Hall at registration.**

St Aldates Tavern
THE BLUE ROOM

THE GARDEN AS REFUGE: THE HEALING POWER OF NATURE

Speakers: Sue Stuart-Smith (psychiatrist and author) and Jonny Bruce (gardener and writer)

The garden is often seen as a refuge, a place to forget worldly cares, removed from the real life that lies outside. But when we get our hands in the earth we connect with the cycle of life in nature, through which destruction and decay are followed by regrowth and renewal. Sue Stuart-Smith and Jonny Bruce will discuss how gardening can answer deep existential needs of self and society. Sue will explain recent research showing that connecting to nature can alleviate symptoms of anxiety, stress, and depression. Through his work at Prospect Cottage, Derek Jarman's windswept garden in Dungeness, Jonny has a unique perspective of Jarman as artist/gardener/activist who created his unlikely garden in the face of salt winds and discrimination whilst fighting his own battle against AIDS. The discussion will investigate the garden as refuge and the human need for connection.

1pm - 1.45pm

Town Hall
MAIN HALL

EATING TO EXTINCTION

Speaker: Dan Saladino (journalist and author)

Chair: Patricia Clavin (University of Oxford)

Over the long arc of history, humans have eaten extraordinarily diverse diets: thousands of varieties of cultivated crops and wild foods. There is a rich bank of human and culinary history, as well as an important resource for food security and climate resilience, in the world's rarest foods: from wild honey harvested by the Hadza in Tanzania to windswept wheat on Orkney. These foods could hold the key to our food future, but they are under threat from extinction as the radical homogenisation of the global food supply and our diets continues unabated. Listen to BBC journalist Dan Saladino discuss his new book *Eating to Extinction*, celebrating the incredible diversity of the world's food cultures and urging us to find ways to save them before it is too late.

Town Hall
ASSEMBLY ROOM

SOIL FOOD WEB MICROSCOPY IN A NUTSHELL

Facilitators: Elaine Ingham (Soil Food Web School), Daniel Tyrkiel (Soil Ecology Laboratory), Adam Swan (Soil Ecology Laboratory)

A presentation of the process of preparing a sample and a practical view of what can be seen in a microbially rich compost. We'll be sharing our experience of more than 40 compost piles and how it relates to your soil. During the session we will demonstrate how to prepare a microscopy slide for viewing and will run through many fields of view in search of fungi, bacteria, protozoa and nematodes. We will bring samples of our microbially rich compost, so you will have a first hand experience of seeing what an inoculation grade compost looks like. We're very open to talk about what we've found out, so ask us anything.

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OLD LIBRARY

MOVING FORWARD WITH POSITIVITY IN CHALLENGING TIMES

Speaker: Satish Kumar (Schumacher College and The Resurgence Trust)

Chair: Ruby Reed (Advaya and EcoResolution)

Farming is fabulous, but it is not only hard work, it is also frustrating to be a farmer in these challenging times. Particularly when global problems such as climate catastrophe, war in

Ukraine and diminishing biodiversity are threatening the very wellbeing of people and our precious planet Earth! However, when times are difficult, it is even more important to cultivate a culture of happiness, robust resilience and profound gratitude in our lives, so that we can strengthen our resolve to remain steadfast in our relationship with the earth, with soil, with food production and with our friends and family. Only with positive thoughts and active hope can we transform the present predicament of humankind. Come and listen to Satish Kumar, and talk with him about the way to be a happy farmer!

Town Hall
LONG ROOM

SOLIDARITY WITH MIGRANT WORKERS IN EUROPE

Speaker: Catherine McAndrew (Landworkers' Alliance)

This presentation will explore working and environmental conditions at the bottom of the corporate supply chain. Wage workers are often at the sharpest edge of the exploitative practices of corporate food systems that aim to extract wealth from both the land and the people that work it. Agribusinesses in Spain and Morocco, who supply the UK's supermarket system, employ thousands of migrant workers who face oppressive working conditions, exposure to poisonous agrichemicals, and repression from a hostile migration system. Through a presentation of photos from recent international delegations, Catherine will seek to reveal the reality of an industrial food system based on the exploitation of the land and the people that work it, and introduce the work of the LWA's Migrant Worker Solidarity Project in support of workers in their struggle for human conditions on their farms.

Town Hall
COURT ROOM

THE BENEFITS OF NATIVE PONIES IN WELSH LANDSCAPES

Speaker: Donna Udall (soil scientist)

The native ponies of Wales are in decline. They live in many landscapes including coasts, moors, marshes and mountains that provide a range of socio-ecosystem services. These services include supporting (e.g. biodiversity), provisioning (grazing),

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regulating (flood prevention) and cultural services. There is evidence that the pony is critical to maintaining these services as well as influencing landscapes for agricultural benefit. Following a survey of stakeholders, we found that views on the pony's effect on landscape safety, agricultural quality, soil health and rural communities were divided. These views are captured in a film where we argue for the importance of the pony for agricultural and environmental benefit. After the film there will be a Q&A session where we will invite ORFC participants for their views on this work, and the role of non-stock animals in agricultural systems.

Town Hall
ST ALDATE'S ROOM

CAN WE MAKE HEALTH 'INFECTIOUS'? EXPLORE THE EFFECTS OF SUBTLE ENERGY SYSTEMS ON OVERALL FARM HEALTH (WORKSHOP)

Speakers: Nicola Westgate (cattle and sheep farmer), Jane Dobson (sheep farmer), Pammy Riggs (poultry farmer)

Chair: Chris Aukland MRCVS (Holistic Veterinary Surgeon)

Farmers relying on 'subtle energy systems' for farm and livestock health, such as bio-energetic, biodynamic, homeopathic, radionic and other resonance systems, report a corresponding amplification of the health and vitality of the whole farm. This session shares the experiences of farmers achieving measurable results with such systems and explores the questions this raises.

Farmers are constantly being asked to reduce synthetic inputs and veterinary medicines, and given 'prevention' as a target. The reality is that they are not offered a holistic alternative, nor are the experiences of other farmers using such methods documented or made accessible. We ask, do these alternative approaches have the potential to offer the ultimate in 'clean farm technology'? Is there a way of making health 'infectious'? In this workshop, we invite farmers and growers to join us to consider possibilities outside their normal comfort zone.

Story Museum
THE WOODSHED

SHARING EXPERIENCES OF DROUGHT AND RESILIENCE BETWEEN INDIGENOUS FARMERS

Speakers: Alfredo Cortez (Indigenous Maya-Achí farmer, Guatemala) and Gerald Miles (organic farmer, Pembrokeshire)

Chair: Nathan Einbinder (Schumacher College)

Extreme and unprecedented drought is being experienced across the globe, even in areas once thought to be safe from the harshest effects of climate change. In this session we bring together two Indigenous farmers and activist leaders, Alfredo Cortez from Guatemala, and Gerald Miles from Wales, to share experiences from recent droughts and discuss strategies for building resilience.

Story Museum
THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM

FOOD AND FARMING POETRY READING

Facilitator: Trelawney (Poet)

The poet Trelawney is calling out for readers for a food and farming themed poetry session. Want to share your favourite poet's work or have your own piece you want to share? Or just turn up to hear some great poems: from odes to the joys of eating together, the rich experience of life working the land, the impact on nature of the industrial food system; to famine and feasting, shopping to cooking. We're looking for 10 - 12 readers, so get in quick and email gardenben@hotmail.com with one or two poems that you'd like to read. #FridayFoodPoem

Story Museum
THE LINK ROOM

STAND UP NOW! FINDING OPPORTUNITIES TODAY FOR COMMUNITIES TO HAVE A SAY IN HOW THEIR LAND IS USED (WORKSHOP)

Facilitators: Simon Ruston (Urban Agriculture Consortium) and Emmott Baddeley (University of Sheffield)

What happens on land affects us all, but decisions about how land is used and managed are all too often left to the powerful, following the interests of capital rather than communities. We need to know how and where we can leverage the power of our communities to intervene in decisions about

our land. In this session, we'll hear inspiring examples of communities doing just that. We'll consider where opportunities exist for us to have a say in how land is used, from understanding the planning system, to putting pressure on local authorities to act on their own policies. As a collective, we'll come away from the session with a greater understanding of where opportunities are for taking collective action to democratise decisions about our land, as well as some practical tools to take back to our communities to begin to make this happen!

Note: this session runs from 12.45pm - 1.45pm

Cheng Building
DIGITAL HUB

FARMING UNDER FIRE: CULTIVATING LAND AND LIFE IN OCCUPIED PALESTINE

Speakers: Doha Asous (farmer and member of Slow Food Palestine), Taysir Arbasi (Zaytoun)

Join us for a live screening of this online session.

Palestinian farmer, Doha Asous, will speak about the challenges of farming under occupation. She will explain why, in the face of aggression and land grabs by illegal settlers, it's even more important to tend her land and devote her time to a farming livelihood. Doha farms using the traditional techniques of her ancestors. For over a decade, she has hosted international volunteers who come to support her and other farmers to bring their olive harvest safely home. Sharing her home and traditional Palestinian food with those volunteers, she has nurtured a network of friendships and support.

Note: this session runs from 12.45pm - 1.45pm

St Aldates Centre
CHRISTOPHER ROOM

LAND JUSTICE PODCAST SOUNDSCAPE

Speakers: Georgie Styles (Landworkers' Alliance Radio), Dora Taylor (Farmerama Radio)

Immerse yourself in a soundscape curated by the Landworkers' Radio and Farmerama. In this interactive, drop-in session, we invite you to listen to our audio exhibition exploring the topic of

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land justice, and consider questions and prompts around the room. Respond in writing or verbally to others - what emotions does this soundscape evoke in you? Has the audio exhibition enhanced your understanding of land justice? What do you believe is the power of audio storytelling? How does the topic of land justice relate to you?

St Aldates Centre
CONFERENCE ROOM

ARE YOU A LANDOWNER LOOKING TO DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY?

Participants: Ninian Stuart (Progressive Farmers Network), David Wolfe (Wakelyns Agroforestry), Rose Lewis (Woodoaks Farm), Dan Woolley (Stir to Action), Tom Carman (Shared Assets), Suzy Russell (CSA Network UK)

Facilitator: Ruth West (ORFC)

Would you like to have an informal chat with landowners who have tried different ways of involving more people farming, growing and running other farm-related enterprises on their land? Join us for an informal lunchtime networking session where you'll get the chance to meet a variety of landowners and farmers who are happy to share their experiences and help you think through new ideas, to draw in and engage landowners who have not previously considered such actions, and to encourage them to consider the financial, social, and ecological benefits of doing so.

Oxford Museum
MUSEUM MAKERS SPACE

GREEN REVOLUTIONS: A 500KM JOURNEY BY BIKE THROUGH THE FARMING LANDSCAPES OF SOUTH WEST ENGLAND

Speakers: Gary Rumbold and Adam Lockyear (Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group, FWAG)

Over five days in October, Gary Rumbold and Adam Lockyear travelled over 500km from Fowey in Cornwall to Cheltenham in Gloucestershire, visiting 10 farms in six counties and exploring the diversity of farming in the region. During the visit they explored the things farmers are doing to step up to the challenge of the climate and ecological emergencies; what inspires them to farm; and their wildlife highlights. Join the duo to share the experiences of their journey and what regenerative farming means to FWAG.

St Aldates Tavern
THE BLUE ROOM

TREE TO ME: SUSTAINABLE AGROFORESTRY AND VEGETABLE-BASED INKS IN PUBLISHING

Piers Torday (Society of Authors Sustainability Group) and Daphne Astor (Hazel Press)

Daphne Astor and Piers Torday are on a mission to awaken authors, publishers, booksellers, printers and everyone involved with making, selling, reading and buying books to the importance of producing books using more environmentally aware methods and materials. Torday and Astor will discuss their commitment to helping people use the least damaging print, production, and distribution processes, and they will remind us that books are primarily made from agricultural products: trees into paper, and vegetables into inks.

2pm - 3.30pm

Town Hall
MAIN HALL

FEEDING BRITAIN FROM THE GROUND UP: WHY WE SHOULD ALIGN OUR FUTURE DIETS WITH REGENERATIVE FARMING SYSTEMS

Speakers: Darina Allen (Ballymaloe Cookery School), Simon Fairlie (farmer, author and editor), Patrick Holden (Sustainable Food Trust), Nicola Renison (regenerative farmer, Cumbria), Iain Tolhurst (vegan farmer, Oxfordshire)

Chair: Dan Saladino (journalist and author)

Building on the successful launch of the Sustainable Food Trust's 'Feeding Britain from the Ground Up' report in June, this session will explore the need to speed up the transition to more resilient and regenerative food and farming systems, and reduce public confusion about healthy and sustainable diets. The panel will focus on how we can align what we eat with the output of genuinely sustainable farming systems, and explore what's needed to enable this change, including policy and market levers as well as a powerful public engagement campaign to inspire and empower citizens to take action.

Town Hall
ASSEMBLY ROOM

DIVERSIFYING UK FRUIT AND VEG PRODUCE: PERCEPTIONS, OPPORTUNITIES AND COLLABORATION BRINGING 'EXOTIC' CROPS TO MARKET

Speakers: Rickey Bryan (Rickey's Alkaline Market Garden & Fruit Forest, Hertfordshire), Rose Lewis (Soil Association), Michael Michaud (Sea Spring Seeds, Dorset)

Chair: Hugh Blogg (Soil Association)

From silver back pumpkin in Hertfordshire to some of the world's hottest chilli varieties in Dorset, this session will explore growing and marketing crops not usually found in the British context. Head grower at Woodoaks Farm, Rickey has ambitious plans to grow exotic fruit, amaranth, silver back pumpkin, mushrooms and micro greens. His Caribbean heritage and journey through different growing systems has given him interesting insight on what works. We will also hear from Woodoaks land manager, Rose, on why the collaborative model at Woodoaks is so important and its role in securing a route to market for 'exotic', 'niche' or 'novel' crops. Michael from Sea Spring Seeds will delve into perceptions around what 'exotic' means and how cooking is inherent to its definition. He is now successfully selling the fierce Dorset Naga Chilli - find out how he got to this point, learning from other cultures. Michael is passionate about creating a seed range for the vegetables and herbs used in Britain's immigrant communities.

Town Hall
OLD LIBRARY

ENTERPRISE STACKING FOR ECOSYSTEM REGENERATION AND PROFITABILITY

Speakers: Mark and Pauline Chapple (Redwoods Farm), John and Emilie Crisp (Wave Hill Farm), Marcus Link (New Foundation Farms), Will and Charlotte Caldwell (Stream Farm), Jim Beary (Levens Farms)

Chair: Clare Hill (FAI Farms and New Foundation Farms)

Nature does not do simplified landscapes and monocultures. But our quest for specialisation has led to farms comprising minimal enterprises which in turn put soils and ecosystems under extreme pressure and are

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economically marginal. Turning this on its head, the session will open with a framing of the concepts of *ecoregion potential, steady states and transitions*, opening up a wide choice of tools available to land managers and how these allow for the optimisation of profitability and ecosystemic health in parallel. This framework allows an informed discussion in which real life experiences from different farms bring the theory to life.

Town Hall
COUNCIL CHAMBER

BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN SUSTAINABLE FARMING AND LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES

Speakers: Julie Brown (Growing Communities), Jonathan Pauling (Alexandra Rose Charities), Sarah Williams (Sustain)

Chair: Katie Palmer (Food Sense Wales)

The Sustain alliance's new initiative - Bridging the Gap - is looking at how we get agroecological food to lower-income communities, and how we advocate for policies to make this food affordable longer term. Working alongside partners with supply chain and trading experience, including Alexandra Rose charity, Growing Communities, Nourish Northern Ireland and Food Sense Wales, the programme is exploring how to transition from the current focus on food aid for lower-income groups, to food trade. It will help find new markets and boost existing and new supply chain opportunities for nature- and climate-friendly farmers, exploring and advocating for how these can be invested in over the longer term. The programme is being developed using principles of co-production, to put diverse voices at the heart of the work, and it is seeking ways to bridge the gaps also reflected within the food and farming movement.

Town Hall
LONG ROOM

A MARKET GARDEN RENAISSANCE? LEARNING AND STRATEGIES FOR PERI-URBAN FARMING IN THE UK

Speakers: Rebecca Laughton (Landworkers' Alliance), Abi Mordin (Glasgow Community Food Network)

Chair: Aryo Feldman (Sustain)

The session will reflect on two years

of the Fringe Farming project, which aims to grow the movement for agroecological food production at city peripheries. The panel will share their experiences and lessons learned in advocating for the importance of market gardens. We will pay particular attention to linking the wonderful work happening on the ground to policy development. The room will then form breakout groups to give the audience a chance to link up with relevant people so that they can understand better how to make fringe farming work where they are, and learn strategies that can catalyse the growth of agroecological peri-urban farms into the future.

Town Hall
COURT ROOM

AGROECOLOGICALLY APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES

Facilitators: Pat Thomas (Beyond GM), Julia Wright (Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience, Coventry University), Lawrence Woodward (Beyond GM), Aym's Mason (grower and researcher)

Agroecology has reached a tipping point - it is being challenged to be drawn into the mainstream, or remain an outsider movement. Moving from the outside without losing the radical values and vision is a major challenge, and is key to the political, policy and practical implementation of the agroecological vision. There are some pivotal points in this process and a major one is around technology choices. What is the basis for accepting or rejecting technologies such as robotics, genetic engineering, or artificial intelligence? How can agroecology make the most of technological innovations without losing its soul? At the launch of a new initiative on agroecologically appropriate technology, we invite farmers, growers, co-producers and others to participate in a workshop to help define core principles and criteria for technology that works for, not against, the principles of agroecology.

Town Hall
ST ALDATE'S ROOM

DEMYSTIFYING PERMACULTURE: TOOLS FOR THE AGROECOLOGICAL TRANSITION

Speakers: Rachel Phillips (Apricot Centre), Matt Swarbrick (Henbant, Wales), Hannah Thorogood (Inkpot Organic Farm)

Chair: Andy Goldring (Permaculture Association)

Have you heard of permaculture but are not sure what it is? Are you looking to transition towards more agroecological methods, increase biodiversity and get more connected to local markets and communities? Permaculture can help! With 40 years of innovation and practice under its belt, permaculture ideas and methods are spreading fast, and being adopted by farmers across the UK. The methods can help you to plan out a manageable process of change, and design new approaches to the layout and use of your land. During this session we will hear from three leading edge practitioners who will share exciting developments in how they are using permaculture and helping other farmers, estates and land-managers to use it too. Short presentations will be followed by a workshop where we will explore some key permaculture tools and discuss opportunities for making the toolkit more widely accessible.

Story Museum
THE WOODSHED

SEEDING REPARATIONS: MAKING THE UK'S FOOD CORPORATIONS PAY

Speakers: Andre Kpodonu (Feedback), Tom Wakeford (ETC), Laurie Mompelat (Platform London and Women's Environmental Network)

Chair: Natalie Lartey (International Institute for Environment and Development)

In a time of multiple food system and societal crises, progressive actors can see years of hard work campaigning, piloting new systems and researching new policy solutions wiped out instantaneously. Reactionary politics is driving the abandonment and obstruction of long-term planning, in favour of further transfers of wealth to corporate interests. In the meantime, structural problems baked into our food system, and the resulting harms to human and environmental health, continue to exacerbate. Join Feedback and ETC to discuss how the acknowledgement of historical harm to people and planet by Big Ag will prove vital in countering the co-optation of public policy by disaster capitalists. Explore how the redress of historical harm by Big Ag might be central in pursuing food sovereignty, here and abroad. Build with us a collective understanding of how we

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might work together to reverse flows of public wealth and resources away from destructive industry to those harmed by it.

Story Museum
THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM

GIVING BACK TO THE LAND: A CEREMONY OF GRATITUDE

Facilitator: Annie Spencer (ceremonialist and facilitator)

An opportunity to take a little time to give back to the land which sustains us all. Through ceremony, song and story we will create an offering of beauty for the land in Oxford, for all that is held and sustained in her loving embrace. A moment to step outside our human concerns and remember that all that we have and all that we are comes from the earth.

Story Museum
THE LINK ROOM

SOILED: COMPOSTING TRAUMA (WORKSHOP)

Facilitators: Mama D Ujuaje (Community Centred Knowledge), Sophy Banks (Healthy Human Culture, grief tending), Naomi Millner (University of Bristol)

We explore, through a sensory workshop, cycles of historical trauma embedded in the soil and reference narratives of global dispossessions harking back to early agricultural practice. Soil is ground to massacres, factory poisons, the site of struggles for survival. It remembers and remembers. Composting is degradation reparation: for soils, for damaged earth and for social fabrics. What makes good compost? Can we re-embodiment life in ways that can heal damaged ecologies? What is the place of grief within im/material processes? We will work with mind, body and soil to explore narratives of reclamation and relationship. We will tell stories, converse and work with earth to embed narratives of transformation.

Story Museum
THE TRIANGLE ROOM

WE FEED THE WORLD POP-UP PORTRAIT STUDIO

Facilitator: Louis Little (photographer)

British portrait photographer Louis Little will be working with The Gaia Foundation's We Feed the World campaign visual team to host the first

ever pop-up photographic studio at OFRC2023: *We Feed the UK!* Everyone is welcome to pop in for a pic. Feel free to bring props, banners, books, hats and tools as we capture the faces of the folk who make up the regenerative farming movement across the UK and beyond. We Feed the World is a worldwide visual storytelling project celebrating smallholder farmers, fisherfolk and regenerative farming practices. *We Feed the UK!* photo studio will be a collective celebration of smallholder farmers - the cream of the agroecological crop, as you all descend on Oxford.

Note: this session runs all day until 3.30pm

Cheng Building
DIGITAL HUB

CRAFTING THE NARRATIVE TO TRANSFORM OUR FOOD AND FARMING SYSTEMS

Speakers: Poppy Okotcha (ecological grower), Joya Berrow (storyteller - photo and film), Manda Scott (Accidental Gods podcast)

Join us as we explore the power of storytelling and its potential to shape behaviour and transform our food and farming systems. From podcasts and social media to film and photos, we explore the myriad ways to spark action through stories. How can we spotlight and uplift the tales of those working with the land? How can we go beyond the echo chambers and open these conversations and spaces to those who have not felt safe or welcome? We will consider the role of storytelling in galvanising change, and the significance of spinning fresh and inspiring stories for a culture that needs tales rooted in reciprocity and collaboration. How do we craft a narrative for a path beyond extraction, ecological devastation, and political polarisation? How can we all be both listeners and storytellers to help transform our food and farming systems?

Cheng Building
SEMINAR ROOM

BIODYNAMICS AND WHY IT MATTERS

Speakers: Shahara Khaleque (head grower and biodynamic farmer, Birch Community Hotel, Hertfordshire), Sophie Clayton (biodynamic farmer, New Forest), Keziah Suskins (biodynamic farmer), Barney Spooner (biodynamic grower, Ruskin Mill Trust),

Sparrow Middleton (head grower, Tolhurst Organics)

What is biodynamic farming, why is it unique, and how can you start doing it? Biodynamic farming has been with us for 100 years now, but still remains relatively niche - and sometimes controversial. Despite being a very powerful and effective framework for radically improving pasture, growing stunning vegetables, and informing the highest levels of care for livestock, many farmers still know very little about this wide-reaching methodology. We are a panel of new and current biodynamic farmers, with a range of experience and opinions. With this presentation, we seek to demystify biodynamics while providing ideas on how to get started with it on your own farm. Please join us for a valuable introduction to this field, followed by an open panel Q&A session.

St Aldates Centre
THE CHURCH

LAND AND FARMING SINGERS' SESSION

Facilitator: Katherine Hallewell (Three Acres and a Cow)

Come and end your conference with a rousing sing-along in the church. Bring a ballad to share, or come along to listen and join in with songs old and new about land and farming.

St Aldates Centre
CHRISTOPHER ROOM

LET'S GET STRATEGIC! BUILDING THE MOVEMENT FOR FOOD SOVEREIGNTY IN CRITICAL TIMES (WORKSHOP)

Facilitators: Ama Crowe (facilitator and grower) and Ali Taherzadeh (agroecological researcher and community organiser)

We are at a critical turning point in advancing the movement for food sovereignty and agroecology. Changes in food and farming are being forced by the climate crisis, new agricultural and food policy, the cost of living crisis, and fuel and agricultural input price rises. This opens up a window of opportunity to achieve whole-scale transformation of our food and farming systems. Now more than ever we need to be moving together as a movement to achieve the most impact. This session will be a space to share and reflect on ideas for ways we can build a movement-wide strategy, and work effectively

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and cohesively together to achieve the whole system change we are all working towards. The workshop will introduce some systems theory and social movement frameworks, as well as invite input from some key voices in the movement, in order to support explorations of wise strategy for our movement at this moment in time.

St Aldates Centre
CONFERENCE ROOM

HOW TO GROW A FOOD HUB: VARIOUS APPROACHES TO CREATING A COMMUNITY FOOD ENTERPRISE

Speakers: Alice Guillaume (Cambridge Food Hub), Caroline Bennett (Sole of Discretion), Simon Platten (Tamar Valley Food Hubs)

Chairs: Nick Weir (Open Food Network), Djenai Delerue (Open Food Network)

The Open Food Network supports a vibrant network of food enterprises that are deeply embedded in their communities. During COVID, these food enterprises showed how important they are for community resilience. Three existing food hubs will share their wonderful and different approaches to creating and running their enterprises. We will hear how they got started, and how they built a network of local growers and farmers. We'll share information and advice for planning a new Food Hub or expanding the operations of an existing one. We hope that this session will encourage and support more people to build a vibrant local food economy in their own communities.

Oxford Museum
MUSEUM MAKERS SPACE

AN AGROECOLOGICAL APPROACH TO EDUCATION

Speakers: Sarah Alun-Jones (GROW), Georgina Webber (Greenside Primary School), Nicole Pisani (Chefs in Schools)

Chair: Clementine Hain-Cole (Natoora)

We believe that education is at the heart of the solution to the climate crisis, helping more people to feel a connection to their food and the world around them. Hear from a teacher, a farmer, a cook and a student or two about their experience bringing food and farming into the education system. GROW in North London is a charity delivering pioneering outdoor

education on their six acre farm set up on land owned by a state secondary school. Greenside Primary School have designed their entire curriculum around food, growing their own wheat and running a microbakery from the school. And Chefs in Schools have helped over 80 schools to radically transform their kitchens to produce healthy, seasonal meals.

Oxford Museum
LEARNING STUDIO

PERSONAL RESILIENCE (WORKSHOP*)

Facilitator: Peter Lefort (workshop facilitator and Transition Network)

Whether we are running a business, undertaking activism, or taking on any other project, looking after 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 patterns 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.

***This workshop has limited space. Please sign up in the Main Hall at registration.**

St Aldates Tavern
THE BLUE ROOM

UNEARTHED: ON RACE AND ROOTS

Speaker: Claire Ratinon (organic grower and author)

Chair: Anna Sulan Masing (academic and writer)

A work of memoir, social commentary and nature writing, *Unearthed: On Race and Roots, and How the Soil Taught Me I Belong* tells the story of Claire Ratinon's journey to becoming a food grower. Set against her first year of living in the countryside, Claire explores how working with the soil and growing the plants that feed us has enabled her to connect with her Mauritian heritage, and cultivate a sense of homecoming on land where she's never felt she belongs. Join Claire Ratinon and Anna Sulan Masing for a fascinating book discussion about rootedness, race, food, home and our relationships with the natural world.

4pm - 5pm

Town Hall
MAIN HALL

ORFC 2023 CLOSING PLENARY

At the end of our time together in Oxford, please join us to reflect on what we have learned and what we will take away from ORFC23. There will be short summaries from leaders in the movement and the obligatory highlights video to ensure that any embarrassing dancing will remain on record forever! We will also be joined by representatives of our global community who have been participating online and serenaded by Welsh folk singer and rural revivalist, Owen Shiers.

SPEAKER BIOS

Abi Mordin

A MARKET GARDEN RENAISSANCE? LEARNING AND STRATEGIES FOR PERI-URBAN FARMING IN THE UK / FARMER CONNECTIONS: A FOOD PARTNERSHIP APPROACH

Abi is a founder member of Propagate, a member of Glasgow Community Food Network, and a seasoned food activist. She has been working across community and local food projects for over 20 years, and is passionate about food sovereignty and resilience. An experienced grower, facilitator, practitioner and researcher, Abi's inclusive and collaborative attitude encourages everyone to be involved in thinking about and co-creating sustainable food systems. Abi lives in Dumfries and Galloway, has two grown up children and just about managed an MSc in Food Security (although she would rather be gardening).

@GCFNetwork

Abigail Williams

STEPPING OFF THE DAIRY TREADMILL

Abi is project lead for the Food Ethics Council Dairy Project. The project aims to work with dairy farmers to identify the barriers and opportunities for enabling fairer and more ethical dairy systems – and helping to overcome them. Abi has worked at Scotland's Rural College (SRUC), Rural Policy Centre as a project manager and researcher on various agriculture and environmental projects including 'Resilient Dairy Landscapes'. She was also previously a network coordinator for SEFARI Gateway (Scottish Environment, Food and Agriculture Research Institutes), communicating with farmers, researchers, and rural stakeholders for more effective knowledge exchange. Abi is passionate about the power of positive relationships in food and farming in catalysing change towards a fairer, sustainable and more resilient food system.

Abby Rose

DIY SOIL MONITORING: SOIL SCIENCE WITHOUT THE 'SCIENTISTS'?

Abby is the CEO and founder of Soilmentor and loves creating digital tools that build ecology, profitability and beauty on farms around the world – including this app and the podcast Farmerama Radio. She also helps run her family farm in Chile with Tom.

Adam Alexander

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT LOCAL FOOD GROWING? THOUGHTS FROM WALES / SEED STORIES FROM ACROSS THE UK AND IRELAND

Adam is a long-term seed enthusiast, having travelled widely to meet farmers and fellow seed collectors from around the world alongside saving a large range of UK vegetable varieties. His book, *The Seed Detective: Uncovering the Secret Histories of Remarkable Vegetables* was published this year.

@vegoutwithadam

Adam Lockyear

GREEN REVOLUTIONS: A 500KM JOURNEY BY BIKE THROUGH THE FARMING LANDSCAPES OF THE SOUTH WEST OF ENGLAND

Adam has worked as a Farm Environment Adviser for FWAG for 16 years, and has previously worked with the RSPB, farmed dairy goats, and bred Exmoor Horn sheep. He is currently chair of Wellington Community Food which is working to establish an 18-acre community farm in the heart of Wellington, Somerset.

@AdamLockyear

Adam Swan

SOIL FOOD WEB MICROSCOPY IN A NUTSHELL

Adam Swan is a self-taught horticulturist and after three years of working at the lab an expert in soil food web development using compost as a bio-incubator. He is the Bio-Incubum Engineer at Soil Ecology Laboratory.

Adrian Steele

DEVELOPING THE UK ORGANIC SECTOR: ORGANIC ACTION PLANS AS STRATEGIES FOR GROWTH

Adrian has been involved with the organic sector for many years as a farmer and has been instrumental in creating and developing marketing initiatives in the livestock, seeds and cereals sectors. He currently works with the Soil Association and the English Organic Forum. His farming business in Worcestershire also hosts vegetable production, dairy heifers and is linked with other local landowners through share farm and rental arrangements.

Alastair Trickett

HOW FARMERS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO MEANINGFUL FOOD SYSTEM CHANGE

Alastair is a mixed farmer from Yorkshire with seven years of experience working in the corporate food sector, including four years for Associated British Foods. He is a 2020 Nuffield Scholar with a focus on how brands and farmers can work together to scale regenerative agriculture. He is founder of Grassroots Farming who connect purpose driven brands and regenerative farms to create markets and collaborations that drive impact at scale across the UK landscape.

@aptrickett

@GrassRootsFCo

Alex Fitton

FORGOTTEN FRUIT: HOW CRAFT CIDER IS REVIVING TRADITIONAL ENGLISH ORCHARDS

Alex Fitton, of Pullo Natural Wine Shop, Exeter: selling naturally fermented wines and ciders from small producers, and passionate about sustainable farming and promoting soil health and biodiversity.

Alfredo Cortez

SHARING EXPERIENCES OF DROUGHT AND RESILIENCE BETWEEN INDIGENOUS FARMERS

Alfredo Cortez is an Indigenous Maya-Achí family farmer from the community of Xesiguan, Guatemala. He is co-founder of the community organisation ACPC (Association of Committees for Community Production), which works in two dozen communities in the Xesiguan Watershed and focuses on restoring agroecological practices, and creating a development alternative that incorporates local values, needs and cosmovision.

Ali Taherzadeh

ORGANISING TOGETHER FOR TRANSFORMATION / LET'S GET STRATEGIC! FOR A MOVEMENT-WIDE STRATEGY IN CRITICAL TIMES

Ali is an agroecological researcher, activist, facilitator and community organiser. Their organising and research work focuses on grassroots learning practices and movement building and they work closely with the Landworkers' Alliance. Ali is interested in developing powerful and strategic coalitions and networks as part of a food sovereignty movement ecology.

@alictahi

SPEAKER BIOS

Alice Cunningham

SEED-SAVING: PRESERVING BIODIVERSITY, STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE AND PROMOTING HEALTHY DIETS

Alice is the Executive Director of International Affairs of Shumei International, a Japan-based non-governmental organisation that has consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. Alice serves as spokesperson to the international community, promoting sustainable development and a lifestyle in harmony with nature.

Alice Guillaume

HOW TO GROW A FOOD HUB: VARIOUS APPROACHES TO CREATING A COMMUNITY FOOD ENTERPRISE

Alice is the Manager of the Cambridge Food Hub, an enterprise that seeks to build a sustainable 'local food ecosystem' by better connecting local producers with independent retailers and caterers. She is also currently completing a masters in Food Policy at City University, London. She is passionate about community food projects and how they can build resilience in communities.

@cambridgefoodhub

Ama Crowe

LET'S GET STRATEGIC! FOR A MOVEMENT-WIDE STRATEGY IN CRITICAL TIMES

Ama wants to be part of a genuinely powerful social movement that is capable of turning things around. She works as a facilitator, supporting conflict transformation, movement building and strategy work for organisations working for social change - particularly food and land justice. She is also a veg grower at a small CSA.

Amelia Lake

FINDING SOLUTIONS TO THE FERTILISER CRISIS: PRACTICAL ON-FARM INNOVATION FOR HOME-GROWN FERTILITY

Amelia is a farmer and member of the compost management field lab. Amelia co-founded the Real Food Garden in 2016, a two-acre market garden set within a regenerative holding with extensively managed livestock. The zero-carbon business produces for an onsite farm shop and veg box scheme. Amelia also acts as a consultant and adviser on agroecological horticulture and land management.

@realfoodgarden

Amy Willoughby

STATE OF THE FOUR NATIONS: UK FOOD AND FARMING POLICY / WHY CONVERT TO COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA)? A SESSION FOR LANDOWNERS, LARGER FARMS AND MARKET GARDENERS

Amy is a grower and manager at Plotgate Community Farm in Somerset, which she co-founded in 2015. The 16-acre farm is run as a CSA producing veg shares from three acres of hand-cultivated market garden, and an expanding mechanised area. She has just started an MSc at CAWR.

@plotgatecommunityfarm

Andre Kpodonu

SEEDING REPARATIONS: MAKING THE UK'S FOOD CORPORATIONS PAY

As Head of Activism for Feedback, Andre Kpodonu leads on broadening and deepening participation within the organisation's work to ensure our food is good for the living planet and its people. Andre has over a decade of experience working with and in communities grappling with marginalisation and structural disadvantage. These experiences along with his academic background in sociology, criminology and anthropology, underpin his analysis of the ways in which our food system interacts with societal power. His portfolio of projects includes Seeding Reparations, EcoTalent, Sussex Surplus, Alchemic Kitchen, and Green Futures - all projects seeking to innovate new mechanisms to ensure the drive for food system transformation places anti-oppressive practice at its core.

Andrea Parry Jones

CLIMATE-FRIENDLY SHEEP FARMING

Andrea is the Rare Breeds Survival Trust Conservation Adviser, who originally joined as Farm Parks Officer. She studied Zoo Biology at Nottingham Trent University and Zoology at Bangor University. Andrea works across all breeds of native equines and livestock responsibilities encompassed by the Approved Farm Park Network and Associates, and aids in conducting various research and promotional projects, delivery of conservation grazing courses, and consultation reports promoting the uses of rare and native breeds in habitat conservation and creation.

@RBSTrarebreeds

Andy Goldring

DEMYSTIFYING PERMACULTURE: TOOLS FOR THE AGROECOLOGICAL TRANSITION

Andy Goldring is Chief Executive of the Permaculture Association. Whilst not a farmer, Andy has been involved in supporting local food system development and advocating for agroecological approaches since the 90s. He is an advisor to the Fix Our Food Defra / NERC research project and supports the Northern Real Farming Conference.

@andygoldring

Andy Letcher

FOLKLORE, CUSTOM, AND RITUAL

Dr Andy Letcher is a Senior Lecturer at Schumacher College, where he is the Programme Lead for the MA Engaged Ecology. He is the author of Shroom: A Cultural History of the Magic Mushroom, and numerous papers on psychedelics, ecology, animism and paganism. Andy has doctorates in Ecology (from the University of Oxford) and the Study of Religion (King Alfred's College, Winchester). His research interests focus on the contemporary use of psychedelics with a particular interest in the discourses by which people frame their experiences and by which those experiences become meaningful. He is currently researching ritual and animistic usage of psychedelics by contemporary British Druids, and the contemporary use of the Fly Agaric mushroom. A folk musician, he plays English bagpipes, low whistle, and Dark Age lyre.

@AndyLetcher

Angela Elizabeth Raffle

USING SYSTEMIC MAPPING FOR FINDING POSITIVE SOLUTIONS IN COMPLEX SITUATIONS

Qualifying in medicine in 1980, Dr Angela Raffle worked as a junior doctor in England and overseas, then specialised in Public Health, practising in a range of spheres including health screening programmes (with national and international roles), and food and farming. In 2008 she became involved in the Transition Towns movement, commissioned the Who Feeds Bristol work with Joy Carey and then helped set up Bristol's Food Policy Council. In 2010 she was part of the team that set up The Community Farm in the Chew Valley, a Community Benefit Society that grows produce, welcomes

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thousands of people onto the land, and is a food hub. She is currently chair of the Farm's management committee. Angela has completed advanced training in systemic embodied mapping, working with Jenny Mackewn since 2011.
@angelaraffle

Anita McNaught

CAN FARMING AND FOOD TRADERS WEATHER THE ECONOMIC STORM?

Anita McNaught has a long history in TV news as a foreign correspondent for the BBC, CNN, Fox News and Al Jazeera, specialising in the Middle East. Everywhere she reported, she slipped in a story about farming. In 2014, life took an unexpected turn when her aunt left her an 85-acre farm in Sussex. It was a loss-making wreck. She turned it around.

Anna Sulan Masing

UNCEDED VOICES: REMATRIATING THE NARRATIVE / UNEARTHED: ON RACE AND ROOTS

Dr Anna Sulan Masing is a writer, academic and poet. She is co-founder of Cheese magazine, and the public research platform Sourced, which investigates our global food and drink systems. Anna Sulan's podcast series that investigates the global story of pepper, Taste of Place by Whetstone Radio Collective, launched in September 2022. Her debut book, *Chinese And Other Asian*, which explores the identity and experience of ESEA in the UK, will be published by Weidenfeld & Nicolson in February 2024.

Anna Taylor

SHOULD THE UK GROW MORE FOOD? AN OPEN FORUM ON THE STATE OF UK FOOD SECURITY

Anna joined the Food Foundation as its first Executive Director in 2015. Prior to that, she had spent five years at the Department for International Development (DFID), where she led the policy team on nutrition and supported the delivery of the UK's global commitments to tackle undernutrition. Before joining DFID, Taylor did an MSc in Human Nutrition at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and then worked for a number of international organisations including Save the Children and Unicef, as well as at the UK Department of Health. In 2017 she became a member of the London Food Board, and in

2019 she joined the Board of the International Food Policy Research Institute in Washington DC.

Annie Landless

DIY SOIL MONITORING: SOIL SCIENCE WITHOUT THE 'SCIENTISTS'?

Annie is a farmer and freelancer, working closely with Vidacycle to train farmers in how to monitor soil health using the Soilmentor Regen Indicators. Annie looks after direct sales and helps with day-to-day farm and market garden management at Ampney Brook Farm in the Cotswolds alongside freelancing for Vidacycle, Pasture for Life and Farmerama Radio. Annie is interested in how regenerative farming can help farm businesses become more resilient, at Ampney Brook Farm and her own family's mixed beef and arable farm.

Annie Spencer

GRATITUDE FOR THE LAND CEREMONY

Annie Spencer is a ceremonialist and workshop facilitator and currently holds an initiation programme for young women. Having studied earth-based spiritual traditions from around the world, Annie integrates them with the traditions of this land. Anne believes that making Ceremony is a way of reminding ourselves that all that we do is sacred. Ceremony, and particularly the ceremonies that are rooted in an earth-based spiritual tradition, can help us regain our balance, our sense of purpose, and a deep feeling of belonging in the natural world that brings with it a strong sense of joy.

Arej Ashhab

INVESTIGATIVE ECOLOGY: CRITICAL VIEWS ON THE POLITICS OF CONTEMPORARY AGRICULTURE

Arej is an architect and researcher whose work is focused on decolonising land practices. Ashhab holds a postgraduate degree in Research Architecture from Goldsmiths, University of London. She co-founded Al-Block collective that experiments with walking as a research practice to document the transformation of the Palestinian cultural landscape under settler-colonialism.
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Aryo Feldman

A MARKET GARDEN RENAISSANCE? LEARNING AND STRATEGIES FOR PERI-URBAN FARMING IN THE UK

Aryo manages the Fringe Farming project at Sustain, which aims to grow the movement for agroecological food production at city fringes across the UK, both nationally and at a local level: currently, in Bristol, London, Cardiff, Sheffield and Glasgow. He has a background in sustainable agricultural and rural development research in the Global South (Sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia), as both a scientist and coordinator. Outside of working for Sustain, he freelances as a scientific writer across the technical and social sciences (he has a PhD in crop physiology and breeding from the University of Nottingham, and an MSc in critical development studies and rural sociology from Wageningen University) for technical and non-technical audiences.
@AryoFeldman

Ashley Wheeler

SEED STORIES FROM ACROSS THE UK AND IRELAND

Ashley studied horticulture and worked in restoring historical gardens for a couple of years before running Trill Farm Garden with his partner since 2010. Trill saves seed from a wide range of vegetables, now also commercially for Real Seeds.
trillfarmgarden.co.uk

Ayms Mason

AGROECOLOGICALLY APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES

Ayms Mason is a Bristol-based grower and researcher specialising in systems change for an agroecological future. They have a background of sustainability consulting, and worked for two seasons as head grower on a small market garden in Worcestershire.
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Barney Spooner

BIODYNAMICS AND WHY IT MATTERS

Barney is currently a year and a half into a two-year traineeship in biodynamic agriculture with Ruskin Mill Trust. He was drawn to biodynamics after reading about the notion of the whole-farm organism, but has become fascinated by the possibility of bringing spirituality and land-work together.
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Becky Grove

THE EMERGENT GENERATION: BUILDING AN AGROECOLOGICAL FUTURE

Following 15 years working in film production and an MA in Social Entrepreneurship in 2019, Becky created Grounders, a programme for young people that combines seasonal jobs with food and farming education. This led her to work with The Gloucestershire Food & Farming Partnership and becoming a Programme Coordinator at FarmED in 2022. She helps lead the Emergent Generation work at FarmED.
@RealFarmED

Ben Andrews

GROWING IN COMMON GROUND: WHAT'S NEEDED TO MAKE THE UNITED VISIONS OF ORGANIC, REGENERATIVE AND AGROECOLOGY FLOURISH? / LIVING LEGENDS: RECOGNISING THE HERITAGE AND NATURE VALUE OF ANCIENT TREES ON FARMS

Ben is an organic and agroecological fourth generation mixed farmer from Herefordshire – producing vegetables, cereals and beef at Broadward Hall Farm. He is one of Soil Association's 'Agroecology Ambassadors', and is committed to showcasing nature-friendly farming, using social media to teach the public and fellow farmers about agroecology and organic food production. Ben is also heavily involved with Agrespect, a pioneering network for rural LGBTQ+ communities, aiming to unite, celebrate and encourage greater diversity and inclusiveness in the farming world.
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Ben Raskin

PEAT-FREE GROWING MEDIA IN COMMERCIAL HORTICULTURE / WE NEED A HORTICULTURAL REVOLUTION / SEED-SAVING: PRESERVING BIODIVERSITY, STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE AND PROMOTING HEALTHY DIETS

Ben Raskin is Head of Horticulture and Agroforestry at the Soil Association and has worked in horticulture and agroforestry for over 25 years. He has a wide range of practical commercial growing experience. For the Soil Association, he provides growers with technical, marketing, policy, supply chain and networking support. Ben has

authored gardening books for children and grownups, including *The Woodchip Handbook*. He has been implementing a 200-acre agroforestry planting in Wiltshire since 2016.
@Ben_Raskin

Bob Mehew

DARTINGTON AS AN AGROECOLOGICAL LIGHTHOUSE

Bob is a project delivery specialist and permaculture practitioner with 22 years of experience in consultancy services and project management. Bob started to work with The Apricot Centre in 2012 as a trainer assisting in the delivery of the Permaculture Design Course, and in 2014 became a Director at The Apricot Centre to add capacity to its management function. Bob brings expertise in project management and delivery, organisation skills, business analysis, customer development and knowledge on the subject of sustainability. Bob moved to Dartington in September 2015 and since then has been developing Huxhams Cross Farm, project managing and implementing: landworks (gates, farm tracks, fencing, services connections); buildings (large barn and training centre); poultry systems (150 chickens for eggs); agroforestry systems; veg bag scheme, growing and delivering fresh farm produce to 120 customers a week. Bob now teaches a new course, *The Economics of permaculture*. In 2020 Bob became a trustee of the Permaculture Association where he helps them with direction, strategy and business planning.
@HuxhamsCrossFrm

Bonnie VandeSteege

GREEN INVESTMENT: OPPORTUNITIES FOR NATURE FRIENDLY FARMING OR A NEW LAND GRAB?

Bonnie supports a variety of land-related issues in her home in London, including housing and community, food, and the environment. She also has a particular interest in the Cairngorm region of Scotland, where she did her anthropology research on land use conflict. She has recently published a book called *Land for What? Land for Whom? Senses of Place and Conflict in the Scottish Highlands*.

Bridget Murphy

SMALL FARMS ACROSS FOUR NATIONS: TOWARDS A MORE

INCLUSIVE SUBSIDY SYSTEM

Bridget Murphy has over 30 years' experience in land use, tenure, land administration and agrarian reform – both in Southern Africa and Ireland. She is currently project managing a Soil Biodiversity European Innovation Partnership project for the Irish agroecological farm organisation Talamh Beo, while also managing her hill farm in County Sligo which is transitioning from hill sheep to organic wildflower seed, bees and agroforestry.

Bryce Cunningham

STEPPING OFF THE DAIRY TREADMILL

Bryce runs Mossgiel Dairy Farm in Ayrshire, Scotland with a focus on producing high quality organic milk and selling locally. In 2015 the family farm faced significant financial challenges due to falling milk prices and the family were forced to sell many of their cows and machinery. The decision was made at this point to transition the farm away from 'big dairy' and instead focus on producing organic pasture-fed milk that prioritised quality over quantity. Since this transition, the farm now pasteurises and bottles its own milk, has become pasture for life certified and has also established a cooperative alongside five other Scottish Organic farms. The farm is focused on distributing locally as well as supporting other local businesses, promoting fairness across the supply chain and championing sustainable seasonal produce.
@MossgielFarm

Camilla Hayselden-Ashby

HEMP: KEY ELEMENT OF A DECENTRALISED BIO-BASED ECONOMY?

Camilla is a farmer, hemp advocate and technologist, growing hemp for seed and fibre on her family's mixed sheep and arable farm in Kent since 2021. She is a Nuffield Scholar studying how hemp can be a profitable and sustainable crop. She is also Head of Product at Fieldmargin, a farming technology start-up.
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Carol Laslett

STREET GOAT: URBAN GOAT REARING FOR HIGH WELFARE MILK AND MEAT

Carol has developed a passion for the

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use of goats in the local environment: for their vegetation management and ability to engage with people. Carol uses this to provide local, free range meat, encouraging use of the whole animal, demonstrating that there can indeed be "good meat". Carol has developed good relationships with local councils and wildlife trusts.

Carol Lodge **PLANTLIFE'S MEADOW- MAKING WORKSHOP**

Carol is a Botanical Advisor at Plantlife. She advises and supports land managers seeking to restore, create or enhance grasslands to become more species-rich in native species. Carol has over 15 years' experience working in conservation, which includes a focus on habitat surveying and training others in botanical ID. Getting out and exploring nature and habitats is her passion.

@Love_plants

Caroline Bennett **HOW TO GROW A FOOD HUB: VARIOUS APPROACHES TO CREATING A COMMUNITY FOOD ENTERPRISE**

Caroline Bennett founded Sole of Discretion CIC to safeguard the livelihoods of small-scale fishers and their marine-friendly fishing methods. She is at the forefront of campaigns to protect fish stocks, and has won a number of awards, including the prestigious Green Apple Award for the Environment, the RSPCA Award for Animal Welfare, and she was lauded as a 2009 international Seafood Champion by SeaWeb's Seafood Choices.

@sole_of_discretion

Caron Whaley **CAN FARMING AND FOOD TRADERS WEATHER THE ECONOMIC STORM?**

Having initially qualified as a civil and structural engineer, specialising in international, infrastructure projects, Caron subsequently retrained in industrial psychology before moving into the third sector, with a focus on the delivery of support and services. As Director of Services at RABI, Caron is proud to be part of a professional team focusing on supporting farming people.

Cat Frampton **LIVING LEGENDS: RECOGNISING THE HERITAGE AND NATURE VALUE OF ANCIENT TREES ON FARMS**

Cat farms a small organic, Pasture

for Life certified beef and sheep farm on the eastern edge of Dartmoor. It's an old farm, where the 400-year-old oaks are young compared to the walls. Farmed with a light hand, so nature has the upper hand, the whole farm is nature friendly.

@cat_frampton

Catherine Howell **NEW GMOS NEED NEW IDEAS: A CREATIVE WORKSHOP ON NEXT STEPS FOR CAMPAIGNING ON GM IN FOOD AND FARMING**

Catherine is the northern region co-ordinator for the Seed Sovereignty programme, delivered in the UK and Ireland by the Gaia Foundation. Catherine has worked in the environmental sector, principally in the delivery of community food growing initiatives, for 20 years. Her current focus is on building resilience into food systems through seed saving, sharing and enterprise opportunities.

She is based in Teesside.

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Catherine McAndrew **SOLIDARITY WITH MIGRANT LANDWORKERS IN EUROPE**

Catherine McAndrew works for the Landworkers' Alliance on issues relating to working conditions for agricultural workers. She works closely with the ECVC Migrant & Rural Workers Working Group, which brings together unions in countries exporting to the UK and small farmers' organisations in Europe.

Catrina Fenton **WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT LOCAL FOOD GROWING? THOUGHTS FROM WALES**

Catrina is head of the Heritage Seed Library where she manages the national, living collection of heritage vegetable varieties. She oversees the task of finding, conserving and sharing seed at risk of disappearing, and is passionate about the importance of both preserving cultivated biodiversity and promoting seed saving skills.

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Cel Robertson **THE JUMPING FENCES REPORT: LAND JUSTICE, FOOD JUSTICE AND RACIAL JUSTICE IN BRITISH FARMING**

Cel is a cut-flower grower and author, living and working in North Norfolk.

She also runs workshops for flower growers with a focus on sustainability in business as well as for the environment.

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Chantal Wei-Ying Clément **WHAT'S AT STEAK? THE ROLE OF LIVESTOCK & ALTERNATIVE PROTEINS TO BUILD SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS & SUSTAINABLE DIETS IN THE UK**

Chantal is deputy director of the International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (IPES-Food), with a background in food systems governance and municipal food policies. Her work in the EU, North America, and West Africa has included projects on community food security, collaborative policymaking, corporate concentration in the food system, and food sovereignty.

@chantalwclément

Charles Dowding **ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION AND AGROECOLOGY THROUGH ONLINE LEARNING**

Charles Dowding is a no-dig specialist who has cultivated four no-dig gardens since 1982. He offers online courses in no-dig, appears regularly on television, and has published eleven books and sowing calendars.

Chris Aukland MRCVS **CAN WE MAKE HEALTH 'INFECTIOUS'? EXPLORE THE EFFECTS OF SUBTLE ENERGY SYSTEMS ON OVERALL FARM HEALTH (WORKSHOP)**

Chris Aukland is an Holistic Veterinary Surgeon with more than 30 years' experience who leads the livestock health programmes at Whole Health Agriculture's online Learning Centre. He is passionate about providing advice, support and education to farmers who wish to incorporate natural and alternative health approaches into their farm health management. He is a co-developer and teacher of A Foundation Course in Progressive Farm Homeopathy.

Chris Maughan **DIY SOIL MONITORING: SOIL SCIENCE WITHOUT THE 'SCIENTISTS'?**

I am an Assistant Professor at CAWR with an interest in (and personal commitment to) learning as a social movement strategy. In particular my work is focussed on farmer

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participation in agroecological research, ranging from in-field soil testing, botanical surveying, and open-source tool design, all with the larger aim of building capacity towards civic participation in food system governance.

Chris Walker

FARMER CONNECTIONS: A FOOD PARTNERSHIP APPROACH

Chris coordinates the Sustainable Food Places network of 80+ food partnerships across the UK. Chris lives in Leicester and when he's not working, he enjoys gardening and making a mess at the allotment with his young daughter.

@FoodPlacesUK

Chris Walsh

SHARING LESSONS FROM KINDLING FARM'S £1 MILLION COMMUNITY SHARES CAMPAIGN

Chris helped co-found the Kindling Trust, when 'a group of like-minded people came together to explore solutions to our increasingly industrialised food system and the health and economic inequities it produces.' Chris specialises in business development within the group, focused on market opportunities for the organic produce Kindling and its partners grow.

@kindlingtrust

Christabel Reed

ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION AND AGROECOLOGY THROUGH ONLINE LEARNING

Christabel is the co-founding director of the transformative education platform Advaya, the Initiative Earth charity, the climate action platform EcoResolution, and the soon-to-launched nature skills platform and fund, Earthed. She is passionate about spiritual ecology, community, ecosystem restoration, meditation and systems change. Christabel has an MA from SOAS in the History of Yoga and Meditation and a BA from Manchester in History. She is passionate about shifting paradigms from power-over to partnership and wants to enable people to build alternative systems, making defunct systems obsolete and carving pathways towards diverse webs of liberated and joyful cultures. Christabel's vision is a world where humans and nature thrive in harmony.

Christine Meadows

THE ROLE OF FARMER-FARMER MENTORING IN THE AGRICULTURAL TRANSITION

Christine Meadows is Land Management Project Officer for the High Weald AONB. Christine combines farming, science, business and woodland management experience to provide practical and focused advice that helps land managers to look after their land in ways that are sustainable ecologically, financially and socially. She is also farming at Springham Farm in East Sussex, which is transitioning to a regenerative biodynamic farm and being mentored in the project.

Christopher Price

CLIMATE-FRIENDLY SHEEP FARMING

Christopher is the CEO of Rare Breeds Survival Trust. Christopher joined RBST in February 2019 from the CLA where he was Director of Policy and Advice. He is also the Chair of the Wildlife and Countryside Link Agriculture working group, leading coalition work on agricultural policy for England, and Vice Chair of the Uplands Alliance which aims to bring together practitioners, researchers and others involved in uplands policy.

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Christopher Stopes

DEVELOPING THE UK ORGANIC SECTOR: ORGANIC ACTION PLANS AS STRATEGIES FOR GROWTH

Christopher has over 35 years of organic experience. Past president of the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM) Organics Europe Group, he is Director of EcoS Consultancy, established in 1997, providing research, technical and market development services for sustainable food and farming with a primary focus on organic. He is an expert in the development of sustainable and agroecological food and farming systems: policies, strategies, action plans and innovative techniques for production, processing and supply chain development. Previously Head of Research at the Organic Research Centre - Elm Farm. He has degrees in biological sciences and agriculture. He is a trustee of Pesticide Action Network (UK), the Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) representative for the UK and EU, Co-chair of the English Organic Forum and Policy Advisor to Organic Farmers & Growers.

Claire Ratinon

CULTIVATING BELONGING: EXPLORING DIASPORIC RELATIONSHIPS TO LAND / UNEARTHED: ON RACE AND ROOTS

Claire is an organic food grower, writer and author of *Unearthed: On Race and Roots*, and *How the Soil Taught Me I Belong*. Claire has grown edible plants in a variety of roles including growing crops for the Ottolenghi restaurant, Rovi and for the social enterprise Growing Communities. She co-wrote the pamphlet, *Horticultural Appropriation* for Rough Trade Books with artist Sam Ayre and her first book, *How To Grow Your Dinner Without Leaving The House* was published in August 2020.

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Clare Hill

STEPPING OFF THE DAIRY TREADMILL / ENTERPRISE STACKING FOR ECOSYSTEM REGENERATION & PROFITABILITY

Clare is Regenerative Agriculture Director at FAI Farms, where she has worked with farmers and businesses such as Arla, McDonalds and Yeo Valley on regenerative pilots and programmes. Since 2019 Clare has led the transition of FAI's 1,200 acre organic farm to regenerative production. Clare is also Director of Farming Operations for New Foundation Farms. Clare and her husband Rupert run Planton Farm in Shropshire, where they are using regenerative agriculture to shape a vibrant family farm, designing a farm for abundance rather than yield, building enterprises which mimic rather than try to control nature, recognising that nature doesn't run out of energy and that it's a whole lot easier when this tension is not in the system.

Clare Horrell

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY FOOD BUSINESSES IN DELIVERING SOCIAL IMPACT AND SOCIAL CHANGE?

Clare is a director of the Real Farming Trust. She has 15 years' experience managing mentoring, networking and funding programmes supporting community food businesses. Prior to that she worked in commercial and events catering, and owned and ran a restaurant.

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Clem Sandison

**AGROECOLOGY AND FEMINISM:
TRANSFORMING OUR ECONOMY AND
OUR SOCIETY**

Clem Sandison is an artist, facilitator and aspiring urban farmer based in Glasgow. She co-manages a community food forest in the east end of the city and runs projects enabling women to build mutual support networks and access land for ecological farming. She works for the Landworkers' Alliance and Pasture for Life, supporting peer-to-peer learning between farmers, growers, crofters and foresters in Scotland.

Clementine Hain-Cole

**AN AGROECOLOGICAL APPROACH
TO EDUCATION**

As Head of Education at Natoora, Clementine drives internal and community knowledge-sharing programmes, including the partnerships with Chefs in Schools and Greenside Primary School. As a chef, she trained at Ballymaloe and Alice Waters' Rome Sustainable Food Project, experiences that built up a boundless appreciation of the farmers who put good food in our hands.

@natoora

Coralie Hopwood

**CREATING SPACE FOR NEURODIVERSITY
IN REGENERATIVE FARMING PRACTICES**

Coralie has worked in care farming and conservation for 20 years across a range of focus areas including mental health, dementia, educational inclusion and learning disabilities. She is an advocate of inclusion for all in opportunities for nature connection and meaningful, real work in farming and nature conservation.

Cornwall's Climate Stories

**CORNWALL'S CLIMATE STORIES
(DOCUMENTARY SCREENING AND
DISCUSSION)**

This is a series of 12 documentaries highlighting not just the realities of climate change close to home, but also showcasing the farmers, fishers, researchers, communities and businesses already doing amazing work to tackle what is going to become the biggest challenge of our times.

Craig Bennett

**REWARDING THE FARMING
CHAMPIONS: A FUTURE FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL LAND MANAGEMENT**

Craig is Chief Executive of The Wildlife

Trusts. He has been described as one of the country's top environmental campaigners, by *The Guardian* as the very model of a modern eco-general and, in 2021, was included in The Sunday Times Green Power List of the UK's top 20 environmentalists. The Wildlife Trusts are one of the largest landowners in the UK with more than 900,000 members and 35,000 volunteers. They are working in the heart of local communities to help nature recover and to ensure that nature is part of everyone's lives. Since becoming chief executive in 2020, Craig has spearheaded plans to protect 30% of UK land and sea for nature by 2030.

Dafydd Owen

**DEVELOPING THE UK ORGANIC
SECTOR: ORGANIC ACTION PLANS AS
STRATEGIES FOR GROWTH**

Farmer's son from a family farm near Tregaron. Gained a degree in Agricultural Economics from Bangor University and spent three years in Nepal as a VSO working with migratory sheep and goat flocks. Returned to the UK in 1987 and then worked for the NFU for 16 years in Wales and HQ. Most of my NFU career was in policy but the last few years I was IT Manager before returning to Wales. I joined Organic Centre Wales in 2009 and took over the family farm the year after. Organic Centre Wales and the Better Organic Business Links project came to an end in 2015 and I've subsequently worked with Aberystwyth University in the Farm Business Survey team and taken over my father's land when he retired completely. I continue to work for the FBS full time and farm 260 sheep in two flocks, one of which is organic.

Daisy Fossett

GETTING STARTED WITH RAW MILK

The Fossett family has a long tradition of camel farming and in 2021, they took their first venture into raw camel milk. Daisy's Dromedairy is the UK's first and only camel dairy run by the Fossett family on their camel farm in Warwickshire. Daisy sells raw camel's milk to people all over the UK and has developed camel's milk products including chocolates and soap.

Dan Burdett

STEPPING OFF THE DAIRY TREADMILL

Dan is a third-generation farmer and runs two organic dairy farms in Sussex and Kent alongside his father. He is also a 2019 Nuffield scholar with a focus on promoting regenerative

dairy farming. Both farms have a strong focus on utilising home-grown forage, pasture and herbal leys as well as educating farmers and others on sustainable farming systems such as organic management principles and regenerative practices. Cockhaise farm in Sussex is also a strategic dairy farm for AHDB, operating a tight autumn block calving and low input system. Cockhaise is currently entering its third year of transitioning to a working 'regenerative dairy farm model' as well as creating better work life balance for the farm's workers.

Dan Saladino

**WHAT ROLE COULD HUNTING AND
GATHERING PLAY IN FEEDING OUR
NATION? / FEEDING BRITAIN FROM
THE GROUND UP: WHY WE SHOULD
ALIGN OUR FUTURE DIETS WITH
REGENERATIVE FARMING SYSTEMS /
EATING TO EXTINCTION**

Dan Saladino is a food journalist and presenter of BBC Radio 4's *The Food Programme*. His first book, *Eating to Extinction: The World's Most Endangered Foods and Why We Need to Save Them* is an epic journey into the history, culture and future of food, and involved 15 years of travel and story collecting. *Eating to Extinction* has won multiple awards, including: Winner of the prestigious Wainwright Prize for Conservation and Nature, The Jane Grigson Trust prize for a debut food book, Special Commendation by the Andre Simon Awards, The Fortnum & Mason Book of the Year, the Guild of Food Writers Food Book Award and the Guild's First Book Award.

Daniel Piovesan do Nascimento

**STRUGGLES FOR LAND JUSTICE:
SHARING STRATEGIES FROM THE UK,
BRAZIL, AND EAST AFRICA**

Daniel is a graduate in Social Work and has a masters in Rural Development. He currently works in the coordination of the MST settlement cooperation in Rio Grande do Sol, a state in the south of Brazil. He is part of the collective focused on relations with society and the landless LGBT national collective.

Daniel Tyrkiel

**SOIL FOOD WEB MICROSCOPY IN
A NUTSHELL**

Daniel Tyrkiel is director of the Soil Ecology Laboratory. He has been in the business of developing soil microbes since 2017.

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Danielle Semple

THE EMERGENT GENERATION: BUILDING AN AGROECOLOGICAL FUTURE

Danielle became an intern at FarmED in 2022 after completing her BSc in Geography. She is now Assistant Programme Coordinator. Her role is varied but she is passionate about raising the profile of earthworms and their role in food systems, and promoting agroecology to young and emergent audiences.

Danny Fisher

LOCAL FOOD ECONOMIES: HOW DO WE JOIN THE DOTS?

Danny Fisher worked as a market gardener for six years in the South West of England before joining Organiclea in North East London, where he was the produce co-ordinator. Danny then went on to set up and run the Better Food Shed, a distribution hub based on the edge of London, that coordinates buying produce for box schemes across London from organic farms around London and further afield.

Daphne Astor

TREE TO ME: SUSTAINABLE AGROFORESTRY AND VEGETABLE-BASED INKS IN PUBLISHING

Daphne Astor is a regenerative farmer and the founding editor and director of Hazel Press. Hazel Press is an independent publisher with a focus on the environment, the realities of climate change, feminism and the arts. We publish poetry, essays and interdisciplinary work that is not only intelligent and inspiring, but also engages with a strong sense of place and the important ecological issues of our time. We seek to be collaborative and provocative.

Darina Allen

FEEDING BRITAIN FROM THE GROUND UP: WHY WE SHOULD ALIGN OUR FUTURE DIETS WITH REGENERATIVE FARMING SYSTEMS

Darina Allen, a well-known chef, author of 19 cookbooks and presenter of eight series of 'Simply Delicious'. She is co-founder of the famous Ballymaloe Cookery School in the midst of a 100-acre organic farm in East Cork in Ireland. Students come from all over the world to hone their culinary skills at this sustainable, farm-to-table project, established in 1983. The family

hotel, Ballymaloe House has been the recipient of numerous awards for its seasonal, local and home-grown food and hospitality. Darina has also been instrumental in setting up the Farmers' Market Movement in Ireland and is also President of East Cork Convivium of Slow Food.

Dave Goulson

IS THERE AN INSECT APOCALYPSE?

Dave Goulson is Professor of Biology at University of Sussex specialising in bee ecology. He has published more than 350 scientific articles, plus seven books, including the Sunday Times bestsellers *A Sting in the Tale* (2013), *The Garden Jungle* (2019), and *Silent Earth* (2021). Goulson founded the Bumblebee Conservation Trust in 2006.

Dave Washington

ORGANIC PROPAGATION: DIY PERENNIALS AND THE CHALLENGES OF SETTING UP A FIELD-SCALE FOREST NURSERY

David Washington is Director of Taw Valley Organics, a North Devon-based and certified organic nursery specialising in ornamental herbaceous perennials with a strong focus on sustainable horticulture.

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David Dixon

HEMP: KEY ELEMENT OF A DECENTRALISED BIO-BASED ECONOMY?

David Dixon is a Director of Wessex Community Assets and also a freelance consultant focused on collaborative environmental action in the landscape sector. Recently he has been involved with testing regenerative approaches to farming in Dorset, including leading on the WCA hemp field trials.

David McKay

DEVELOPING THE UK ORGANIC SECTOR: ORGANIC ACTION PLANS AS STRATEGIES FOR GROWTH

David is Head of Policy for Scotland at Soil Association and a small-scale organic vegetable grower at home in Aberdeenshire. He started his career as a newspaper reporter 24 years ago and went on to work as a media adviser to politicians in both Holyrood and Westminster. David has just completed a postgraduate diploma in organic farming at SRUC.

David Whiting

GETTING TO THE ROOTS OF HERBAL LEYS

David is a farmland ecologist from a Suffolk farming family. He is the Arable Agronomy Senior Specialist for Natural England, supporting farmers with agri-environment scheme delivery. He is currently working on the new arable options under ELMS and SFI including those relating to cover crops and herbal leys.

David Wolfe

ARE YOU A LANDOWNER LOOKING TO DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY?

David Wolfe and his family own and oversee Wakelyns, following on from parents Ann and Martin Wolfe (who established Wakelyns as the oldest most diverse agroforestry site) and now evolving Wakelyns into an agroforestry hub showcasing short food chains and stacked enterprises around farming, food, crafts, education and the environment.

Dawn Dublin

RADICAL RETAILERS: WORKING TOGETHER BETTER AS TRADERS

Dawn is founder of Joyful Roots and the Black Butterfly Project, a cultural heritage and wellbeing organisation supporting people of African heritage and other ethnic and underserved communities. The agriculture and gardening project, promoting food sovereignty and following Agroecological and permaculture principles, sells weekly veg bags and is about to take over a retail space in Hastings.

Deborah Barker

THE ROLE OF FARMER-FARMER MENTORING IN THE AGRICULTURAL TRANSITION

Deborah Barker is Programme Manager for Pasture for Life, Pasture and Profit in Protected Landscapes Events and Mentoring Programme. She has participated in and managed mentoring programmes in a range of contexts and witnessed first hand the transformative potential of peer-peer learning. She is Director of Southeast England Fibreshed and runs a small tinctorial dye studio and regenerative textile consultancy under the name Field and Folk. She was a contributor to the RSA regenerative futures programme.

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Deirdre (Dee) Woods

SHOULD THE UK GROW MORE FOOD? AN OPEN FORUM ON THE STATE OF UK FOOD SECURITY

Dee is a food and farming action-ist who advocates for good food for all and a just, equitable food system, challenging the systemic barriers that impact marginalised communities and food producers. Dee's work sits at the nexus of food and farming, particularly in intersectionality, diversity, equity and anti-oppression, decolonisation, reparations, the right to food and nutrition, participatory policymaking, community food systems, food system change, food commons, agroecology, and food sovereignty. She is co-founder of Granville Community Kitchen and the African and Caribbean Heritage Food Network.

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Denise Walton

MAKING THE BEST USE OF OUR LAND: WHAT'S THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR YOUR FARM IN THE TRANSITION TO A NATURE POSITIVE, NET ZERO, GOOD FOOD FUTURE? / DEVELOPING THE UK ORGANIC SECTOR: ORGANIC ACTION PLANS AS STRATEGIES FOR GROWTH

Farmer, food producer and ecologist, Denise lives in the Scottish Borders where she farms in partnership with her husband and son. She is a Director of Pasture for Life, on the Scottish steering group of the Nature Friendly Farming Network and a Soil Association Farmer Ambassador for Agroecology.

Diana Garduño Jiménez

FARMER CONNECTIONS: A FOOD PARTNERSHIP APPROACH

Diana joined Nourish in 2020. She is currently co-ordinating peer-to-peer knowledge exchange on agroecology with farmers, crofters and growers. Her broader work includes designing and facilitating workshops on the right to food and food and colonialism. She is passionate about exploring what decoloniality means in practice within food systems and using creative methods such as arts-based practices and games.

Djenai Delerue

HOW TO GROW A FOOD HUB: VARIOUS APPROACHES TO CREATING A COMMUNITY FOOD ENTERPRISE

Djenai joined the Open Food Network UK after graduating from SOAS with an MSc in International politics with a focus on food security. Djenai is contributing to positive change within the food system through research and hands-on work. She leads on events for the OFN focussing on topics such as food poverty, thriving food hubs and building diversity and inclusion.

Doha Asous

FARMING UNDER FIRE: CULTIVATING LAND AND LIFE IN OCCUPIED PALESTINE

Doha is a family farmer from the Palestinian village of Burin, and a member of Slow Food Palestine. Surrounded by illegal Israeli settlements, she farms her family land in the way her ancestors have done for generations, opening her home and sharing traditional food with international volunteers who come to support her olive harvest. Over recent years, however, her crops have been burnt by the settlers, while access to cultivate her own land has been restricted by the occupation. Climate change is also affecting her yields. Since 2006, British volunteers have come together in a Protective Presence team, to support Doha and other farmers to safely bring their harvests home.

Donna Udall

THE BENEFITS OF NATIVE PONIES IN WELSH LANDSCAPES

Donna was brought up on a hill farm in Mid-Wales producing lamb and beef. With undergraduate degrees in both business & finance and plant science, and a PhD in soil biochemistry, Donna now combines her pragmatic farming and business background with plant and soil science knowledge to investigate the effect of mixed grazing regimes on agricultural and environmental parameters and the use of biochar and digestate products on-farm. Books, papers and films include; *Living Soils: A Call to Action*, *Mainstreaming Agroecology: Implications for Global Food and Farming Systems*, *The Welsh Pony*.

Dora Taylor

JUMPING FENCES REPORT: LAND JUSTICE, FOOD JUSTICE, AND RACIAL JUSTICE IN BRITISH FARMING / LAND JUSTICE PODCAST SOUNDSCAPE

Dora is an activist, food anthropologist, researcher and chef. She works around justice within agroecological food and farming. She is the Justice Hub coordinator for the ORFC, and also works with Farmerama and Rootz into Food Growing. As part of her MA in Anthropology of Food, Dora wrote a dissertation focusing on Black farmers' experiences in relation to 'alternative' food movements in the UK. Dora has just finished working on the Cultivating Justice podcast series with Farmerama, which uplifts underrepresented voices in agriculture.

Doug Bierend

MYCELIUM'S MOMENT: UNDERSTANDING THE GROWING FASCINATION WITH FUNGI

Doug is a New York-based writer, and author of *In Search of Mycotopia*. He has written in WIRED, Vice, Motherboard, The Atlantic, Civil Eats, The Counter, Outside Magazine, Real Life Magazine and elsewhere, with a special interest in science, technology, food systems, ecology, biodiversity, and general subversiveness. As of November 2021, Doug is also Senior Communications Specialist for Ecovative, a leading company in the emerging field of mycelium biomaterials.

Duncan Catchpole

RADICAL RETAILERS: WORKING TOGETHER BETTER AS TRADERS

As the founder of the Cambridge Organic Food Co., Duncan has more than 20 years of experience in the sustainable food and drink sector. He is a founding committee member of Cambridge Sustainable Food and author of the book *Local Food Ecosystems*.

Elaine Ingham

SOIL FOOD WEB MICROSCOPY IN A NUTSHELL

Dr. Elaine Ingham serves as the Soil Food Web School's Founder, Principal Ambassador, and Science and Research Advisor. She is the global leader in the Soil Food Web sciences and is highly respected worldwide for her achievements. Elaine holds a PhD in Soil Microbiology from Colorado State. She completed her post-doc at

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the University of Georgia Institute of Ecology before serving as an Instructor and later an Associate Professor for many years at Oregon State University. She served as the first President of the Soil Ecology Society, the Program Director for the Ecological Society of America, and a member of the American Society of Microbiology. In 2019 she teamed up with Luke Louka and created The Soil Food Web School (SFWS).

Ele Rose

GM'S FALSE PROMISES: COULD THE UK BE NEXT?

Ele Rose holds a degree in biology from Balliol College, Oxford; is currently researching climate change adaptation as a PhD student at Pennsylvania State University; and has written and researched numerous publications for the Landworkers' Alliance, including novel research for an upcoming publication on land use in an agroecological UK.

Eleanor Gallia

INTUITIVE FARMING AND OTHER NATURAL WAYS OF KNOWING

Eleanor Gallia farms in the old quiet of Dorset. A medical herbalist, church warden and shepherdess, she is also the custodian of an ancient hill. Growing up on the family farm and deeply sensitive to its flora and fauna, Eleanor's quest for a more harmonious way to work with the land has taken her via medieval literature (and the four humours) into herbal medicine and through several years on a conservation project in the Atlantic Forest of Brazil back home to Dorset. Here she has embraced part of the family farm and, step by healing step, is learning to care for it biodynamically.

Elizabeth Cooke

PLANTLIFE'S MEADOW-MAKING WORKSHOP

Elizabeth is a Botanical Adviser at Plantlife, working with land managers to increase biodiversity. She has diverse experience including ex-situ plant conservation and translocation, meadow restoration, arable plant conservation, agri-environment policy and developing adviser professional standards. Elizabeth has an arable farming background and a DPhil in plant taxonomy and phylogeography.

Ellie Paganini

JUST ANOTHER DIAMOND DAY: BUILDING WORKERS' POWER IN THE AGROECOLOGICAL AND REGENERATIVE FARMING SECTORS (WORKSHOP)

Ellie Paganini is a grower and educator based in London, sharing the power and excitement of food growing with students and community in the Students' Union she works for. She has been organising with SALT - Solidarity Across Land Trades - since January 2022, a group collectivising as land workers for better working standards, and creating space for discussing shared struggles. Her journey has been shaped by community gardening and cooperative living. She will gleefully chat with you about birds at any time.

Emma Cardwell

STRUGGLES FOR LAND JUSTICE: SHARING STRATEGIES FROM THE UK, BRAZIL, AND EAST AFRICA

Emma is a lecturer in economic geography at Lancaster Environment Centre. She has been conducting research on property and labour in the UK food system for the last twelve years.

Emma Gilmartin

LIVING LEGENDS: RECOGNISING THE HERITAGE AND NATURE VALUE OF ANCIENT TREES ON FARMS

Emma is an ecologist specialising in fungi and the ecology and wildlife value of trees. She works as a Conservation Adviser at the Woodland Trust.

Emma Masefield

CREATING SPACE FOR NEURODIVERSITY IN REGENERATIVE FARMING PRACTICES

Emma has taught and supported children and young people on the autism spectrum for over 30 years, before joining the team at Pennyhooks Farm Trust in 2018, having been a trustee since 2011. She is gradually building her knowledge and understanding of farming.

Emma Shires

LOCAL FOOD ECONOMIES: HOW DO WE JOIN THE DOTS?

Emma is a miller and founding member of the Nottingham Mill Coop. She has a flour milling business run from the Coop, selling flour and pasta to bakeries and retail in Nottinghamshire. She also works and volunteers at FarmEco Community Farm, leading on their organic conversion and growing grain for milling.

Emmott Baddeley

STAND UP NOW! FINDING OPPORTUNITIES TODAY FOR COMMUNITIES TO HAVE A SAY IN HOW THEIR LAND IS USED

Emmott is a community organiser and political educator. Their Masters research at the University of Sheffield looked into how participatory processes in the decision making of national parks can make them more equitable spaces for people and nature.

Esperanza Pallana

UNCEDED VOICES: REMATRIATING THE NARRATIVE

Esperanza has worked with non-profits for over 20 years with an emphasis in leadership, systemic change, and policy advocacy. Her professional focus in food and farming has been for the complex, often troubled, history as well as the visionary future food represents. Her personal focus has been in re-establishing ancestral practices with land, plant medicine and intuition. She is executive director of Food & Farm Communications Fund (FFCF), FFCF supports a counter narrative that acknowledges that White supremacy in all its forms continues to pose dangerous threats to the wellbeing of communities of colour. This includes valuing money over health and singular approaches to what should be collective, community-driven work. @ffcfbeheard

Ewan McHenry

LIVING LEGENDS: RECOGNISING THE HERITAGE AND NATURE VALUE OF ANCIENT TREES ON FARMS

Ewan is an applied ecologist enthusiastic about using data and science to inform real-world conservation management. He works as a Conservation Advisor specialising in large-scale landscape management issues for habitats and species outcomes at the Woodland Trust.

Fabrizio Albanito

UK CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE ASSESS THE ROLE OF AGROECOLOGICAL FARMING IN THE UK IN THE TRANSITION TO NET ZERO

Fabrizio undertook research on the role of agroecological farming in the UK in the transition to Net Zero as Research Fellow at the University of Aberdeen. He is now (since October 2022) Senior Soil Health and Carbon Specialist at the UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology,

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Bangor. His main research interests lie in environmental spatial modelling, using quantitative methods to develop climate change mitigation scenarios in natural and agricultural systems.

Felicity Jones
**THE EMERGENT GENERATION:
BUILDING AN A
GROECOLOGICAL FUTURE**

Growing up on an organic farm, Felicity has developed a passion for ecology and regenerative agriculture. With her parents she runs the farm and is reading for a degree in wildlife education. She has started planning a market garden and Instagram to document the journey.

Fergus Henderson
**THE ROLE OF FARMER-FARMER
MENTORING IN THE
AGRICULTURAL TRANSITION**

Fergus Henderson runs the family farm in the High Weald and has spent over 50 years in livestock production. In 2000, inspired by examples of farmers in other parts of the world he moved from intensive dairy to permanent grass fed beef cattle which he farms at high stocking rates with zero chemical inputs. Working with his neighbour David Cornforth and learning from university courses and conferences, Fergus taught himself the principles of Adaptive Multi Paddock grazing and is currently exploring integrating more trees into his system. His meat is certified Pasture for Life and he is a mentor on the Pasture and Profit in Protected Landscapes Farmer mentoring programme.

Fergus Lyon
**HOW CAN INVESTMENT AND FINANCE
DECISIONS BE ALIGNED WITH A
TRANSITION TO AGROECOLOGY?**

Fergus is a Professor of Enterprise and Organisations in the Centre for Enterprise and Economic Development Research, Middlesex University in London and Deputy Director of the ESRC Centre for the Understanding of Sustainable Prosperity. His research interests include social and sustainable enterprises, provision of public services by social enterprises, clustering and networks of enterprises, ethnic minority enterprise, and enterprise support policy.

Fidelity Weston
**THE ROLE OF FARMER-FARMER
MENTORING IN THE
AGRICULTURAL TRANSITION**

Fidelity is Chair of C.L.E.A.R. the food labelling alliance and Hon. Vice President at Pasture for Life, alongside managing her family's 80ha farm outside Sevenoaks in Kent, running Hereford cattle and Lleyn ewes to Pasture for Life and Soil Association standards. Fidelity is actively involved in local conservation projects and the cattle are increasingly being used to graze land away from the farm as the local interest in wilding has grown. Fidelity has been trained as a mentor as part of the project.

Fiona Mountain
OUR WILD FARMING LIFE

Fiona Mountain is Marketing Manager at FarmED and Cotswold Seeds. She's an award-winning novelist with books published across the world. She's chaired events at the Hay Festival and has a background in broadcasting and journalism, having worked for the BBC, written for publications including The Times and appeared on programmes including R4 Woman's Hour.

FLAME
**INTERGENERATIONAL STORY
SHARING FOR BUILDING A YOUTH-LED
AGROECOLOGY MOVEMENT**

FLAME is the Youth Branch of the Landworkers' Alliance, a dynamic grassroots movement for food justice, orchestrated by young people, some of whom have grown up on family farms and are now pursuing careers in farming, forestry, food preparation or land based crafts, some of whom are ecologists, health care workers, artists, community organisers; and all of whom are activists in their own way - with a fervent belief that the way we produce food and eat it can be a solution to creating a better world.

Flavian Obiero
**THE JUMPING FENCES REPORT: LAND
JUSTICE, FOOD JUSTICE AND RACIAL
JUSTICE IN BRITISH FARMING**

Flavian is a 31-year-old Kenyan-born pig farmer based in Hampshire. He's passionate about increasing personal diversity in British agriculture, attracting young people into the industry and bridging the gap between consumers and producers.

Flora Gathorne-Hardy
**INTUITIVE FARMING AND OTHER
NATURAL WAYS OF KNOWING**

Artist-geographer Flora's performative actions, intuitive drawings and writings explore and express the subtle and reciprocal relationships between our human lives and the life of place. With Miche Fabre Lewin, she co-founded Studio Fabre Hardy. Their work includes hosting Continuum Residencies in recognition of our interdependence with the living Earth.

Flora Stubbs
**CONTEMPORARY SPIRITUALITY AND
MENTAL HEALTH: RECOGNISING OUR
OWN PATH IN RELATION TO NATURE
AND THE LAND**

Passionate about food and its ability to heal both mind and body, Flora is currently working with biodynamic principles to evolve a small family farm into a haven of biodiversity, where food is grown for maximum vitality and skills sharing and knowledge exchange are paramount. In previous years, she has worked extensively as a volunteer supporting physical and mental health initiatives, and her interest in Ayurveda, reinforced by her enjoyment of growing food, has been the basis of her desire to promote healthy eating and food as medicine for universal well-being.

Frances Northrop
**COMMONING FOOD SYSTEMS
THROUGH ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF
OWNERSHIP**

Frances is an Associate Fellow at NEF, a Trustee of Annetta's Trust and a Director at Totnes Community Development Society. She has long and widespread experience working with anti-gentrification campaigns and community-led approaches to land and buildings, including the use of community plans as alternatives to gentrifying and extractivist developments.

Gabriel Kaye
**BIODYNAMICS FOR LOCAL FOOD AND
NATURE RESTORATION: TRIALLING
A MODEL WITH DIOCESIAN LAND /
CONTEMPORARY SPIRITUALITY AND
MENTAL HEALTH: RECOGNISING OUR
OWN PATH IN RELATION TO NATURE
AND THE LAND**

As Land Projects coordinator and a director of the Biodynamic Land Trust, Gabriel is involved in many aspects of

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land, farming and biodynamics; she is passionate about access to land for regenerative farming. As a founder and key player in the development and management of the Biodynamic Land Trust for the last 11 years she is now their Land Projects Coordinator. She also works for the Biodynamic Association as Executive Director. Born on a biodynamic farm where her father was the farmer and her mother was a market gardener. She has also been involved in biodynamics in France and Ireland. Her passions are healthy food, community and farming for healthy people and a healthy planet.

Gabriella Demczuk **INVESTIGATIVE ECOLOGY: CRITICAL VIEWS ON THE POLITICS OF CONTEMPORARY AGRICULTURE**

Gabriella Demczuk is an artist, journalist and researcher whose work focuses on political ecology and the proprietary modes of abstraction. For the last ten years she has been working as a photojournalist as a member of the White House press, covering Washington politics and environmental policy across the United States.

Gareth Morgan **WHAT'S STOPPING THE TRANSITION TO MORE LOCALISED AGROECOLOGICAL FARMING SYSTEMS?**

Gareth works at the Soil Association as Head of Farming and Landuse Policy, where his priority is advocating policies to accelerate the transition to an agroecological food and farming system. He previously worked on agriculture policy reform at the RSPB and Natural England. In his spare time he volunteers at a local community organic project, and sings.

Gary Rumbold **GREEN REVOLUTIONS: A 500KM JOURNEY BY BIKE THROUGH THE FARMING LANDSCAPES OF SOUTH WEST ENGLAND**

Gary Rumbold has 30 years' experience working in a range of business environments and has been managing FWAG SW since January 2013. With a BSc Hons in Environmental Science, he is passionate about sustainable British food production and the conservation of wildlife, with a particular interest in tackling waste and reducing the impacts of climate change.

Gavin Fletcher **FARMER CONNECTIONS: A FOOD PARTNERSHIP APPROACH**

Gavin is the coordinator of Good Food Leicestershire and has worked in the environmental and sustainability sector since 2001, for the third sector and also across Local Authorities and the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership. His public health base allows him to explore the links between food, sustainability and health and wellbeing.

George Chanarin **WHAT'S STOPPING THE TRANSITION TO MORE LOCALISED AGROECOLOGICAL FARMING SYSTEMS?**

George is a consultant at Cumulus Consultants and the lead author of the report, 'The Economics of a Transition to Agroecological Farm Businesses'. George has an Environmental Science Masters from Wageningen University and Research. With Cumulus he has worked on research projects exploring the impact of agroecology, agroforestry and technology on the performance of the UK agricultural sector. George also develops and applies natural capital assessments to enhance land management, at scales ranging from the farm to national levels.

George Young **HOW FARMERS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO MEANINGFUL FOOD SYSTEM CHANGE / WHAT'S STOPPING THE TRANSITION TO MORE LOCALISED AGROECOLOGICAL FARMING SYSTEMS?**

George is an agroecological farmer from Fobbing, South Essex. He works with heritage wheat which is processed on-farm (stone-milling and dehulling). George runs a herd of native pedigree Red Poll and Beef Shorthorn cows, and has a 50-acre trial field of agroforestry comprising over 7,000 trees (fruit, nut and timber). Everything about the farming operation is focused on ecology and bringing nature into the heart of the farm.

Georgie Styles **LAND JUSTICE PODCAST SOUNDSCAPE**

Georgie is an audio artist and producer who specialises in

the topics of food, land and climate. She is a producer and co-host for Landworkers' Radio, a podcast brought to you by the Landworkers' Alliance.

Georgina Webber **AN AGROECOLOGICAL APPROACH TO EDUCATION**

George is an innovative educator who has a personal philosophy about the importance of putting food and nature within the heart of the curriculum and school experience. This is mirrored in her work as Deputy Head at Greenside Primary School, where she has developed an approach to teaching and learning that is centred around food and nature. Through this approach, learning about the natural world is more than a single subject specific lesson - it is integrated into everything. The school has its own in-house kitchen and runs its garden space as a regenerative growing project - focusing on improving soil health to grow nutritionally-rich produce using only the power of nature. They have grown a regenerative wheat field in the heart of urban London and opened the first school micro bakery where all students make bread which is shared with the whole community.

Gerald Miles **WHY CONVERT TO COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA)?: A SESSION FOR LANDOWNERS, LARGER FARMS AND MARKET GARDENERS / SHARING EXPERIENCES OF DROUGHT AND RESILIENCE BETWEEN INDIGENOUS FARMERS / GM'S FALSE PROMISES: COULD THE UK BE NEXT?**

Gerald Miles is an organic farmer and campaigner against genetically modified crops and pesticides. In 2003 he drove his tractor all the way from West Wales to Downing Street to protest about GM crops and to raise support from fellow farmers. In 2010 Gerald launched Wales' first community supported agriculture scheme (CSA). He believes the CSA model allows a mutually beneficial relationship between farmers and the community. The people who joined his CSA came to the farm regularly and began to refer to it as 'our farm'.

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Gillian Preece

FINDING SOLUTIONS TO THE FERTILISER CRISIS: PRACTICAL ON-FARM INNOVATION FOR HOME GROWN FERTILITY

Gillian is a senior agricultural consultant with ADAS and is based in South Shropshire. She is an experienced consultant who has worked in the livestock sector throughout her 24 years in the industry. She works predominantly with beef, sheep and dairy farmers, assisting them with business management, technical aspects of livestock production and accessing environmental schemes. As a partner in their own farm business, Gillian also has practical experience of beef and sheep farming, alongside her husband Phil.

Gordon Gatward

CREATING SPACE FOR NEURODIVERSITY IN REGENERATIVE FARMING PRACTICES

Reverend Dr Gordon Gatward (OBE) has had roles spanning everything from being chairman of the Farm Crisis Network (now the Farming Community Network), founder member and chairman of Care Farming UK and a board member of Linking Environment And Farming (LEAF). Between 1999 and 2013, he was chief executive of the Arthur Rank Centre (ARC), where he oversaw the establishment of the Addington Fund in the wake of the 2001 foot-and-mouth epidemic. In 2011 he was a founder trustee and chairman of Pennyhooks Farm Trust and was later invited to be its Patron in 2019.

Guy Singh-Watson

GROWING IN COMMON GROUND: WHAT'S NEEDED TO MAKE THE UNITED VISIONS OF ORGANIC, REGENERATIVE AND AGROECOLOGY FLOURISH? / FUTURE NUT PRODUCTION IN THE UK

Guy is a farmer and founder of Britain's largest supplier of organic veg boxes, Riverford. Over the last 30 years, Guy has taken Riverford from one man and a wheelbarrow delivering veg to friends, to a national veg box scheme delivering around 70,000 customers a week. In 2018, Guy placed the company into employee ownership but continues to innovate at his farm, Baddaford, next door to Riverford HQ. Guy is an inspirational, passionate and opinionated figure in the world of organic farming and has long since challenged business norms.
@Riverford

Hannah Thorogood

DEMYSTIFYING PERMACULTURE: TOOLS FOR THE AGROECOLOGICAL TRANSITION

Hannah is a permaculture, regenerative farmer at the award-winning Inkpot Organic Farm, in South Lincolnshire. She has been teaching permaculture for 20 years and especially loves helping people to apply it to their farm systems.

Hanwant Singh Rathore

HUMANITY'S HERDING HERITAGE: PERSPECTIVES ON PASTORALISM FROM INDIA TO SPAIN

Hanwant is director of the Indian NGO Lokhit Pashu-Palak Sansthan, which is advocating for the grazing rights of the country's pastoralists and providing them with veterinary support. Together with Ilse Köhler-Rollefson, he is co-founder of India's first dedicated camel dairy that processes and markets dairy products from nomadic systems.

Hatty Richards

OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO NEW ENTRANTS

Hatty supports the national Farmstart network, working towards building and developing the farm Incubator model in the UK. She is also working with partners to develop accredited training opportunities for agroecological landworkers. She previously worked for The Community Farm near Bristol, and was involved with growing veg alongside developing projects for community benefit.

Helen Avery

HOW CAN INVESTMENT AND FINANCE DECISIONS BE ALIGNED WITH A TRANSITION TO AGROECOLOGY?

Helen is Director of Nature Programmes and GFI Hive, Green Finance Institute. The Institute also hosts the Secretariat for the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures and Helen oversees the convening of the TNFD's UK National Consultation Group. Helen oversees initiatives to mobilise private capital into nature restoration. She was previously Sustainable Finance Editor at Euromoney, spearheading the magazine's coverage of social, environmental and conservation finance. Her passion lies in working with those bringing practical solutions to biodiversity loss, climate change and inequality.

Helen Woodcock

SHARING LESSONS FROM KINDLING FARM'S £1 MILLION COMMUNITY SHARES CAMPAIGN

Helen has a background in grassroots environmental and community activism. At Kindling Trust she developed the co-operative Veg Box People, as well the Kindling's FarmStart programme and Woodbank Community Food Hub that has a whole range of activities to engage communities in creating a more sustainable food system.

Hermione Beckett

THE EMERGENT GENERATION: BUILDING AN AGROECOLOGICAL FUTURE

Following studies in veterinary, a MSc in conservation and a six month practical course in sustainable horticulture at Schumacher College, Hermione started a role coordinating incubator plots on Dartington Estate in Devon. This enables people who otherwise wouldn't have access to land and funding to start new regenerative farming projects. She is an active member of the Emergent Generation.

Holly Tomlinson

OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO NEW ENTRANTS / SMALL FARMS ACROSS FOUR NATIONS: TOWARDS A MORE INCLUSIVE UK SUBSIDY SYSTEM

Holly works for the Landworkers' Alliance as policy lead for Wales, advocating for the interests of small-scale agroecological farms and sustainable foresters in Welsh policymaking. Her work in Wales has covered four years of post-Brexit subsidy scheme development by the Welsh Government, from their initial "Brexit & Our Land" consultation in 2018 to their most recent Sustainable Farming Scheme Consultation and Agriculture (Wales) Bill. She is also a new entrant landworker, having worked at Tyddyn Teg Co-op in north Wales, and has recently established a new field-scale horticulture business, Blas Gwent, just outside Cardiff.

Hugh Blogg

DIVERSIFYING UK FRUIT AND VEG PRODUCE: PERCEPTIONS, OPPORTUNITIES, AND COLLABORATION BRINGING 'EXOTIC' CROPS TO MARKET

Proud to be part of the horticultural face of the Soil Association, implementing a range of short and

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long-term strategies, Hugh focuses on small-scale systems, supply chain, innovation and diversity within the sector. Following studying for an MSc in Sustainability and Adaptation at the Centre for Alternative Technology, Machynlleth, Hugh has held a variety of posts at the Soil Association spanning the press office, certification, and more recently grower-facing research and advice. Passionate about low-input, circular economy systems, Hugh became Head Grower at Fungusloci - an urban mushroom micro-farm - and was an Associate Director at Transition Stroud. He coordinated and launched the UK Robust Potato Pledge in 2021, inspired by research undertaken in EU projects Organic-PLUS and RELACS.

Hywel Morgan

MAKING THE BEST USE OF OUR LAND: WHAT'S THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR YOUR FARM IN THE TRANSITION TO A NATURE POSITIVE, NET ZERO, GOOD FOOD FUTURE?

Hywel farms beef and sheep at Esgairllaethdy in Myddfai, Llandovery, on the western end of the Brecon Beacons. He champions a working farmed landscape, the importance of rural communities and how vital it is that we protect our farm businesses for future farming generations. Hywel is a member of the NFFN Wales Steering Group.

Iain Tolhurst

FEEDING BRITAIN FROM THE GROUND UP: WHY WE SHOULD ALIGN OUR FUTURE DIETS WITH REGENERATIVE FARMING SYSTEMS / PEAT-FREE GROWING MEDIA IN COMMERCIAL HORTICULTURE

Iain runs one of the longest running stock-free organic vegetable farms in England. Tolhurst Organic is located on the Hardwick Estate in south Oxfordshire, between the Chilterns and the river Thames. The farm is made up of 17 acres over two fields and 2 acres within a 500-year-old walled garden. Iain has farmed here for 40 years and Hardwick was the first to attain the 'Stockfree Organic' symbol in 2004. There have been no grazing animals and no animal inputs to the farm for the last 33 years.

Ian Rappel

WHAT PRICE FOR SAVING NATURE?

Ian is Director for the College for Real Farming and Food Culture, a project

of the Real Farming Trust. He is a conservation ecologist by background and has been an environmental activist since the early 1990s.

Ian Wilkinson

GETTING TO THE ROOTS OF HERBAL LEYS

Ian is the Founder and Farm Manager at FarmED, the pioneering Centre for Farm and Food Education in the UK. He is also the Director of Cotswold Seeds, which has built its reputation on developing forage crops, herbal leys and green manures that improve soil health, habitat value and livestock performance.

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Ilse Köhler-Rollefson

HUMANITY'S HERDING HERITAGE: PERSPECTIVES ON PASTORALISM FROM INDIA TO SPAIN

Ilse, a veterinarian by training, founded the League for Pastoral Peoples in 1992 after being confronted with the problems of the Raika camel pastoralists during fieldwork in Rajasthan, India. Since then, she has advocated in various UN fora for the recognition of pastoralists as guardians of livestock diversity.

Isy Schultz

FORGOTTEN FRUIT: HOW CRAFT CIDER IS REVIVING TRADITIONAL ENGLISH ORCHARDS

Isy Schultz of Barleywood Orchard, North Somerset has been a cider maker for over seven years, producing apple juice and cider on a small scale using antique manual presses at Barleywood Walled Garden. Isy is also co-founder of Cider Women, and cook at Two Trees Catering.

Jackie Pearce-Dickens

INTUITIVE FARMING AND OTHER NATURAL WAYS OF KNOWING

CEO of Whole Health Agriculture (WHAg), Jackie's background is in B2B research and marketing consultancy. She is also a licensed homeopath and is Secretary of Homeopathy at Wellie Level, which has been teaching farm homeopathy courses since 2001.

Jackie Singer

FOLKLORE, CUSTOM, AND RITUAL

Jackie is an Oxford-based storyteller, musician, celebrant and shamanic practitioner committed to reconnecting people with themselves,

each other and the land. After studying English at Oxford, Jackie qualified as a Drama and Movement Therapist with the Sesame Institute, London. More recently Jackie studied shamanic practices at Shamanka Traditional School of Women's Shamanism in Dorset. She integrates these practices with her dramatherapy background to offer one-to-one healing sessions, groups and courses, particularly for women. Jackie works as a freelance celebrant, presiding over weddings, baby namings and funerals. She is author of the book *Birthrites - Rituals and Celebrations for the Child-Bearing Years*. Her music, both solo and with the folk band Kismet, is resourced by nature and inspired by Celtic roots. She is currently touring a one-woman show, *Rhiannon Unbridled*, layering Celtic mythology with her personal story.

Jacob Bertilsson

INVESTIGATIVE ECOLOGY: CRITICAL VIEWS ON THE POLITICS OF CONTEMPORARY AGRICULTURE

Jacob is an artist-researcher focused on how technology and aesthetics shape ecosystem governance. He is currently researching the digitisation of forest environments and is - together with ecologists at the Swedish University of Agriculture - part of a long-term project to visualise the effect forestry has on fungi in soils.

Jade Bashford

CAN FARMING AND FOOD TRADERS WEATHER THE ECONOMIC STORM? / WHAT IS THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY FOOD BUSINESSES IN DELIVERING SOCIAL IMPACT AND SOCIAL CHANGE?

Jade works on food justice for the Real Farming Trust. She has worked to change the food system for thirty years, for the Soil Association, in the community sector and in business, using a community development approach. She is also co-owner of Stroud Brewery, a fully organic microbrewery with a lively community centre which has had strong community financial support through Covid and other challenges.

Jake Freestone

GROWING IN COMMON GROUND: WHAT'S NEEDED TO MAKE THE UNITED VISIONS OF ORGANIC, REGENERATIVE AND AGROECOLOGY FLOURISH?

Jake is farm manager of Overbury

SPEAKER BIOS

Farms on the Gloucestershire/Worcestershire border, producing arable crops using regenerative principles since 2015. He's a Nuffield scholar, and has been awarded several accolades including Farm Carbon Toolkit's 'Soil Farmer of the year' in 2020 and 'Arable Innovator of the year' in 2021 at the British Farming awards. Jake is a key voice for the regenerative farming community, and is committed to spreading the stories of why farmers do what they do, through his blog, Twitter and Youtube channel.
@No1FarmerJake

James Robinson **LIVING LEGENDS: RECOGNISING THE HERITAGE AND NATURE VALUE OF ANCIENT TREES ON FARMS**

The Robinsons have farmed at Strickley in south Cumbria for almost 150 years. James and his family now have 300 acres of organic land with 130 pedigree Dairy Shorthorns and 130 followers grazing meadows, permanent pasture and herbal leys in small fields, surrounded by seven miles of ancient hedgerows. These hedgerows are managed in a traditional twenty-year rotation of hedgelaying, and link a mixture of diverse habitats such as wetlands, species-rich hay meadows and ancient oak woodland.

James Woodward **STATE OF THE FOUR NATIONS: UK FOOD AND FARMING POLICY**

James works on the Sustainable Farming Campaign at the Sustain alliance for better food and farming. He has previously worked in agricultural policy at Defra, as a farm advisor for Natural England, and in animal welfare policy at the NFU. James has an MSc in Sustainable Agriculture from Harper Adams University.
@jamesp_woodward

Jane Davidson **INTERGENERATIONAL LAND OWNERSHIP BEYOND THE FAMILY TREE**

Jane is on a mission to mainstream laws to protect the well-being of future generations. Her know-how and passion were forged as a Welsh Government minister, university Pro Vice-Chancellor and land restorer. She is the author of *#futuregen: Lessons from a Small Country* (2020) and leads on Wales Net Zero 2035. She lives on a smallholding in west Wales.

Jane Dobson **CAN WE MAKE HEALTH 'INFECTIOUS'? EXPLORE THE EFFECTS OF SUBTLE ENERGY SYSTEMS ON OVERALL FARM HEALTH (WORKSHOP)**

Jane farms rare breed Devon and Cornwall longwool sheep near the Preseli mountains in Pembrokeshire for their skins, fleece and meat. Jane relies on a range of alternative health approaches to keep her flock healthy and is a Complementary Health Advisor for Whole Health Agriculture. She is currently working towards biodynamic certification.

Jayne Buxton **THE POWER OF FOOD TO HEAL MINDS, BODIES, COMMUNITIES AND OUR LAND**

Jayne is the author of four books, with previous experience in journalism, management consulting and as an entrepreneur. Her latest book, *The Great Plant-Based Con: why eating a plants-only diet won't improve your health or save the planet*, was published in June 2022. Jayne is also an active supporter of the Real Food Campaign and the Public Health Collaboration.

Jean-Marc Albisetti **LIVING BREAD: THE WAY OF THE PEASANT BAKER**

Jean-Marc grew up on a farm and ran a biodynamic collaborative mixed farm in the Pyrénées for many years where he grew, stone-milled and baked grains as a "paysan boulanger". He started the bakery and mill at Tablehurst Farm, Sussex and gave workshops in England, Wales and Scotland. He is now based in the Cévennes in France, working on a new farm project.

Jed Soleiman **THE EMERGENT GENERATION: BUILDING AN AGROECOLOGICAL FUTURE**

Jed is passionate about farming, rewilding and biodiversity. After graduating from the University of Cambridge in Geography, he's now an MPhil student in the University of Oxford's Ecosystems Lab and the Leverhulme Centre for Nature Recovery. Jed researches mycorrhiza under rewilding and agriculture and works on the Knepp Regenerative Farm. A member of the Emergent Generation.

Jehan-Basil Gibson **DARTINGTON AS AN AGROECOLOGICAL LIGHTHOUSE**

Jehan's experience is in permaculture design, forest gardening, agroforestry, no-dig market gardening, 'regenerative' soil management, and community and off-grid living. Jehan is currently finishing an MSc in regenerative food, farming and enterprise at Schumacher College, where their thesis is on 'Dartington, Totnes and district as a hub of agroecological transformation'. Jehan is deeply passionate about the scaled transformation of ourselves, communities and cultures to be centred on mutual flourishing and respect for life.

Jennifer Hunter **FUNDING REGENERATION: HOW UNCONVENTIONAL FINANCING MODELS CAN SUPPORT FOOD & FARMING BUSINESSES**

Jenn has spent a lifetime living alongside livestock and is a custodian of the land where she farms with her partner, Andy. They run two enterprises: Fernhill Farm and Fernhill Fibre. Jenn's passion lies with the land and focusing on behaviour, welfare and linking soil, plant, animal, and human health.

Jenny Mackewn **USING SYSTEMIC MAPPING FOR FINDING POSITIVE SOLUTIONS IN COMPLEX SITUATIONS (WORKSHOP)**

Jenny has a lifetime of experience as coach, organisational consultant, trainer and psychotherapist; for the past 15 years, devoting her work to supporting ecological activism, providing training within the Transition Towns movement, and at Schumacher College in Co-creative Leadership and Regenerative Business. Jenny's work centres on training people for leadership in a volatile, complex and ecologically stressed world. Working systemically, she focuses on identifying issues inside people, in personal relationships, in work situations and in the wider community and natural world, helping to heal disconnection and unlocking positive energy and creative flow. Jenny is much sought after at home and internationally and has worked across the corporate world, public services and education sectors.

SPEAKER BIOS

Jenny Phelps

FARMING AND COMMUNITY ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR OUR LANDSCAPE, CLIMATE AND NATURE RECOVERY

Jenny Phelps MBC is Senior Farm Environment Advisor for the Gloucestershire Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group. She is a member of Defra's Environmental Land Management Scheme Engagement Group; Trustee for the Foundation for Common Land; Lead Facilitator on the Farmer Guardians of the Upper Thames Facilitation Fund; Host for the Upper Thames Catchment Partnership and Lead for the Gloucestershire Regenerative Environment and Agriculture Transition (GREAT) Project. Awarded an MBE in 2016 for 'Engaging Communities in Environmental Protection'. Jenny developed the Integrated Local Delivery framework with the CCRI and Natural England to create a framework for multi-objective environmental delivery for the climate emergency.

Jenny Rouquette

FARMER CONNECTIONS: A FOOD PARTNERSHIP APPROACH

Jenny is a leader in food systems thinking with a wealth of experience in regenerative land use, rural livelihoods and inclusive business. She is the founding director of Shropshire Good Food Partnership which brings people together to create a food system that is good for people, place and planet. Jenny is a natural networker and she has created collaborative initiatives in her work in the UK as well as Africa, Asia and South America, in both non-profit and for-profit sectors.

Jeremy Smith

BIODYNAMICS FOR LOCAL FOOD AND NATURE RESTORATION: TRIALLING A MODEL WITH DIOCESIAN LAND

Jeremy Smith is a partner in DixonSmith, a specialist South West firm focused on rural Estate management services. He has been professionally involved in the Glebe project in Dartington, with the Apricot Centre. He is a chartered surveyor with seven years post-qualified experience, a Fellow of the Agricultural Law Association and has recently completed an MBA at Exeter University. Since graduating from Aberdeen University in 2013 he has specialised in working with both institutional and private estate-owning clients based in

the South West. His professional role is as a problem-solver and facilitator; he gets stuff done! What really gets me going however is trying to turn novel and new concepts into reality.

Jerry Alford

FINDING SOLUTIONS TO THE FERTILISER CRISIS: PRACTICAL ON-FARM INNOVATION FOR HOME GROWN FERTILITY

Jerry has experience in arable and mixed farming, having run the family farm in Devon for 25 years. The farm was initially a dairy farm, eventually converting to organic and being run as a beef, sheep and arable unit. At the same time he converted a range of farm buildings into a holiday cottage complex, was chairman of a local farmer-owned co-op grain store and became involved in the grain supply chain nationally. Jerry is interested in a systems approach to farming, and looks at farms as a whole system rather than just a mix of enterprises or a series of crops in rotation. He is also looking at options to reduce cultivations within organic rotations and the adoption of more agroecological and organic type systems in non-organic farms.

Jess Clynewood

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY FOOD BUSINESSES IN DELIVERING SOCIAL IMPACT AND SOCIAL CHANGE?

Jess is Co-Director of St Werburghs City Farm. With a background in food growing, she has managed and designed gardens and taught about sustainable food production. She has led St Werburghs through a deep-seated change process, leading to and following the publication of the Equity Report in January 2021.

Jesse Noon

HOW DO PRISONS AND POLICING IMPACT AND INTERSECT WITH OUR STRUGGLES FOR LAND JUSTICE?

Jesse is a prison abolitionist who was a founding member of Books Beyond Bars, an organisation that sends books and other resources to queer and trans incarcerated people in the UK. They have a history of being active in struggles against state violence and prison expansion. They are also a member of Myco, a Manchester-based urban mushroom farm. Their work at Myco involves leading educational programmes on ecology, mycology, and land justice.

Jill Vaughan

PEAT-FREE GROWING MEDIA IN COMMERCIAL HORTICULTURE

Together with her husband John Overvoorde, Jill runs Delfland Nurseries Limited, the leading organic propagator since 1997. They produce a very wide range of vegetable and salad plants for wholesale delivery within GB. They also sell plants by the tray for smaller growers. Jill studied physical geography and geology at London University followed by an MSc in Soil Science at Aberdeen. For 16 years she was employed as a consultant soil scientist by ADAS (Agricultural Development and Advisory Service) before joining Delfland in 1996. She served on the Soil Association Horticulture Standards and Certification Scrutiny Committees between 1999 and 2020. @organicplantsuk

Jim Aplin

WE NEED A HORTICULTURAL REVOLUTION

Jim is a small certified organic grower in the Evesham area, where he's been since 2003. He grows about two hectares of mixed vegetables (well over 100 varieties) with his partner Hayley, who also grows cut flowers. They sell over 90% of their produce direct to the consumer, mainly through a weekly farmers' market in Stroud and their own small box scheme. They have only occasional help and probably do too much themselves, but Jim finds time for off-farm work on small orchards and woodland over the winter, and is hoping to bring these two sides of the work together by introducing agroforestry to their own land that we moved onto in 2022. Jim has been a director of OGA since it became a CIC in 2018.

Jim Beary

ENTERPRISE STACKING FOR ECOSYSTEM REGENERATION & PROFITABILITY

Jim Beary of Levens Farms Ltd in the Westmorland Dales works within the estate and with the park authority to transform our farming model, and demonstrate that we can produce high quality food and enhance the environment synonymously.

SPEAKER BIOS

Jim Goodman

GM'S FALSE PROMISES: COULD THE UK BE NEXT?

Jim and his wife Rebecca ran a 45-cow organic dairy/direct market beef farm in Wisconsin for 40 years. He is the current board chair of the National Family Farm Coalition. Jim feels that food, like health care or education, is not a commodity, but rather a basic human right.
@familyfarmcoalition

Jimmy Woodrow

THE ROLE OF FARMER-FARMER MENTORING IN THE AGRICULTURAL TRANSITION

Jimmy is Executive Director of Pasture for Life, a non-profit organisation with a mission to help livestock farms in the UK transition to agroecological farming practices, with a focus on 100% pasture-fed practices. Pasture for Life is rolling out mentoring schemes across the country as part of their ground-up, peer-peer knowledge exchange approach. Jimmy has a background in the food industry, where he developed new business and offered strategic consultancy for a range of businesses.

Jo Hunt

WHY CONVERT TO COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA)?: A SESSION FOR LANDOWNERS, LARGER FARMS AND MARKET GARDENERS

Jo is an economist-turned-farmer and would like to see the end of capitalism and its exploitation of nature and people. Jo runs Knockfarrel Produce, on the family croft in the northern Highlands. The croft feeds 220 local families with organic food; employs four people, and is carbon negative by 72 tonnes CO2e each year. Jo has 20 years' experience in agricultural policy and small producer cooperation, and enjoys sharing his knowledge with others.

Jo Kamal

CULTIVATING BELONGING: EXPLORING DIASPORIC RELATIONSHIPS TO LAND

Jo (they/them) is a food grower, folk herbalist and racial justice activist. They have a background in research on the colonial production of knowledge, and the racism inherent in environmental NGOs and the policing system. They currently work on food sovereignty movement building with the Landworkers' Alliance, and they also work at Black Rootz, an anti-racist market garden in North London.

Jo Lewis

DEVELOPING THE UK ORGANIC SECTOR: ORGANIC ACTION PLANS AS STRATEGIES FOR GROWTH

Jo is Director of Strategy and Policy at Soil Association, a trustee and former Chair of the Food Ethics Council and a Trustee of Sustain: the alliance for food and farming. Jo led the development of the Soil Association's Food for Life Served Here scheme, which certifies that over two million meals a day meet healthy and sustainable menu standards in public settings and visitor attractions. Jo was previously convenor of Defra's Sustainable Consumption Roundtable and Head of Policy at thinktank Green Alliance.

John and Emilie Crisp

ENTERPRISE STACKING FOR ECOSYSTEM REGENERATION & PROFITABILITY

John and Emilie Crisp run Wave Hill Farm in Devon, mob-grazing sheep to rebuild soil health while transitioning towards a mixed closed-loop system for greater viability and resilience; currently doing meat, veg boxes, sawmilling and eco-glamping plus micro-dairy trials. A net carbon sink, they work towards being socially and economically regenerative too, and they are one of the founder farms in Pasture for Life.

John Turner

FROM FIELD TO BAKERY: RADICAL BUT REALISTIC POLICY CHANGES FOR ACCELERATING DIVERSIFIED GRAIN SYSTEMS IN THE UK

John farms with his brother Guy on their 125ha organic mixed farm based near Stamford in Lincolnshire. They grow a range of specialist crops for millers, bakers and organic wholesalers including population and landrace wheats, naked oats and Marrowfat peas.

Jonathan Baker

REWARDING THE FARMING CHAMPIONS: A FUTURE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAND MANAGEMENT

Jonathan is a Senior Civil Servant responsible for the overarching policy intent as agricultural policy in England is repurposed so it better rewards farmers for improving the environment and animal health and welfare. As well as setting the strategy, Jonathan and team ensure there is a plan for achieving it, making use of the current

£2.4bn/year of public monies. As policy lead, Jonathan and the team manage some technical areas including the programme of statutory instruments, subsidy control, relationships with the Devolved Administrations as well as promoting our reforms internationally.

Jonathan Bowden

CREATING SPACE FOR NEURODIVERSITY IN REGENERATIVE FARMING PRACTICES

Jonathan and Lucy Bowden set up The Market Garden as an organic, zero waste food supplier to West Oxfordshire communities. The thriving café and shop are supplied by an organic plot based in Long Hanborough, on which they welcome adults with learning disabilities to help grow, harvest and prepare fruit and vegetables two days a week.

Jonny Bruce

THE GARDEN AS REFUGE: THE HEALING POWER OF NATURE

Jonny is a freelance gardener, design consultant and writer. A graduate in Art History, Jonny initially worked in historic gardens, including two years as Christopher Lloyd Scholar at Great Dixter in East Sussex, before travelling to the Netherlands where he spent four years at renowned organic, perennial nursery, De Hessenhof. Having first worked at Prospect Cottage in 2014, Jonny became primary gardener following the death of Jarman's partner, Keith Collins, in 2018 and continues to tend the garden following the transfer of the cottage's ownership to a local arts charity.

Jonny Crickmore

GETTING STARTED WITH RAW MILK

Jonny, alongside his wife Dulcie, runs Fen Farm Dairy in Suffolk, where they produce raw milk, Baron Bigod (the first raw milk brie-style cheese in the UK), raw butter and skyr, alongside working towards his goal of making the farm carbon negative. Jonny introduced the milk vending machine concept to the UK and is a founder and Chair of the Raw Milk Producers Association as well as Vice Chair for the Specialist Cheesemakers Association.

SPEAKER BIOS

Jonty Brunyee **GETTING TO THE ROOTS OF HERBAL LEYS**

Jonty is the Head of Sustainable Farming & Food Systems at FarmED, with 30 years of sector experience and a passion for knowledge exchange, agroecology and regenerative agriculture. He is also a National Trust farm tenant at Conygree Farm producing pasture-fed, organic beef and lamb. He is a founding partner of the Cotswold Market Garden and a Nuffield Farming Scholar.
@JontyFarmED

Josiah Meldrum **FROM FIELD TO BAKERY: RADICAL BUT REALISTIC POLICY CHANGES FOR ACCELERATING DIVERSIFIED GRAIN SYSTEMS IN THE UK**

Josiah is the co-founder of Hodmedods, which works with farmers to bring local grains and legumes to customers in the UK.
@josiah_meldrum

Josina Calliste **THE JUMPING FENCES REPORT: LAND JUSTICE, FOOD JUSTICE AND RACIAL JUSTICE IN BRITISH FARMING**

Formerly a health professional, Josina found her way to the land through community organising and food growing. After burning out of academia, she began thinking more deeply about the climate, farming and land justice. Under an apple tree in June 2019, she co-founded Land in Our Names (LION) to address racial justice inequalities around farming and growing food in Britain. She is currently on leave with our first LION cub. Josina was the lead researcher for the Rootz Into Food Growing Report and helped shape the direction for the Jumping Fences project.

Joya Berrow **CRAFTING THE NARRATIVE TO TRANSFORM OUR FOOD AND FARMING SYSTEMS**

Joya is a storyteller, working with film and photography. Focusing on human stories centred in social and climate justice, as well as narratives on nature connection. She's a Co Director of The Right To Roam, whose work has been broadcast by National Geographic, Guardian, Sky Atlantic, Nowness, Real Stories, VICE, WSL, BFI and Red Bull Media House. Through her work she always acknowledges the role

that storytelling has as a tool to shift culture and create positive social change.

Jude Allen **SOIL VOICES: A CREATIVE WORKSHOP EXPLORING WHAT PEOPLE THINK ABOUT THE STUFF BENEATH OUR FEET**

Jude is the co-founder of Soil Voices, has a PhD in Human/Animal Metamorphosis in C20th Literature, and a background in both ecocriticism and the representation of the body. She has extensively researched soil and literature, and is currently working on an MSc dissertation exploring the connections between story and regenerative agriculture.

Julia Kirby-Smith **RADICAL RETAILERS: WORKING TOGETHER BETTER AS TRADERS**

Julia has a background in broadcast journalism and strategic comms, and is a Trustee of the campaigning food charity Feedback. She founded and then sold the organic retailer Fridge of Plenty, before joining Better Food Traders as project leader.

Julia Wright **INTUITIVE FARMING AND OTHER NATURAL WAYS OF KNOWING / AGROECOLOGICALLY APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES**

Dr Julia Wright is an Associate Professor at the Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience (CAWR), Coventry University, which she co-established. She has 30 years' experience in international development, focusing on organic farming and food systems.

Jutta Kill **WHAT PRICE FOR SAVING NATURE?**

Jutta is a researcher and writer who applies her work to support social movements and environmental networks, particularly in the global South. She has studied biology and combines research with solidarity work with forest communities, whose traditional economies and ways of life are threatened by deforestation and false solutions to the deforestation and climate crises. Jutta has published extensively on carbon markets and the new economy of nature in maintaining ecologically unequal trade, and the associated violation of human rights, rights to land and use of traditional territories.

Jyoti Fernandes **REWARDING THE FARMING CHAMPIONS: A FUTURE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAND MANAGEMENT / SMALL FARMS ACROSS FOUR NATIONS: TOWARDS A MORE INCLUSIVE SUBSIDY SYSTEM / IN THE NAME OF THE FARMER: VANDANA SHIVA RECALLS A LIFETIME OF CAMPAIGNING FOR SMALL-SCALE FARMERS**

Jyoti is Campaigns and Policy Coordinator for the Landworkers' Alliance. Jyoti is an agroecological smallholder farmer based in Dorset, UK. The farm produces a wide range of products from vegetables, fruits and meats to wool blankets, juice and preserves. The farm is part of a local smallholders cooperative that shares collective processing facilities. Jyoti is an active advocate for La Via Campesina, promoting agroecology and food sovereignty across the globe.

K. Greene **SEED-SAVING: PRESERVING BIODIVERSITY, STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE AND PROMOTING HEALTHY DIETS**

K. Greene is an advocate for seed sovereignty, co-founding Hudson Valley Seed Company, a national seed company and regional seed farm devoted to producing ethical seeds and celebrating seeds through art. Greene also founded the Hudson Valley Seed Library, the nation's first public seed catalogue, in Ulster County, New York.

Kai Heron **COMMONING FOOD SYSTEMS THROUGH ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF OWNERSHIP / GREEN INVESTMENT: OPPORTUNITIES FOR NATURE FRIENDLY FARMING OR A NEW LAND GRAB?**

Kai is a lecturer in politics at Birkbeck. His research interests lie in the politics of global heating, land, agriculture, and just transitions. He is a research fellow at Common Wealth, where he studies the potential for Public-Common Partnerships to democratise the British economy, with a focus on land and food systems.

SPEAKER BIOS

Kate Bowman

PRESS PRESS PRESS COMMUNITY PRINTING PRESS: RADICAL PATCH PRINTING

Kate is a hands-on maker-person who works with people of all ages and abilities to visualise systems and communally create.

Kate Hughes

FUTURE NUT PRODUCTION IN THE UK

Kate is an award-winning broadsheet journalist specialising in sustainability, author of *Going Zero: One Family's Journey to Zero Waste and a Greener Lifestyle*, and a regenerative organic farmer on Exmoor. Together with her husband, David Brewer, she is busy transforming what was once a conventional mixed operation over 450 acres into a holistic system incorporating a range of strategies, including 150 acres of agroforestry - one of the largest such projects in the UK - and 150 acres of new broadleaf woodland creation.

Katherine Hallewell

LAND AND FARMING SINGERS' SESSION

Katherine is a grower and musician based in Stroud. When she doesn't have her fingers in the soil she is part of Three Acres And A Cow, a history of land rights and protest in folk song and story.
@threeacresacow

Katherine Langton

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT LOCAL FOOD GROWING? THOUGHTS FROM WALES

Katherine and her husband David started Langtons Farm in 2019 in a 9ftx9ft room, a vertical farm: microgreens on shelves under lights. In 2020, they established a no-dig market garden, supplying veg boxes, restaurants, and a weekly market with vegetables including local heirlooms.

Katherine Wall

AT THE ROOT: UNDERSTANDING OUR RELATIONSHIP TO LAND IN THE STRUGGLE FOR COLLECTIVE LIBERATION

Katherine is a white bodied, queer, middle class facilitator and researcher working at the intersection of land and racial justice in England. She works with social movement groups to build power across difference, explore the dynamics that shape our political work and work with the emotions that arise

when facing these issues. Katherine is currently inspired by the work of the Gesturing Toward Decolonial Futures collective who say this work "is about composting our individual and collective shit with humility, joy, generosity and compassion, trying to "dig deeper and relate wider".

Katie Palmer

STATE OF THE FOUR NATIONS: UK FOOD AND FARMING POLICY

Katie is founder and Programme Manager for Food Sense Wales. She has an MSc in Nutrition from King's College London and in Food Policy from City University. Katie is a member of the Food and Drink Wales Industry Board, founding member of the Veg Power Board, sits on the WLGA's Food and Fun Advisory Group, and helped create the award-winning Food and Fun programme in Cardiff.
@ktfoodpalmer

Kelly Carlisle

UNCEDED VOICES: REMATRIATING THE NARRATIVE

Kelly is a U.S. Navy veteran. In 2010 she founded 'Acta Non Verba' (Latin for 'deeds not words'), a youth urban farm project (ANV) based in Oakland, California. ANV operates three urban farms, a year-round camp and a CSA program that serves many communities in Oakland and beyond which include African American, Latinx, and Middle Eastern children and their families. ANV also includes those with chronic illnesses, folks who live in poverty, and the working poor. Kelly's greatest deed is her gifted storytelling. With humour, love and a deep commitment to healing in the community, Kelly works to shift the narrative of relationship to land, financial literacy, community health and healing for inner city youth. She is not a person that speaks about rematriation often but rather a person who practices it daily. @anv_farm

Kelly Jowett

INTRODUCTION TO BENEFICIAL BEETLE MONITORING AND IDENTIFICATION

Dr Kelly Jowett is an entomologist working on the design of cropping systems and landscapes to reconcile crop and livestock production with biodiversity and ecosystem services. She has a particular interest in the functional biodiversity of carabid and dung beetles, and working with

farmers to apply her research. Kelly also manages the Environmental Change Network insect protocols at the Harpenden site. Kelly completed her PhD on the modelling of carabid beetle distributions in farm landscapes towards effective natural-enemy pest control. She has an MRes in Global Food Security and Development, and a BSc(H) in Environmental Conservation. She has expertise in agricultural entomology, forestry, agricultural systems, and communications.

Kelsey and Chelsea

HOW DO PRISONS AND POLICING IMPACT AND INTERSECT WITH OUR STRUGGLES FOR LAND JUSTICE?

Cradle is a collective of facilitators, organisers, educators and artists finding ways to make space for curiosity, compassion and creativity. In our mission to build a world with transformative justice responses to violence, we believe we all need to develop the skills to support radical approaches to collective care and healing in our communities. As a collective of individuals with complex identities and ancestries, we hope to reach beyond borders and binaries with this work and the legacies we follow as we pursue it.

Kerry Melville

STATE OF THE FOUR NATIONS: UK FOOD AND FARMING POLICY

Kerry is a sustainability expert with a passion for real food. She is the Coordinator of Nourish NI, which is a Sustainable Food Places national partner in Northern Ireland, and has been building and supporting an emerging sustainable food movement in Northern Ireland for nearly a decade.

Keziah Suskins

BIODYNAMICS AND WHY IT MATTERS

Keziah is a biodynamic farmer who works with soil regeneration through multi-species, rotational grazing systems that stimulate biodiversity and provide fertility within the working farm organism. Keziah works closely with homeopathy and keen observation to ensure the highest possible levels of animal welfare, and strives to change the face of farming through a sensitive, intuitive, loving and a compassionate approach to both the land and animals.

SPEAKER BIOS

Kim Brooks

CAN FARMING AND FOOD TRADERS WEATHER THE ECONOMIC STORM?

Kim's education and early career focused on business and finance, working as a financial auditor for eight years at PricewaterhouseCoopers. Kim left the finance world for food and farming; inspired by a local organic veg box, then propelled by the knowledge and passion shared by organic farmers whilst WWOOFING in Australia. Returning to the UK, they pursued an MSc in Sustainable Agriculture. It was during these studies that Kim started volunteering at The Community Farm, a Community Supported Agriculture project in Chew Magna, later becoming bookkeeper in January 2018, and Managing Director in the midst of the pandemic in August 2020.

Kim Graham

DIY SOIL MONITORING: SOIL SCIENCE WITHOUT THE 'SCIENTISTS'?

Kim is the Lead Research Coordinator at Shared Assets, a think-and-do-tank working to create a socially just future through practical projects that build new relationships between people and the land. They are interested in using participatory research to build collective knowledge about the impacts of stewarding land for the common good.

Kimberley Bell

FROM FIELD TO BAKERY: RADICAL BUT REALISTIC POLICY CHANGES FOR ACCELERATING DIVERSIFIED GRAIN SYSTEMS IN THE UK

Kimberley founded Small Food Bakery in 2014, known for pioneering the use of the 'ORC Wakelyns population wheat' (nicknamed YQ). In 2017, it hosted the inaugural meeting of UK Grain Lab to strengthen the community of bakers, millers, scientists and farmers working to build a prosperous non-commodity grain economy.
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Laurie Mompelat

SEEDING REPARATIONS: MAKING THE UK'S FOOD CORPORATIONS PAY

Lauriem (they/them) works as a food justice group coordinator in Tower Hamlets for the climate justice charities Platform London and the Women's Environmental Network. They are passionate about collectively researching and building alternative food systems both in the Global North

and in places that have suffered long term colonial exploitation, such as their home islands Guadeloupe and Martinique. They have a background in data research, campaigning and advocacy on issues ranging from race and class inequality, fossil fuel divestment and queer liberation. They have also worked as an organiser and facilitator for various grassroots political projects focusing on anti-capitalist, queer and decolonial justice. Beyond Platform, Lauriem is a committed musician and sound-maker, working to make space for us to heal our relationship to Earth, to ourselves and each other, as we carve out better worlds into our doing.

Lawrence Woodward

PARTICIPATORY GUARANTEE SYSTEMS: A UK EXPLORATION & AGROECOLOGICALLY APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES

Lawrence is co-founder and former director of the Organic Research Centre and served as director for 30 years. He has played a pivotal role in the strategic and practical development in the organic movement and sector in the UK and internationally. He continues to advise a wide-range of organisations and is an active board member of Beyond GM and Whole Health Agriculture. Lawrence is a director of Beyond GM and a director of Whole Health Agriculture. He was awarded an OBE in 2001 for services to organic farming.

Lee Holdstock

GROWING IN COMMON GROUND: WHAT'S NEEDED TO MAKE THE UNITED VISIONS OF ORGANIC, REGENERATIVE AND A GROECOLOGY FLOURISH?

Lee Holdstock is Senior Business Development and Trade Manager at Soil Association Certification. Benefiting from more than 20 years of experience in food and textiles, Lee is a trusted expert in sustainability, responsible business and organic trade who manages a range of projects. He's helped hundreds of organic food businesses build capability in marketing, communications, supply chain and routes to market and devotes much of his time to supporting them to identify and access new trade opportunities.
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Lisa Houston

SEED STORIES FROM ACROSS THE UK AND IRELAND

Lisa spent 10 years on a community farm and learning centre north of Chiang Mai in Thailand, which was established as a seed-saving centre. Sixty per cent of the growing space was for seeds, which were shared for free to people all over Thailand. Lisa currently works with Granton Community Gardeners and is a director of Lauriston Farm, a new 100-acre urban farm coop in Edinburgh.

Lisa Schneidau

THE WORLD TREE

Lisa is a storyteller and environmentalist based on Dartmoor. She seeks out, and shares, traditional stories about the land and our complex relationship with it. Lisa is the author of three books: *Botanical*, *Woodland* and *River Folk Tales of Britain and Ireland* (all History Press). Lisa trained as an ecologist and has worked in British nature conservation for 25 years.

Liz O'Neill

NEW GMOS NEED NEW IDEAS: A CREATIVE WORKSHOP ON NEXT STEPS FOR CAMPAIGNING ON GM IN FOOD AND FARMING / GM'S FALSE PROMISES: COULD THE UK BE NEXT?

Liz is the Director of GM Freeze, the UK umbrella campaign for a responsible, fair and sustainable food system. Having first encountered genetic modification in the lab as a Biochemistry student, Liz has since worked across the arts and environmental sectors, specialising in campaigns and communications.
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Lizzie Rowe

A GOOD LIFE: HOW ANIMAL WELFARE AND SUSTAINABILITY GO HOOF IN HAND

Lizzie has always had a passion for the natural world, which led her to read Natural Sciences at the University of Cambridge, specialising in Zoology. She completed a PhD in Clinical Veterinary Sciences in the Animal Welfare and Behaviour research group at the University of Bristol and has worked for a number of animal welfare charities, before returning to academia, briefly at the University of Oxford and then back at Bristol

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Veterinary School, and now Reading University where she is a Research Assistant on the Pathways Project. Lizzie also previously worked for the Sustainable Food Trust, coordinating their work on the harmonisation of on-farm sustainability assessment as well as contributing to research and communications activities.

Lord Deben

UK CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE ASSESS THE ROLE OF AGROECOLOGICAL FARMING IN THE UK IN THE TRANSITION TO NET ZERO

The Rt. Hon John Gummer, Lord Deben, set up and now runs Sancroft, a corporate responsibility consultancy working with blue-chip companies around the world on environmental, social and ethical issues. Lord Deben is Chairman of the Committee on Climate Change and Valpak Limited. He was the longest-serving Secretary of State for the Environment the UK has ever had (1993-97). His 16 years of top-level ministerial experience also include Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries & Food, Minister for London, Employment Minister and Paymaster General in HM Treasury. He has consistently championed an identity between environmental concerns and business sense.

Lucy Beasley

HEMP: KEY ELEMENT OF A DECENTRALISED BIO-BASED ECONOMY?

Lucy is a Director of Wessex Community Assets and is helping to coordinate hemp field trials with three Dorset farmers. The trials are supported by Dorset AONB's Farming in Protected Landscapes fund and the Friends Provident Foundation. Lucy is also Company Secretary of Dorset Community Energy.

Lucy Bjorck

MAKING THE BEST USE OF OUR LAND: WHAT'S THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR YOUR FARM IN THE TRANSITION TO A NATURE POSITIVE, NET ZERO, GOOD FOOD FUTURE?

Lucy works in RSPB's Land, Seas and Climate Policy Team on food and farming policy, seeking to ensure that the importance of nature is recognised. She is passionate about sustainable and healthy eating patterns which will ensure wildlife can thrive and everyone can eat well now and into the future.

Lucy Williamson

THE POWER OF FOOD TO HEAL MINDS, BODIES, COMMUNITIES AND OUR LAND

Previously a vet in the UK and Canada, Lucy is now a nutrition consultant with a MSc in Nutrition from King's College London. With over 30 years of experience in health, food and farming, she's part of a passionate community of health professionals, farmers and food producers learning from natural eco-systems to make better health a reality. Awarded Freelance Nutritionist of the Year 2020, previously a lecturer in Nutrition and Dietetics, Ambassador for The Real Food Campaign and Love British Food, Lucy lives on the edge of the Chiltern Hills with her RAF husband, two teenagers and Ruarie the border terrier.

Luke Dale Harris

HOW FARMERS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO MEANINGFUL FOOD SYSTEM CHANGE

Luke is a former investigative environmental journalist who provides farm and policy advice with the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group. He is Director of Farm Wilder, a Community Interest Company, a non-profit organisation that works to make farming more sustainable and better for wildlife.

Lydia Crimp and Tom Tibbits

FORGOTTEN FRUIT: HOW CRAFT CIDER IS REVIVING TRADITIONAL ENGLISH ORCHARDS

Lydia Crimp and Tom Tibbits, of Artistray Cider, Herefordshire, make low-intervention, natural cider with an emphasis on environmental sustainability at every aspect of the process. Both are involved in the Three Counties Cider & Perry Association, and Lydia is a founding member of Cider Women.

Lydia Smith

GETTING TO THE ROOTS OF HERBAL LEYS

Lydia is Director of NIAB Innovation Farm and the Eastern Agritech Innovation Hub. Lydia started her career in plant pathology and has a doctorate in plant microbial ecology. She leads NIAB's interactive research into sustainable farming, multifunctional leys, soil health, crop microbial interactions, genetic improvement and waste minimisation. @Lydiamsmith

Lynn Cassells

OUR WILD FARMING LIFE

Lynn is the owner of Lynbreck Croft alongside partner Sandra Baer. With a background in conservation and rewilding, she is passionate about nature and loves nothing more than spending time outdoors, planting trees, running, meditating, foraging, hiking, writing and cooking.

Mama D Ujuaje

SOILED: COMPOSTING TRAUMA / BELONGING TO THE LAND: RESISTANCE AND RESILIENCE

Mama D Ujuaje is a Community Researcher and Facilitator whose background is in Food and Nourishment Practice and live art advocacy around Food Justice and Autonomous Co-Nourishment. She curates, within Community Centred Knowledge, Learning Journeys, which explore the interfaces of community, modernity and systemic justice through the routes of art, culture and embodied relationship with the more than human. She uses participatory and action research approaches to interrogate where community and academic knowledge construction interface. She is also interested in how humans embody and navigate justice issues over time and space and manage personal and social trauma within bodies located across the territories of the Anthropocene.

Manda Scott

CRAFTING THE NARRATIVE TO TRANSFORM OUR FOOD AND FARMING SYSTEMS

Formerly a veterinary surgeon, Manda Scott is now an award-winning novelist, podcaster and smallholder. She has an MA in Regenerative Economics from Schumacher College and is focused on finding a way through to a future that works for people and planet.

Mandave Singh

CONTEMPORARY SPIRITUALITY AND MENTAL HEALTH: RECOGNISING OUR OWN PATH IN RELATION TO NATURE AND THE LAND

Deeply rooted in the study and preservation of universal spiritual teachings through ancient manuscripts and other texts, Mandave Singh brings a unique perspective of your everyday young adult born and educated in the UK, who went through

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a transformation when he connected with his lineage and all that came with it as a Sikh and the land of Punjab. Growing a relationship to the cosmos and how spirit works through the elements, he re-found home in the UK not just as being something that he inherited by birth, but something that he now genuinely connects with from his inner being. He is interested in land, farming and biodynamics as an approach to growing food and caring for the earth.

Marc Jones

FUNDING REGENERATION: HOW UNCONVENTIONAL FINANCING MODELS CAN SUPPORT FOOD & FARMING BUSINESSES

Marc is a Director at Wildfarming Co, an agriculture company that farms using the regenerative system developed by co-founder, Andy Cato. Prior to this Marc spent a decade making equity and debt impact investments, four years of which was focussed on the agriculture sector.

Marcus Link

ENTERPRISE STACKING FOR ECOSYSTEM REGENERATION & PROFITABILITY

Marcus Link is the co-founding COO of New Foundation Farms, a radical natural agriculture start-up based on a model for UK farming operations which demonstrates that British farms can operate at significant levels of profitability from agricultural activity alone, whilst radically improving ecosystem health at the landscape scale.

Margi Lennartsson Turner

PEAT-FREE GROWING MEDIA IN COMMERCIAL HORTICULTURE

Margi is Associate Professor in Organic Horticulture and Public Health at the Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience (CAWR), Coventry University and Senior Research Associate with Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), UK. For more than 30 years, Margi has been actively involved in the campaign to phase out the use of peat in horticulture; leading research to develop peat alternatives for organic production systems as well as working with the industry on policy related to the transition to peat-free horticulture. Margi has been a member of the UK Responsible Sourcing of Growing Media initiative since 2013.

Marina O'Connell

BIODYNAMICS FOR LOCAL FOOD AND NATURE RESTORATION: TRIALLING A MODEL WITH DIOCESIAN LAND / DARTINGTON AS AN AGROECOLOGICAL LIGHTHOUSE

Marina is a director of the Apricot Centre. In 2015 she took on the tenancy for Huxhams Cross farm in Dartington, Totnes, Devon with a rapidly growing team. This small 13 hectare farm has been regenerated by weaving together biodynamic farming, agroforestry and other regen techniques. The farm was planned using permaculture design. The farm produces fruit, vegetables, eggs, and small scale grain; it provides training, and is home to a wellbeing service for children and families. The Apricot Centre, in partnership with another farm and bakery, created "reclaim the grain", which grows, mills and bakes local grains. The farm is home to the new School for Regenerative Land Based Systems (level three). Marina published *Designing Regenerative Farm Systems And Why We Need Them Now* in 2022.

Mark and Pauline Chapple

ENTERPRISE STACKING FOR ECOSYSTEM REGENERATION & PROFITABILITY

Mark and Pauline run sucklers, sheep and pastured broilers at Redwoods Farm in Devon. Their regenerative journey began five years ago, with a conviction that livestock are part of the solution to climate concerns. Daughter Amy developed her business on the holding over the last three years, integrating pigs, layers and direct sales.

Mark Betson

BIODYNAMICS FOR LOCAL FOOD AND NATURE RESTORATION: TRIALLING A MODEL WITH DIOCESIAN LAND

Mark is the National Public Policy Advisor for the Church of England working in the areas of communities, partnerships and place. He engages with land issues across the Church at different scales, from parish to diocese to Church Commissioners, and with the different roles this land is called to play. Mark has PhDs in both Theology and Earth Science, and has worked as a Regional Director for a farming charity, as a vicar in rural Sussex and as an environmental scientist, modelling particulate and nutrient loss for ADAS.

Mark Simmonds

SHARING LESSONS FROM KINDLING FARM'S £1 MILLION COMMUNITY SHARES CAMPAIGN

Mark is an experienced co-operative and community entrepreneur, delivering advice and support around all aspects of co-operative and other social enterprise development, management and governance. He played a key role in supporting Kindling in preparing their share offer prospectus and securing the Community Shares Standard Mark.

Mark Thomas

CAN FARMING AND FOOD TRADERS WEATHER THE ECONOMIC STORM?

Mark joined FCN in 2019 following a career spent working with a national agronomy firm. As Head of Services, Mark's role in FCN is to ensure that its volunteer groups are supported to carry out their work within their local farming communities. He also has responsibility for the FCN Helpline.

Mark Walton

GREEN INVESTMENT: OPPORTUNITIES FOR NATURE FRIENDLY FARMING OR A NEW LAND GRAB?

Mark is the founder and Director of Shared Assets, a think-and-do tank working to create a socially-just future through practical projects that build new relationships between people and the land. He is involved in a range of projects that are seeking to increase the opportunities of communities and new entrant farmers to secure land for agroecological farming, including creating new opportunities for peri-urban agroecological farming, and how land banks and land trusts can help facilitate the transfer of more land into community ownership and management.

Marthe Kiley-Worthington

CATTLE AS TRANSLATORS OF LAND

Marthe is a farmer who has developed five ecological farms (self-sustaining, diversified, high net yielding, where the whole farm is also a nature reserve). She is also an ethologist and ecologist focused on animal welfare. Marthe has spent the last 20 years studying the epistemology of cattle, horses, elephants and rhino. She has published eight books and over 100 papers. She runs a small ecological farm on Exmoor - anyone interested is welcome to visit.

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Martin Lines

LIVING LEGENDS: RECOGNISING THE HERITAGE AND NATURE VALUE OF ANCIENT TREES ON FARMS

Martin is a third-generation farmer and contractor who grows mainly arable crops on his family farm and rented land in Cambridgeshire. He is also Chair of the Nature Friendly Farming Network (NFFN), a farmer-led, grassroots organisation which profiles a way of farming that puts nature and the environment at its heart.

Mary Dobbing

STREET GOAT: URBAN GOAT REARING FOR HIGH WELFARE MILK AND MEAT

Towny to farmer, and complete novice to goat keeper in three years. Mary was attracted to Street Goat by contact with the animals, and then experiencing goat-keeping for milk and meat products, she found the model compelling. She has witnessed the regenerative possibilities of grazing urban edgelands in terms of the land, species conservation and building community.

Matt Pitts

PLANTLIFE'S MEADOW-MAKING WORKSHOP

Matt is a Meadows Adviser at Plantlife. He advises and supports anyone interested in restoring, creating and managing wildflower meadows. Matt has over 20 years' experience advising landowners on conservation management and enjoys getting out and exploring meadows and sharing his passion for wild flowers.

Matt Swabrick

DEMYSTIFYING PERMACULTURE: TOOLS FOR THE AGROECOLOGICAL TRANSITION

Matt is a permaculture-inspired farmer at Henbant in North Wales. An ecologist by background, he and his family are on a mission to prove that with a small farm you can produce good food, financial profit, build soil and biodiversity, build community and enjoy it all at the same time.

Matthew Izod

FINDING SOLUTIONS TO THE FERTILISER CRISIS: PRACTICAL ON FARM INNOVATION FOR HOME GROWN FERTILITY

Matthew farms with his dad on Priory

Farm in the Cotswolds. Together they grow 500 acres of combinable crops, including milling wheat, malting barley, peas and OSR. They have also recently added a small Shropshire pedigree flock of sheep to the farm. After taking part in research into no-till and cover crops with Innovative Farmers, Matthew has been convinced by the merits of cover crops and has plans to extend them across the farm in the next five years. Matthew believes the benefits from these practices will make the business more resilient in tougher years and is key to protecting soil health and biodiversity on the farm. Amongst a host of other conservation agriculture practices, he has recently joined the living mulch field lab and has been experimenting establishing clover as a permanent cover crop underneath his cash crops. @MatthewIzod

Melanie Allen

COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING FOR A RACIALLY JUST FOOD SYSTEM

Melanie serves as the Program Director for the Black Farmer Fund. She is passionate about pushing forward efforts that create a future where black farmers and residents take control of local food systems, and have access to healthy, affordable and sustainable food. Melanie has worked on the intersection of climate change, agriculture, human rights and international policy for nearly a decade, specifically through her work with Conservation International, Amnesty International and Les Jardins Chez Marlene.

Melanie Knight

SEED-SAVING: PRESERVING BIODIVERSITY, STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE AND PROMOTING HEALTHY DIETS

Melanie Knight is a co-leader of Griffin Growers, a community farm and garden in Wiltshire, UK. She began as a volunteer in September 2020, having no previous experience in growing produce other than in her home garden with her husband. Inspired by her experience, Melanie became a co-leader in March 2022.

Melissa Harvey

DARTINGTON AS AN AGROECOLOGICAL LIGHTHOUSE

Melissa is a grower, horticulture teacher and lecturer on the MSc

Programme in Regenerative Food, Farming, and Enterprise. Her experience includes research in Sri Lanka following the tsunami, for her MPhil in Sustainable Agriculture, where she explored elements influencing the resilience of smallholder farmers. Inspired to work more locally towards a more sustainable food system, Melissa trained in practical sustainable horticulture and went on to work as part of a team to set up School Farm CSA near Totnes, as well as working to support food growing and composting in schools across Devon.

Merlin Sheldrake

MYCELIUM'S MOMENT: UNDERSTANDING THE GROWING FASCINATION WITH FUNGI

Merlin is a biologist and author of *Entangled Life*, a New York Times and Sunday Times bestseller, and winner of the Royal Society Book Prize and the Wainwright Prize. Merlin is a research associate of the VU Amsterdam, and works with the Society for the Protection of Underground Networks and the Fungi Foundation.

Miche Fabre Lewin

INTUITIVE FARMING AND OTHER NATURAL WAYS OF KNOWING

Artist-gastrosopher Miche is French Zimbabwean and lives in Suffolk. Her methodology of the intuitive attunes the bodymind within the entangled sentience of matter, place and spirit. Through convivial food rituals, installations, writings and transdisciplinary collaborations, Miche's art cultivates a sympoiethics of care in the everyday.

Micheal Michaud

DIVERSIFYING UK FRUIT AND VEG PRODUCE: PERCEPTIONS, OPPORTUNITIES, AND COLLABORATION BRINGING 'EXOTIC' CROPS TO MARKET

In the 1980s, Michael Michaud and his wife Joy started Peppers by Post, a market gardening enterprise that grew chillies and sold them through the post. From that venture evolved Sea Spring Seeds, a web-based company selling seeds of quality vegetables, including those found in Britain's immigrant communities. Since many of the seeds are generally unavailable through normal channels, they are produced at Michaud's nursery in West Dorset.

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Michel Pimbert

LIVING BREAD: THE WAY OF THE PEASANT BAKER

Professor Michel Pimbert is the head at the Center for Agroecology, Water & Resilience (CAWR) at Coventry University. His research interests include: enabling policies and practices for agroecology and food sovereignty; the governance and adaptive management of biodiversity and natural resources; participatory action research methodologies; and deliberative democratic processes. Over the last 30 years he has published extensively in these areas, linking theory and practice to inform policy making on food, agriculture, environment, and human well being.

Mike Robinson

WHAT ROLE COULD HUNTING AND GATHERING PLAY IN FEEDING OUR NATION?

Mike is the UK's most prominent game chef and champion of game cooking. As a chef, restaurateur, hunter gatherer and conservationist he is obsessed with wild, sustainable ingredients. He has his own private deer park in Berkshire, with Red, Fallow and the largest herd of Axis deer in the UK.

Miriam Rose

INTERGENERATIONAL LAND OWNERSHIP BEYOND THE FAMILY TREE

Miriam co-manages Hardwick Estate in Oxfordshire with her brother and father. The estate has been organic since 1975 and is shifting from private ownership into a participatory charitable structure with 'community at the core', which reflects the estate's vision to build a resilient, thriving rural economy and community based on ecological land management and artisan crafts.
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Monica Wilde

WHAT ROLE COULD HUNTING AND GATHERING PLAY IN FEEDING OUR NATION?

Monica 'Mo' Wilde is a forager, research herbalist, author and ethnobotanist. With a Masters degree in herbal medicine, she practises at Napiers Claid Clinic. Mo researches, teaches and lectures on wild food foraging and the use of medicinal herbs, mushrooms and algae. Her book *The Wilderness Cure* was published in June 2022.

Naomi Terry

THE JUMPING FENCES REPORT: LAND JUSTICE, FOOD JUSTICE AND RACIAL JUSTICE IN BRITISH FARMING

Naomi is the researcher for the Jumping Fences project with the Ecological Land Cooperative, Land In Our Names and the Landworkers' Alliance. Her research focuses on decoloniality, justice, and food systems transformation through understanding cultural phenomena of migration and diaspora.

Naomi Millner

SOILED: COMPOSTING TRAUMA

Naomi is a Senior Lecturer in Human Geography, Geographical Sciences, at the University of Bristol. She is an activist-researcher, community gardener and storyteller. Her research projects are linked with questions of land and the politics of knowledge, and she is currently working with social movements and community groups in Central America and in the UK on issues surrounding food and land poverty.

Natalie Lartey

SEEDING REPARATIONS: MAKING THE UK'S FOOD CORPORATIONS PAY

Natalie is leading the International Institute for Environment and Development's work to address racism in internal discourses, and external narratives about sustainable development. This work is built from her experience designing and delivering strategies that engage Black people, and people of colour, in environmental and development lobbying and campaigning. Natalie is an advocate and communicator, who leads agenda-setting and policy-influencing initiatives that bring social justice and anti-racist approaches to her specialist areas of child and maternal nutrition, food systems, farming, and fisheries. Her previous work at IIED focuses on advocacy and communications skills building, mentoring and peer learning.

Nathan Einbinder

DARTINGTON AS AN AGROECOLOGICAL LIGHTHOUSE / SHARING EXPERIENCES OF DROUGHT AND RESILIENCE BETWEEN INDIGENOUS FARMERS

Nathan leads the MSc in Regenerative Food, Farming, and Enterprise at Schumacher College in Devon. He has

carried out agroecology research and accompaniment work in the Maya-Achí territory for 15 years.

Nell Benney

JUST ANOTHER DIAMOND DAY: BUILDING WORKERS' POWER IN THE AGROECOLOGICAL AND REGENERATIVE FARMING SECTORS

Nell worked as a small-scale farmer for a number of years before returning to academia to investigate the complexities around workplace justice within sustainable, agroecological farming. After completing her masters thesis on agroecological internships, she has recently started a PhD, focusing on labour conditions within the small-scale farming sector.

Nick Hayes

PROTEST AND LAND RIGHTS: WHAT HAVE WE GOT TO BE AFRAID OF?

Nick is an illustrator and author of *The Book of Trespass*. He lives on the river Thames, he venerates Irish traditional music, and is a purveyor of finely crafted rambling sticks and english shillelaghs (anti-aristocratic cudgels).

Nick Lunch

STRUGGLES FOR LAND JUSTICE: SHARING STRATEGIES FROM THE UK, BRAZIL, AND EAST AFRICA

Nick is a co-founder of InsightShare; an organisation working with Indigenous Peoples to help them protect their territories, languages and cultures through the use of participatory video. His focus is currently on honing the organisation's capacity building skills, working with community-based Indigenous facilitators to support a growing grassroots participatory video movement - The Living Cultures Alliance.

Nicola Renison

FEEDING BRITAIN FROM THE GROUND UP: WHY WE SHOULD ALIGN OUR FUTURE DIETS WITH REGENERATIVE FARMING SYSTEMS

Nicola farms with her husband Reno in Cumbria, Northern England. The daughter of dairy farmers, Nic grew up within the conventional, high production ag environment, growing food with little thought of the environment - 'it just wasn't on our radar'. It wasn't until in 2012 when the Renisons started farming their own

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land that they started to think more regeneratively. This wasn't because they wanted to save the world, it was because they needed to pay the bills! The last ten years have been a journey of both practical 're-learning' and a total change in mindset. They now farm 80 beef cattle who are 100% grass-fed, with laying hens following the cows around in an 'egg mobile', also a handful of woodland pigs. No artificial fertilisers and sprays have been used for seven years. This, along with extended rest periods for the grasslands and planting hedges and trees, means the farm's ecosystem is now well and truly thriving. Nicola and Reno are also founding members of 'Carbon Calling', a regenerative farming conference in the North of England.

Nicola Chester

PROTEST AND LAND RIGHTS: WHAT HAVE WE GOT TO BE AFRAID OF?

Nicola is the award-winning author of *On Gallows Down: Place, Protest and Belonging*. She is a school librarian, Guardian country diarist, and writes for Countryfile magazine and the RSPB. She has campaigned for nature in earnest since the road protests of the 1990s, and is a tenant on a farm estate.

Nicola Westgate

CAN WE MAKE HEALTH 'INFECTIOUS'? EXPLORE THE EFFECTS OF SUBTLE ENERGY SYSTEMS ON OVERALL FARM HEALTH (WORKSHOP)

Nicola's family farm produces and sells certified organic, 100% grass-fed beef and lamb on the Jurassic Coast where much of the land is owned by the National Trust, managed to protect the environment and encourage biodiversity. The farm adopts a holistic approach to livestock health, focusing on keeping animals in optimum health to prevent any issues from occurring.

Nicole Pisani

AN AGROECOLOGICAL APPROACH TO EDUCATION

Nicole was Head Chef at Ottolenghi's NOPI and had previously worked at The Modern Pantry. She is the co-founder and Executive Head Chef of Chefs in Schools and works on the food education programme at the School of Food in Hackney. She worked at Gayhurst Primary School before going on to export her discoveries and training programmes to over 80+ schools across London.

Nick Weir

HOW TO GROW A FOOD HUB: VARIOUS APPROACHES TO CREATING A COMMUNITY FOOD ENTERPRISE

Nick is a part-time grower on a CSA project and works with the Open Food Network to facilitate farmers and growers of all kinds to build short supply chains and resilient local food systems, including community food hubs that bring together produce from multiple local suppliers onto one online shopfront.
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Nikki Yoxall

WHAT'S STOPPING THE TRANSITION TO MORE LOCALISED AGROECOLOGICAL FARMING SYSTEMS? / A GOOD LIFE: HOW ANIMAL WELFARE AND SUSTAINABILITY GO HOOF IN HAND

Nikki is an educator and first generation farmer based in North East Scotland, where she and her husband run Grampian Graziers – working with local landowners to graze cattle for ecological and biodiversity benefit, whilst selling 100% pasture and tree fed beef to the local community. She is currently undertaking a PhD in Agroecological Transitions, and has interests in Holistic Management, agroforestry, native breed cattle and connecting folk with their food. She works with Pasture for Life to support the links between academic research and knowledge exchange and farmers and members. Nikki sits on the Nature Friendly Farming Network Scotland Steering Group and the board of NatureScot.

Ninian Stuart

INTERGENERATIONAL LAND OWNERSHIP BEYOND THE FAMILY TREE

Ninian is a landowner committed to the stewardship of Falkland Estate and passing it on beyond his family. He co-founded Falkland Stewardship Trust, Fife Employment Access Trust & 1000 Huts. He loves learning and collaborating with people using systemic leadership and regenerative methods.

Oli Rodker

STRUGGLES FOR LAND JUSTICE: SHARING STRATEGIES FROM THE UK, BRAZIL, AND EAST AFRICA

Oli is an experienced environmental and land justice campaigner. He sits on the Co-ordinating Group of

the Landworkers' Alliance, and is a co-founder of the Ecological Land Cooperative. ELC is dedicated to giving 'access to land' opportunities by setting up new small farms. He has set up, lived and worked in various land-related co-operatives over the last 25 years.

Olivia Oldham

INTERGENERATIONAL LANDOWNERSHIP BEYOND THE FAMILY TREE / GREEN INVESTMENT: OPPORTUNITIES FOR NATURE FRIENDLY FARMING OR A NEW LAND GRAB?

Olivia (she/her) is a writer, researcher and facilitator who works to nourish just, joyful and agroecological food and land futures. She is carrying out a PhD at the University of Edinburgh, investigating the role of different approaches to property and land ownership in an agroecological transition. She also works as Community Development Lead for Farmerama Radio.

Olivia Watkins

COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING FOR A RACIALLY JUST FOOD SYSTEM

Olivia is a social entrepreneur and impact investor. For the past seven years, she has financed, developed, and operated environmental and social projects across the US. She currently serves as a co-founder and President of Black Farmer Fund, and as a board member for Soul Fire Farm Institute. Prior to founding Black Farmer Fund in 2017, Olivia worked in several production roles at Soul Fire Farm Institute and Kahumana Organic Farms, leveraging her environmental biology background to manage and grow environmentally regenerative and socially impactful business operations. She was recognized on the 2021 Forbes 30 under 30 Social Impact list and The Grist 50.

Ollie Zhang

COMMONING FOOD SYSTEMS THROUGH ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF OWNERSHIP

Ollie is a researcher and writer. At Open Systems Lab they lead on Fairhold, a proposed class of ownership allowing landowners to make their land available as a platform for the community. Previously, they have worked as a curator focussing on equitable infrastructure design, as well as for a platform co-op. They hold an MA in Research Architecture.

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Paige Hunt
**THE EMERGENT
GENERATION: BUILDING AN
AGROECOLOGICAL FUTURE**

As an Environmental Biology graduate, Paige worked at FAI Farms near Oxford for 3 years helping to implement regenerative agriculture projects for large food businesses. Today she's in the Environmental Sustainability Team at Sainsbury's and is passionate about both connecting with and understanding the perspectives of young farmers and growers. Paige is a member of the Emergent Generation.

Paloma Gormley
**HEMP: KEY ELEMENT OF A
DECENTRALISED BIO-BASED
ECONOMY?**

Paloma is co-founder of Material Cultures and teaches at University of the Arts London. She is an internationally acclaimed designer responsible for a series of celebrated architectural and urban projects. Her work is rooted in a creative pragmatism whilst drawing on new technologies and the integration of new materials.

Pammy Riggs
**CAN WE MAKE HEALTH 'INFECTIOUS'?
EXPLORE THE EFFECTS OF SUBTLE
ENERGY SYSTEMS ON OVERALL FARM
HEALTH (WORKSHOP)**

Pammy is a well-respected figure in the farming and food industry, having run Providence Farm in Devon for over 20 years with her husband Ritchie. Honouring their livestock's natural behaviour, and using methods that enhance the health of the land, led them to develop their Positive Health Management System, which resulted in many awards. Pammy has taught a variety of courses, including the poultry-keeping course at River Cottage, and is the author of *Chicken Keeping for Dummies* and *Space for Farming*. She is a Complementary Health Advisor for Whole Health Agriculture, specialising in dairy, in the North Devon area.

Patricia Clavin
EATING TO EXTINCTION

Patricia is Professor of Modern History in the History Faculty at Oxford University, and a Fellow of Worcester College. She writes and teaches the history of international relations, with a special interest in the history of food security from around 1850. She is

project director of a new Oxford Martin School research programme related to managing future shocks related to 'Changing Global Orders'.

Patrick Andrews
**INTERGENERATIONAL LAND
OWNERSHIP BEYOND THE
FAMILY TREE**

Patrick is a freelance adviser specialising in questions of ownership and governance. A former corporate lawyer, he has a particular interest in new models of ownership, promoting a shift to a stewardship mindset that acknowledges our inter-dependence with all life.

Patrick Holden
**FEEDING BRITAIN FROM THE GROUND
UP: WHY WE SHOULD ALIGN OUR
FUTURE DIETS WITH REGENERATIVE
FARMING SYSTEMS**

Patrick founded the Sustainable Food Trust in 2011 with the mission of accelerating the global transition towards more sustainable food systems. His extensive advocacy work centres on the importance of transforming our food and farming systems in the face of climate change, biodiversity loss and poor public health, and includes regular broadcasts as well as talks at public events. After studying biodynamic agriculture at Emerson College, Patrick established a mixed community farm in Wales in 1973. His farm is now the longest-established mixed organic dairy holding in Wales and produces an-award winning raw milk cheddar-style cheese, Hafod, from the milk of 90 Ayrshire dairy cows. Patrick was the founding chairman of British Organic Farmers in 1982, and director of the Soil Association from 1995 until 2010.

Patrick MacManaway
**CONTEMPORARY SPIRITUALITY AND
MENTAL HEALTH: RECOGNISING OUR
OWN PATH IN RELATION TO NATURE
AND THE LAND**

Patrick is a third-generation practitioner of the psychic and healing arts working with people, projects, businesses and places. His services include earth energy balancing, and earth acupuncture for geopathic stress remediation, and spirit release and space clearing for site energy enhancement. Patrick also engages in traditional and shamanic healing

practices and loves to lead firewalking events. Training first with his parents at their Healing and Teaching Centre in rural Fife, Scotland, Patrick graduated in Medicine at Edinburgh University before taking apprenticeships in both Western and Eastern approaches to traditional Geomancy and working with landscape energy. He is the author of several books and consults world-wide.

Patrick Mallery
**STREET GOAT: URBAN GOAT REARING
FOR HIGH WELFARE MILK AND MEAT**

As a food activist, Patrick has over 15 years of experience in growing food and developing food systems. He helped set up the innovative farming project, Street Goat, a community-led urban micro dairy and grazing project. He gives talks and demonstrations around meat and dairy production internationally.

Paul Totterdell
**GETTING TO THE ROOTS OF
HERBAL LEYS**

Paul is the General Manager at Cotswold Seeds. He has a deep interest in herbal leys and was involved in the multi-million pound, EU-funded Healthy Hay and Legume Plus research programme, focusing on the science behind the forgotten forage crop sainfoin. He helps run the herbal ley events at FarmED and is a keen beekeeper.
@CotswoldSeeds

Pete Ritchie
**WHAT'S AT STEAK? THE ROLE OF
LIVESTOCK AND ALTERNATIVE
PROTEINS TO BUILD SUSTAINABLE
FOOD SYSTEMS AND SUSTAINABLE
DIETS IN THE UK / STATE OF THE FOUR
NATIONS: UK FOOD AND F
ARMING POLICY**

Pete is a farmer and executive director of Nourish Scotland, with a background in community development and social policy. Pete engages with policymakers and stakeholders as well as working for change from the bottom-up with grassroots groups. Pete is also the convener of Scottish Environment LINK's Food and Farming Group.
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Pete Russell
**FUNDING REGENERATION: HOW
UNCONVENTIONAL FINANCING
MODELS CAN SUPPORT FOOD AND
FARMING BUSINESSES**

Pete is the founder of Oooby, a software

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platform for farms to sell and deliver direct to homes. Starting in 2008, Pete has navigated through many gnarly challenges, which have provided useful insights and have helped form strong foundations for a network of over 40 independent food hubs.

Peter Brooks

INVESTIGATIVE ECOLOGY: CRITICAL VIEWS ON THE POLITICS OF CONTEMPORARY AGRICULTURE

Peter is a researcher-designer working between architecture and climate activism. He focuses on how the logistics of agribusiness affect ecological systems, changing the material form of food we eat and the landscapes we farm. His current work traces nutrient flows along poultry supply chains and into the River Wye.

Peter Lefort

PERSONAL RESILIENCE (WORKSHOP)

Peter has been running resilience workshops for 10 years, supporting activists, organisations, farmers, and community groups across the UK. He works for the University of Exeter, creating connections between environmental research and climate action, and is also the Co-Chair of the Transition Network, an international movement of grassroots initiatives working to reimagine our world.

Peter Samsom

LOCAL FOOD ECONOMIES: HOW DO WE JOIN THE DOTS?

Peter works for the Landworkers' Alliance on the Resilient Local Food Systems project and the Wesh Food Hubs projects. Most recently he worked as one of the coordinators for Food Durham, the County Durham Food Partnership and before that, in the nature conservation sector. He was also one of the founding members of the North Pennines Wool Group and the North Pennines Smallholders Association.

Phil Houghton

CAN FARMING AND FOOD TRADERS WEATHER THE ECONOMIC STORM? / RADICAL RETAILERS: WORKING TOGETHER BETTER AS TRADERS

Phil is the founder of award-winning organic retailer Better Food, as well as a farmer, campaigner and author. Better Food now has three sites across Bristol, all proud to stock local, organic and ethically-sourced products, and to be a force for good in the communities they serve.

Philip Franes

BIODYNAMICS FOR LOCAL FOOD AND NATURE RESTORATION: TRIALLING A MODEL WITH DIOCESIAN LAND

Philip is Senior Lecturer in Holistic Science, teaching the dynamic relation of whole and part and applying these lessons to landscape, water and community engagement as Director of Strategy at The Flow Partnership. He has taught on the MSc in Holistic Science at Schumacher College for a decade and is now the head of the year-long online course on Goethe and the Language of Holistic Science. Philip is also co-editor of the Holistic Science Journal and author of *Time, Light and the Dice of Creation* published by Floris Books.

Piers Torday

TREE TO ME: SUSTAINABLE AGROFORESTRY AND VEGETABLE-BASED INKS IN PUBLISHING

Piers Torday is an award-winning and bestselling writer for children, whose many books on environmental themes include *The Last Wild* trilogy (Guardian Children's Fiction Prize), and the recent prequel, *The Wild Before*. He is a regular speaker at Extinction Rebellions and is Chair of the Society of Authors Sustainability Working Group.

Poppy Flint

SOIL VOICES: A CREATIVE WORKSHOP EXPLORING WHAT PEOPLE THINK ABOUT THE STUFF BENEATH OUR FEET

Poppy is an educator and artist who values hands-on experiences - especially food growing - for teaching and starting conversations about nature/human interactions. She is currently developing an installation called Underfoot that brings together current soil and mycological research with stories, views and knowledge harvested through public workshops.

Poppy Okotcha

CRAFTING THE NARRATIVE TO TRANSFORM OUR FOOD AND FARMING SYSTEMS

Poppy is an ecologically-focused grower on a home and community scale. She writes and speaks on the relationship between sustainability, people, food and land both on and off social media. She works to inspire reconnection to land through growing; sharing the stories behind plants, soil and seed. Poppy promotes this relearning as a route into achieving a

symbiotic relationship with the living world, a necessary shift in our time.

Rachel Phillips

DEMYSTIFYING PERMACULTURE: TOOLS FOR THE AGROECOLOGICAL TRANSITION

Rachel is a director of the Apricot Centre based at Huxhams Cross Farm, Devon. She leads the education offer, training new entrant farmers and farmers wanting to convert to regenerative land based systems. Huxhams Cross has used a range of regenerative methodologies including biodynamics, agroforestry and permaculture design to create a thriving, biodiverse and profitable farm.

Rachel Solnick

CULTIVATING BELONGING: EXPLORING DIASPORIC RELATIONSHIPS TO LAND

Rachel is a land worker, artist, researcher, mother, Ashkenazi/Sephardi Jew. She is a PhD candidate investigating the intersections of Black and Jewish political radicalism on land. Her work focuses on how discourses of racial justice and Diasporism provide a means for a radical politics of co-liberation and anti-racist, decolonial land practices.

Rachel Sweeney

UNEARTHING: DEVELOPING SOCIAL PERMACULTURE PHILOSOPHY AND PRINCIPLES THROUGH SHARED MOVEMENT PRACTICE

Rachel is a practising movement artist whose research actively seeks our transdisciplinary approaches to decolonizing body-place relationships, engaging creatively and imaginatively with cultural heritage and sustainability discourses. She has previously been a Visiting Fellow for the Humanities Research Centre at the Australian National University, and a Centre Fellow for the Centre for Sustainable Futures at the University of Plymouth.

Raul Ospina Bonillo

CREATING SPACE FOR NEURODIVERSITY IN REGENERATIVE FARMING PRACTICES

Coming from a rural farming background, Raul moved into working with FarmAbility as a volunteer and then a staff member alongside his regular farm work nine years ago. He is widely experienced in working with learning disabilities, dementia and

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managing livestock, and is eloquent in the synergy of working with all of these strands together.

Rebecca Laughton
A MARKET GARDEN RENAISSANCE? LEARNING AND STRATEGIES FOR PERI-URBAN FARMING IN THE UK / SMALL FARMS ACROSS FOUR NATIONS: TOWARDS A MORE INCLUSIVE UK SUBSIDY SYSTEM

Rebecca manages the Peri-Urban Practitioners' Forums for the Fringe Farming project, which is an open platform for peri-urban growers to share their experiences and knowledge, so that they can build collective strength. She also has many years of experience in organic market gardening, farming and research relating to small scale agriculture and low impact planning, and is the author of *Surviving and Thriving on the Land* (Green Books, 2008). She currently works part-time at a glasshouse in Somerset, growing salad crops, while focussing on advocacy and research in the Landworkers' Alliance Horticulture Campaign. She also facilitates the LWA horticulture ELMS Test and Trial, Growing the Goods.

Rebecca Mayhew
HOW FARMERS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO MEANINGFUL FOOD SYSTEM CHANGE / A GOOD LIFE: HOW ANIMAL WELFARE AND SUSTAINABILITY GO HOOF IN HAND

Rebecca farms with her husband Stuart and two children, Isobel and Jack in South Norfolk, where they're converting the once intensively farmed 500 acres into a regenerative oasis. Enterprises include a 60 head raw Jersey dairy keeping calves and cows together, a suckler herd, sheep, pigs, goats, laying hens, and a farm shop, cafe, butchery and vineyard. Holistic Management training in 2020 has provided an invaluable framework for healing the farm, and helping to run a diverse business, whilst engaging with other farmers, the public and local schools about climate change, farming practices and nutrient-dense food.

Rebecca Swinn
EXPERTS IN THEIR FIELD: EXPLORING THE BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES OF FARMER-LED RESEARCH

Rebecca manages the Innovative Farmers programme, run by the Soil Association. She works with farmers,

researchers and the wider industry to run practical, farmer-led trials known as 'field labs' and showcase innovative farming practices that improve environmental and financial resilience. Her background includes organic certification, environmental reporting, social housing food programmes and an MSc in Environment and Development with a focus on life-cycle analysis of cut flowers.

Rhian Williams
OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO NEW ENTRANTS

Rhian supports the development of informal training within Cymru. She works with both trainees and hosts to enable the provision of quality training, to increase the number of training opportunities, and to connect trainees to the wider agroecological movement. She also grows veg for a new CSA, Kirkstall Valley Farm.

Richard Benwell
REWARDING THE FARMING CHAMPIONS: A FUTURE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAND MANAGEMENT

Richard has a long career in environmental policy, including working with the RSPB and the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, and as a Policy Adviser to the Secretary of State for the Environment. He is currently Chief Executive of Wildlife and Countryside Link, the largest environment and wildlife coalition in England, bringing together 65 organisations to use their strong joint voice for the protection of nature.

Richard and Keith Shropshire
ORGANIC PROPAGATION: DIY PERENNIALS AND THE CHALLENGES OF SETTING UP A FIELD-SCALE FOREST NURSERY

Richard is the Farm Director at Woodhall Growers, implementing a five year environmental plan focusing on improving the 3 C's - Compost, Clover and Compaction. The farm works on a four-year rotation for conventional produce and six years for organic. Since 2015, all land (whether farmed organically or non-organically) is covered with various mixes of clovers, grasses and brassicas. No land is left bare and exposed to the elements. Headlands are planted with a phacelia mix to encourage bees and beneficial insects, and dedicated nectar flower and wild bird seed areas are planted

annually. The moorlands at the centre of the farm are managed to encourage species such as snipe and lapwings. Since 2015, Keith has been germinating seeds from native field trees around the farm and growing them organically for onward sale. Any unsold stock is then planted around the farm.

Richie Walsh
SEED STORIES FROM ACROSS THE UK AND IRELAND

Richie is the Seed Sovereignty Coordinator for Scotland. He also works in horticulture therapy and is a keen amateur botanist and brewer of beer, mead and hedgerow wines. Over the last decade he has set up and run community gardens in Dublin, Amsterdam and Glasgow.

Rickey Bryan
DIVERSIFYING UK FRUIT AND VEG PRODUCE: PERCEPTIONS, OPPORTUNITIES, AND COLLABORATION BRINGING 'EXOTIC' CROPS TO MARKET

Rickey has begun a journey at Woodoaks Farm growing a new horticultural enterprise from scratch in under a year. His Caribbean heritage and rich knowledge of growing techniques inspired him to set up Rickey's Alkaline Market Garden and Fruit Forest. Opening its doors in late September 2022, this new venture now accepts customers, visitors and volunteers. He is passionate about growing organically, the way nature intended it.

Rob Booth
COMMONING FOOD SYSTEMS THROUGH ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF OWNERSHIP

Rob Booth is a researcher at the University of Birmingham whose work examines the present possibilities for future food systems transformation in England. He has also collaborated with the think tank Common Wealth, authoring reports on alternative approaches to agricultural innovation and the Right to Food.

Robert Fraser
FUNDING REGENERATION: HOW UNCONVENTIONAL FINANCING MODELS CAN SUPPORT FOOD AND FARMING BUSINESSES

Robert is Executive Director of the Real Farming Trust and manages the Loans for Enlightened Agriculture Programme (LEAP), which provides

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funding and support to agroecological and community food businesses. Robert is also a livestock farmer, so has a deep understanding of the sector and challenges it faces. He lives in Herefordshire with his wife and two children.

Robin Teverson
UK CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE ASSESSES THE ROLE OF AGROECOLOGICAL FARMING IN THE TRANSITION TO NET ZERO

Robin Teverson is Co-Chair of the APPG for Agroecology, a Lib Dem member of the House of Lords, and the party's spokesperson in the Lords on Energy and Climate Change. He lives in Cornwall and chairs the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Nature Partnership. His career started in the freight industry. He was an MEP representing Cornwall and Plymouth.

Rohit Kaushish
HOW CAN INVESTMENT AND FINANCE DECISIONS BE ALIGNED WITH A TRANSITION TO AGROECOLOGY?

Chief Economics Advisor at the National Farmers' Union, Rohit oversees a team of economists, statisticians and rural experts to develop and communicate the economic policy of the NFU. Key policy areas include EU exit, domestic agricultural policy and environmental policy – including natural capital, net zero, environmental markets and the Environmental Land Management Scheme.

Rose Lewis
DIVERSIFYING UK FRUIT AND VEG PRODUCE: PERCEPTIONS, OPPORTUNITIES, AND COLLABORATION BRINGING 'EXOTIC' CROPS TO MARKET / ARE YOU A LANDOWNER LOOKING TO DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY?

Rose recently joined the Soil Association and is working on an exciting project to develop a new food and farming hub. The project aims to disrupt industrial-scale food systems one farm at a time. Rose has a Masters in Environmental Technology from Imperial College, which offered the chance to discover the role agriculture has played in contributing to the climate crisis, and how it can also contribute to help to solve both the climate injustice and social injustice that has been caused by industrial-

scale food systems. Rose's ambition is to bring 25 years of commercial and startup experience to create new models for sustainable and local food systems.

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@farmwoodoaks

Rosie Begg
EXPERTS IN THEIR FIELD: EXPLORING THE BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES OF FARMER-LED RESEARCH

Rosie is a mid-Norfolk blackcurrant grower and Soil Food Web School graduate. She only has four seasons of full-time farming under her belt, professes to be no expert but is eager to learn. With degraded soils and increasingly unpredictable weather she has been passionate about working with peers, innovators and scientists on exploring more resilient growing methods that make sense for both business and nature.

Ross Paton
DEVELOPING THE UK ORGANIC SECTOR: ORGANIC ACTION PLANS AS STRATEGIES FOR GROWTH

Ross is chair of the Scottish Organic Stakeholders Group, the sector representative body north of the border. He is a director at organic dairy co-operative OMSCO and a dairy farmer in Dumfries and Galloway. The 353ha family farm, Torr Organic Dairy, has been certified since 2001.

Rosy Benson
LIVING BREAD: THE WAY OF THE PEASANT BAKER

Rosy runs Field Bakery on Gotherney Farm in Somerset, at the foothills of the Quantocks. She has been a baker and teacher for 10 years throughout the UK and US, exploring connection through real bread. She is committed to creating meaningful work that nourishes her community and inspires agency as a baker. An advocate of sourdough fermentation using fresh stone-milled flour on her 40 inch New American Stone Mill, she works together with Fred the farmer at Gotherney to bring visibility to the emerging grain system which aims to diversify and relocalise grain. This acts to support the work of the South West Grain Network.

Roz Corbett
STRUGGLES FOR LAND JUSTICE: SHARING STRATEGIES FROM THE UK, BRAZIL, AND EAST AFRICA

Roz is a grower, organiser and researcher. She is a member of the Coordinating Group of the Landworkers' Alliance and previously worked as the Policy and Campaigns coordinator in Scotland and Coordinator of LWA presence at COP26. She is currently researching for a PhD looking at Land Reform and Agroecological transitions in Scotland while being a part-time market gardener.

Rupert Callender
FOLKLORE, CUSTOM, AND RITUAL

Ru is author of the new book, *What Remains? Life, Death and the Human Art of Undertaking*. He was moved to become an undertaker through his experience of bereavement and its aftermath. He spent much of his childhood in the hospice where his mother worked, and the caring humanistic philosophy of the hospice movement is central to his work. He opened The Green Funeral Company with Claire in 2000 and the company is now among the country's best-known eco-friendly funeral directors. In 2012, they won Joint Best Funeral Director at the first Good Funeral Awards and were described as 'The best undertakers of all time, by a country mile' by Good Funeral Guide author, Charles Cowling. Ru and Claire spoke at TEDx Totnes on death, grief, ritual and radical funerals. In 2021, Claire left the company and Ru continues with a new colleague. @wayswithweirds

Rubi Orozco Santos
UNCEDED VOICES: REMATRIATING THE NARRATIVE

Rubi is the granddaughter of Amelia, Juan, Leoncio, and Lorenza, Mexican farmworkers and janitors who were also poets and musicians. She is a cultural and wellness worker with a commitment to rekindle relationships to severed sources of power: ancestral wisdom, inner wisdom, and the Earth. Through community-rooted processes, she contributes to the strengthening of Mexican heritage foodways and wordways: the manner in which food is grown and shared, as well as the narratives that accompany land and ancestral foods.

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Ruby Reed

MOVING FORWARD WITH POSITIVITY IN CHALLENGING TIMES / ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION AND AGROECOLOGY THROUGH ONLINE LEARNING

Ruby is co-founder of systems change and transformative education initiative Advaya, co-founder of EcoResolution, a platform linking grassroots movements with new audiences, and co-founder of Initiative Earth, a charity supporting ecosystem restoration and regenerative communities. She's also a Yoga Therapist, Trustee of Resurgence Trust and Talks Curator for Medicine Festival.

Rupert Dunn

LIVING BREAD: THE WAY OF THE PEASANT BAKER

Rupert grew up in the Gwaun valley in Pembrokeshire. After learning in France, he set up Torth y Tir peasant bakery, growing, milling and wood-fired baking with heritage wheat. He spent years immersed in the global social movements around food sovereignty and now works for Shipton Mill as their Small scale farming and community engagement manager, supporting farmers to grow heritage wheat and bakers to bake with it.

Ruth Segal

WHAT'S STOPPING THE TRANSITION TO MORE LOCALISED AGROECOLOGICAL FARMING SYSTEMS?

Ruth is CAFOD's policy analyst on food systems and land. She has been working for more than 25 years on food and agriculture issues internationally and in the UK. This has included working to support natural resource management programmes in Ethiopia; advocacy work in Nepal on food security policy; research for Food Ethics Council; setting up a food produce market in her local town; and completing a PhD examining policy dynamics shaping international agricultural research. She has a professional interest in seed sovereignty and an amateur interest in bread baking.

Sally Bell

THE POWER OF FOOD TO HEAL MINDS, BODIES, COMMUNITIES AND OUR LAND

Sally is a GP with an expertise in lifestyle medicine. Her 23 years of experience has taken her to remote

areas of Africa, the inner city in the UK and in more recent years the British farmers fields! Dr Bell runs a private health clinic, contributes regularly to BBC Radio and actively supports the regenerative farming and food movement.

Sam Leach

FORGOTTEN FRUIT: HOW CRAFT CIDER IS REVIVING TRADITIONAL ENGLISH ORCHARDS

Wilding Cider, North Somerset. Formerly a chef, now farmer and cidemaker, Sam specialises in organic orcharding and full juice, low intervention, naturally sparkling ciders.

Sam Lee

FOLKLORE, CUSTOM, AND RITUAL

Sam plays a unique role in the British music scene. A highly inventive and original singer, folk song interpreter, passionate conservationist, song collector and successful creator of live events. Alongside his organisation, The Nest Collective, Sam has shaken up the music scene, breaking boundaries between folk and contemporary music and the assumed places and ways folksong is appreciated. Sam has helped develop its ecosystem, inviting in a new listenership, interrogating what the messages in these old songs hold for us today. With his latest critically acclaimed album, *Old Wow*, he's summoned up a truly compelling and emotional album that takes his work to yet another level. Likewise in 2021, Sam released his debut novel *The Nightingale: Notes on a songbird*, telling the epic tale of this highly endangered bird and their place in culture, folklore, folksong, music and literature throughout the millennia.

Samar Khan

CATTLE AS TRANSLATORS OF LAND

Samar is a philosopher, artist and facilitator. For their major research project, they visited farms with the intention to make friends with cattle. Their message for academia is to take more seriously the embodied and ancestral forms of knowing that farmers possess.

Sandra Salazar

AGROECOLOGY AND FEMINISM: TRANSFORMING OUR ECONOMY AND OUR SOCIETY

I am a ComeUnity horticulturist/farmer

and founder of GoGrowWithLove C.I.C, an indigenous melanin rich women-led organisation. I teach food growing and land/food sovereignty to children and families in nurseries, schools, home education groups and community projects and I am the facilitator of a project called Women Leading With The Land, which focuses on empowering Women of African and Caribbean heritage to become SOILSISTARS and develop skills in land cultivation, food production and enterprise.

Samson Hart

BUILDING A JEWISH LAND JUSTICE MOVEMENT / BELONGING TO THE LAND: RESISTANCE AND RESILIENCE

Samson is a food grower, land-tender and writer based in South Devon. He is co-founder of the wild, radical Jewish diasporist collective, Miknaf Ha'aretz, a regional coordinator for the Landworkers' Alliance, and a collaborative associate at gentle/radical.

Sara Moon

BUILDING A JEWISH LAND JUSTICE MOVEMENT

Sara is a nature-connection and rites of passage facilitator, food-grower, community organiser and Hebrew Priestess. She is co-founder of Miknaf Ha'aretz, a collective dedicated to building an earth-based, radical-diasporist Jewish community in the UK and its youth-wing, Camp Beenu. Sara lives in South Devon and dreams of building a radical land project of rich diasporic spirituality, solidarity and land-tending.

Sarah Alun-Jones

AN AGROECOLOGICAL APPROACH TO EDUCATION

Sarah has worked in organic food growing and outdoor education for the past 10 years and set up the GROW farm four years ago. It is a six-acre agroecological farm and learning hub in Barnet, where children and young people learn with the seasons about food and farming. She originally trained through the Growing Communities programme and has worked on urban growing projects across London, on larger scale organic and biodynamic farms as well as for various outdoor education projects. She is also a sustainable beekeeper, a Forest School Leader, keen flower grower, and florist.

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Sarah Compson

GROWING IN COMMON GROUND: WHAT'S NEEDED TO MAKE THE UNITED VISIONS OF ORGANIC, REGENERATIVE AND AGROECOLOGY FLOURISH?

Sarah has over 17 years' experience in the organic sector. She oversees the work of the Soil Association standards team and works closely with the international organic community. Her commitment to the organic movement was recently recognised by her election onto the World Board of IFOAM Organics International, the umbrella organisation for organic worldwide. She is passionate about convening and collaborating with a wide range of stakeholders across the globe in order to support and develop the organic movement and the positive impacts it delivers for people and planet.
@CompsonSarah

Sarah Hathaway

GROWING IN COMMON GROUND: WHAT'S NEEDED TO MAKE THE UNITED VISIONS OF ORGANIC, REGENERATIVE AND AGROECOLOGY FLOURISH?

Sarah is Senior Technical Manager at Soil Association Certification. With a practical background in farming and horticulture, she has now been working with organic businesses for over 20 years. In her current role Sarah delivers technical support to a wide range of stakeholders with an interest in organic products and production.

Sarah Langford

THE POWER OF FOOD TO HEAL MINDS, BODIES, COMMUNITIES AND OUR LAND / HOW FARMERS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO MEANINGFUL FOOD SYSTEM CHANGE

Sarah is the author of the Sunday Times bestseller *In Your Defence: Stories of Life and Law*. For ten years, she worked in criminal and family law in London and around the UK. Coming from a farming background in Hampshire, she studied English at University before training as a barrister. Sarah left the Bar on maternity leave to have her two sons. In 2017 she moved to Suffolk and, together with her husband, took on the management of his small family farm. She now lives between Southwest London and Suffolk.

Sarah Whaley

FINDING SOLUTIONS TO THE FERTILISER CRISIS: PRACTICAL ON FARM INNOVATION FOR HOME GROWN FERTILITY

Sarah has a diverse range of experience having worked in the UK, Africa and Australia. Since achieving her Masters degree in 2014 her focus has been on improving environmental, economic and social outcomes through agroecology and regenerative principles with a focus on whole systems thinking and the circular economy. Sarah joined FWAG SW in October 2021 and has since been leading the development of FWAG's regenerative farming advice services, working with farmers to improve their whole farm planning through assessing their personal goals and motivations to direct their decision making.

Sarah Williams

RADICAL RETAILERS: WORKING TOGETHER BETTER AS TRADERS / BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN SUSTAINABLE FARMING AND LOW- INCOME COMMUNITIES

Sarah joined Sustain in 2009, having previously worked in regen and food partnerships. Initially she was part of the Capital Growth team who successfully supported 2,012 new community food growing spaces in London. She is on the Sustain leadership team and has developed new programmes of work including Growing Health and recently Bridging the Gap. Sarah is also Sustain's lead for urban agriculture, Sustainable Food Places and helps oversee their 'Local Action' work.

Sasha Georgiades

AGROECOLOGY AND FEMINISM: TRANSFORMING OUR ECONOMY AND OUR SOCIETY

After studying philosophy and international relations, Sasha became disillusioned with the state of global politics. Their response was to dive into grass roots activism and start growing food in 2018. Since then they have been developing their skills in agroecological land management, expanding into hedgelaying and forestry, with a keen interest in land justice.

Satish Kumar

EGO TO ECO: RESTORING PEOPLES AND PLACES TO EACH OTHER / MOVING FORWARD WITH POSITIVITY IN CHALLENGING TIMES

Satish Kumar is the founder of Schumacher College and Editor Emeritus of Resurgence & Ecologist magazine. He is well known for his walk of 8,000 miles from New Delhi to Moscow, Paris, London and Washington. His documentary film, *Earth Pilgrim*, was shown on BBC2 and watched by four million viewers. He also appeared on Desert Island Discs. He is the author of ten books, including *Soil, Soul and Society* and *Elegant Simplicity*.

Saverio Krätli

HUMANITY'S HERDING HERITAGE: PERSPECTIVES ON PASTORALISM FROM INDIA TO SPAIN

Saverio is a freelance researcher and consultant, who serves as honorary editor of the peer reviewed journal *Nomadic Peoples* (since 2010). Saverio has a background in philosophy and anthropology of development and, after extensive field work among the Peul Wodaabe in Niger, he wrote his PhD on their cattle breeding practices.

Seed SistAs (Kazz Goodweather and Fiona Heckels)

NIGHTSHADE FAMILY DYNAMICS WITH THE SEED SISTAS: BRIDGING THE GAP BETWIXT MAGIC AND MEDICINE

Seed SistAs are clinical herbalists of over 20 years with a love and interest in the so-called witching herbs of old. They are passionately potty about plants and total herbal drama queens, enjoying dressing up as plants, creating fun and enlivening online content and playing with all manner of potions. Allowing the plants to guide them to ever more ridiculous productions, they pass on knowledge about how to learn about the plants that grow around you and to empower yourself to use them as simple remedies in the home.

Selma James

AGROECOLOGY AND FEMINISM: TRANSFORMING OUR ECONOMY AND OUR SOCIETY

Selma is founder of the International Wages for Housework Campaign and co-ordinator of Global Women's Strike, which campaigns for a care income for all those caring for people, the land and the natural world.

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Shahara Khaleque

BIODYNAMICS AND WHY IT MATTERS

Shahara was a software engineer for over a decade before seeking a more meaningful existence. Despite having no idea what that actually meant, Shahara quit their job and stumbled into permaculture in 2014. With an ethos of earth care, people care and fair share at its heart, permaculture offered a brilliant place to start. Eight years later, Shahara is now the head grower at a hotel in Hertfordshire, building an ecological market garden based on both permaculture and biodynamics. Shahara has worked on farms across the world, and is still learning - and growing - every single day. Shahara passionately believes in ecological farming, and what it offers to people and planet.

Sharon Blackie

FOLKLORE, CUSTOM, AND RITUAL

Sharon is an award-winning writer, psychologist and mythologist. Her highly acclaimed books, courses, lectures and workshops are focused on the development of the mythic imagination, and on the relevance of myth, fairy tales and folk traditions to the personal, cultural and environmental problems we face today. As well as writing five books of fiction and nonfiction, including the bestselling *If Women Rose Rooted*, her writing has appeared in anthologies, collections and in several international media outlets - among them the Guardian, the Irish Times, the *i* and the Scotsman. Her books have been translated into several languages, and she has been interviewed by the BBC, US public radio and other broadcasters on her areas of expertise. Sharon is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, and has taught and lectured at several academic institutions, Jungian organisations, retreat centres and cultural festivals around the world.

Shinya Imahashi

SEED-SAVING: PRESERVING BIODIVERSITY, STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE AND PROMOTING HEALTHY DIETS

Shinya Imahashi is the Natural Agriculture farmer for the Shumei Yatesbury farm in the UK. As a long-time practitioner of Natural Agriculture, Shinya offers educational courses to gardeners and farmers wishing to learn more about seed-

saving and cultivating crops and healthy soil without the use of any additives.

Simon Fairlie

FEEDING BRITAIN FROM THE GROUND UP: WHY WE SHOULD ALIGN OUR FUTURE DIETS WITH REGENERATIVE FARMING SYSTEMS / PROTEST AND LAND RIGHTS: WHAT HAVE WE GOT TO BE AFRAID OF?

Simon worked for twenty years variously as an agricultural labourer, vine worker, shepherd, fisherman, builder and stonemason before being ensnared by the computer in 1990. He was a co-editor of *The Ecologist* magazine for four years until he joined a farming community in 1994 where he managed the cows, pigs and a working horse. He now runs a micro dairy at Monkton Wyld Court, a charity and cooperative in rural Dorset. Simon is a founding editor of *The Land* magazine, and he earns a living by selling scythes. He is the author of *Low Impact Development: Planning and People in a Sustainable Countryside* (1996), *Meat: A Benign Extravagance* (2010), and *Going to Seed: A Counterculture Memoir* (2022).

Simon Platten

HOW TO GROW A FOOD HUB: VARIOUS APPROACHES TO CREATING A COMMUNITY FOOD ENTERPRISE

Simon is an environmental anthropologist by training, specialising in the social dynamics and economics of small-scale horticultural production systems. He is Director of Tamar Grow Local CIC (TGL) and has managed the development of the TGL ecosystem of food projects and businesses for the last 12 years. Simon has recently joined Schumacher College as the program lead for their new BSc Regenerative Food and Farming.

Simon Ruston

STAND UP NOW! FINDING OPPORTUNITIES TODAY FOR COMMUNITIES TO HAVE A SAY IN HOW THEIR LAND IS USED

Simon is a chartered town planner who regularly acts on behalf of sustainable land users and marginalised communities. He is an associate of the Urban Agriculture Consortium and a non-executive director of Shared Assets.

Sinéad Fortune

SEED STORIES FROM ACROSS THE UK AND IRELAND

Sinéad is Manager of The Gaia Foundation's Seed Sovereignty UK and Ireland Programme. The programme supports growers to train, develop and sell open-pollinated, locally adapted seed. We work on a local level to connect, inspire, and celebrate those who work with seed. Originally from Ireland, Sinéad has lived in Scotland for the past 11 years where she worked in community-led behaviour change, circular food systems, and food sovereignty.

Sonia Sinanan

HOW TO START A COMMUNITY LAND-BASED PROJECT

Sonia is the coordinator at the Ecological Land Cooperative, overseeing the work of the organisation and providing support to the staff team. She has worked for the ELC for five years, and during this time has been instrumental in the purchase and development of many of the organisation's agroecological smallholding sites.

Sophie Clayton

BIODYNAMICS AND WHY IT MATTERS

Sophie became interested in biodynamics after joining a Camphill Community in Bristol in 2020. Sophie is now in the second year of the BDAC Farming and Gardening Apprenticeship on a 30-acre biodynamic farm in the New Forest.

Sophia Doyle

HOW DO PRISONS AND POLICING IMPACT AND INTERSECT WITH OUR STRUGGLES FOR LAND JUSTICE?

Sophia (she/her) currently lives and works in Berlin, combining her background in Postcolonial Cultural Studies, activist experiences and practical training in regenerative agriculture to build internationalist solidarities across movements and geographies for food and land justice. She is doing a PhD at the University of Potsdam, researching the role of agriculture for historical and continuing projects of colonial exploitation and the liberatory futures opened up by radical landworkers' organising and community action against extraction and environmental

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racism. Sophia understands the abolition of the agro-industrial food system as an inherent and necessary part of broader and global struggles for abolition. She is a co-director of the grassroots seed saver network London Freedom Seed Bank and is organised in various learning and activist collectives in Berlin and online. @catastrophia3

Sophie Mott

MAKING THE BEST USE OF OUR LAND: WHAT'S THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR YOUR FARM IN THE TRANSITION TO A NATURE POSITIVE, NET ZERO, GOOD FOOD FUTURE?

Sophie works at RSPB's Hope Farm, a research and demonstration arable farm in Cambridgeshire. She is passionate about nature and climate-friendly food production and has recently been focusing on the potential benefits of agroforestry systems, setting up a long-term trial at the farm.

Sophie Paterson

LOCAL FOOD ECONOMIES: HOW DO WE JOIN THE DOTS?

Sophie is a Project Coordinator for the Food Data Collaboration, and has a passion for local food systems. She is particularly excited by the governance aspects of the Food Data Collaboration project on its journey to strengthen short supply chains in the agroecological sector.

Sophy Banks

SOILED: COMPOSTING TRAUMA

Sophy's guiding questions have been how can humans create healthy culture, and why do we create so much harm? Her journey has taken her from playing radical football in Hackney, to exploring local shifts to a thriving future within the Transition movement, to deep work with individuals and systems as therapist and family constellator. She sees that spaces where present and historic pain can be expressed, witnessed and tended, together, is a vital part of healthy culture, often missing in modern / industrialised societies.

Sparrow Middleton

BIODYNAMICS AND WHY IT MATTERS

Sparrow is a Stockfree Organic field fruit and vegetable grower. They studied existential psychology at Huddersfield University, completing a dissertation on the Experience

and meaning of consumption and avoidance of animal derived foods. Introduced to biodynamics in 2008 at an anthroposophical community near Edinburgh, they then travelled for seven years as a musician and WWOOFing across Europe and overland to India. Sparrow then undertook a two-year biodynamic apprenticeship in the Forest of Dean, followed by three years at Stockfree Organic Farm Growing with Grace in the Yorkshire Dales. They are currently working as Head Grower at Tolhurst Organics in South Oxfordshire, under Stockfree Organic guru Iain 'Tolly' Tolhurst. Sparrow is vegan and host of growers gathering, Hardwick Farmhack.

Spencer Christy

CONTEMPORARY SPIRITUALITY AND MENTAL HEALTH: RECOGNISING OUR OWN PATH IN RELATION TO NATURE AND THE LAND

As a farmer I have been continually practising and learning biodynamics since 2004 on the 210 acres of Lauriston Farm, Essex, with Demeter Certification since 2010. Becoming community owned in 2017, the farm business employs nine people producing high quality natural habitats, meat, vegetables and crafts with weekly help from around 25 people with learning disabilities. I've been an environmental and social campaigner since childhood, gained a degree in Environmental Science, a Research Studentship in conservation, a diploma in Applied Permaculture Design and spent eight years working in agricultural industry. Now an active member of the Anthroposophical Society and The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).

Stephanie Walton

FROM FIELD TO BAKERY: RADICAL BUT REALISTIC POLICY CHANGES FOR ACCELERATING DIVERSIFIED GRAIN SYSTEMS IN THE UK

Stephanie is a researcher at the Centre for Food Policy at City, University of London. She researches policies related to the transition to more diverse supply chains and strategies for advancing the causes of social movements in politics.

Steven Jacobs

PARTICIPATORY GUARANTEE SYSTEMS: A UK EXPLORATION

Steven has been working in food and farming for 30 years, from market

gardening to broad scale agriculture and on to retail via catering. He joined Organic Farmers & Growers in 2007 and represents OF&G on roundtables, forums and working groups including; Agricollogy, IFOAM, NFU Organic Forum, Welsh Organic Forum and the farming group at the Sustain Alliance. Coordinator of OF&G's annual conference, now in its 16th year, Steven is co-founder of the UK Grain Lab, co-chairs the Welsh Grain Forum, and is a trustee of CyFAN Cymru, a new organisation created to further develop the Wales Real Food and Farming Conference.

Stuart Roberts

REWARDING THE FARMING CHAMPIONS: A FUTURE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAND MANAGEMENT

Stuart farms 120 hectares in Hertfordshire in partnership with his wife, Emma. A third generation arable and livestock farmer at Hammonds End Farm, Harpenden Stuart has also worked for Defra and the Food Standards Agency and held senior management roles within the meat supply chain. Stuart has served as NFU Deputy and Vice President. He previously chaired the NFU Hertfordshire branch and served on both the East Anglian livestock and combinable crops board. Stuart is currently chairing the Liberal Democrat's working group on food, farming and the environment.

Sue Stuart-Smith

THE GARDEN AS REFUGE: THE HEALING POWER OF NATURE / THE POWER OF FOOD TO HEAL MINDS, BODIES, COMMUNITIES AND OUR LAND

Sue is a psychiatrist and psychotherapist who graduated in English literature at Cambridge University before going on to train as a doctor. She worked in the National Health Service for many years, becoming the lead clinician for psychotherapy in Hertfordshire. She currently teaches at The Tavistock Clinic in London and works for DocHealth, a not-for-profit service that helps doctors suffering from stress and burnout. She is married to Tom Stuart-Smith, the celebrated garden designer, and, over 30 years together they have created the wonderful Barn Garden in Hertfordshire. Her book, *The Well-Gardened Mind*, was published in

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2020 and became a Sunday Times bestseller and a Times and Sunday Times book of the year. It has since been translated into 17 languages.

Sui Searle

BELONGING TO THE LAND: RESISTANCE AND RESILIENCE

Sui (she/her) is a gardener, writer and printmaker. She has worked in botanic, public, private and community gardens as well as having spent a short period writing for gardening magazines. She is the founder of @decolonisethegarden which focuses on bringing a decolonial lens and anti-racism perspective to horticulture. She is editor of the alternative online gardening newsletter, Radicle.

Summer Islam

HEMP: KEY ELEMENT OF A DECENTRALISED BIO-BASED ECONOMY?

Summer is co-founder of Material Cultures. Her work is focussed on the design of sustainable material, building and landscape systems. Summer co-runs 'Construction in Detail' in the Spatial Studies department at the University of the Arts London, and has taught at a number of other universities.

Suzanne Wynn

WHAT ROLE COULD HUNTING AND GATHERING PLAY IN FEEDING OUR NATION?

Suzanne has written about Food Culture for the Real Farming Campaign since 2009. Previously she catalogued foods endangered by modern methods of production and distribution for Slow Food. She has a particular interest in wild foods, believing that the contribution they could make to feeding our population is often overlooked.

Suzy Russell

PARTICIPATORY GUARANTEE SYSTEMS: A UK EXPLORATION / WHAT IS THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY FOOD BUSINESSES IN DELIVERING SOCIAL IMPACT AND SOCIAL CHANGE?

Suzy is Coordinator of the UK Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Network, Suzy has 25 years' experience in the not-for-profit sector across fields of environment, arts, health and community. Past endeavours have included pioneering environmental community development in Spain, participatory

arts, developing training for NHS England and mindfulness teaching.

Tali Eichner

GETTING STARTED WITH RAW MILK

Tali currently works in policy for Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Network UK, is a founding member of Raw Milk Producers Association and works in certification for the Biodynamic Association. She ran the raw milk dairy at Plaw Hatch Farm - a biodynamic, community-owned farm - for 11 years. She studied biodiversity conservation and is now starting her Masters thesis on the effects of grazing management practices on pasture ecology.

Tallulah Brennan

HOW DO PRISONS AND POLICING IMPACT AND INTERSECT WITH OUR STRUGGLES FOR LAND JUSTICE?

Tallulah Brennan (she/her) is a writer based in Sussex interested in exploring the complexity of political ecology, abolition feminism, transformative environmental justice and decolonisation, and how all ecological crises intersect. Her writing attempts to convey the irresistibility of revolution (in Toni Cade Bambara's words), and the beauty of Jackie Wang's imagining of flowers that blossom and grow from the cracks in prison walls. She has written for Abolitionist Futures, SHADO magazine, It's Freezing in LA and other independent journals, websites and zines. Tallulah is committed to 'eco-media' as a form of environmental justice, and finding ways to communicate within the framework of slow, radical and community-led knowledge and skills sharing.

Tamara Hall

WHY CONVERT TO COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA)?: A SESSION FOR LANDOWNERS, LARGER FARMS AND MARKET GARDENERS

Tamara runs an award-winning arable farm in East Yorkshire. Under her management, the farm has diversified to secure its future and reach out to the local community. These include a modern, child-led, 140-place children's nursery, community allotments and a field let to Frith Farm, a successful horticultural CSA. Other initiatives include an apple orchard, three dog walking fields and disused farm buildings converted to offices which

are all let. After the success of the allotments, she wanted to build on that side of the business and was awarded a Nuffield farming scholarship in 2013 to study community supported agriculture. The scholarship involved study and travel in Scandinavia, Japan and the US. She is passionate about regenerative agriculture, connecting people back to the land, and shortening the supply chain both for people's wellbeing and animal welfare.

Tara Wight

SMALL FARMS ACROSS FOUR NATIONS: TOWARDS A MORE INCLUSIVE SUBSIDY SYSTEM

Tara Wight is the Scotland Policy and Campaigns Coordinator for the Landworkers' Alliance. Her background is in agricultural research, and she has previously worked on climate campaigning and developing policy for local grain systems. In her current role, she is focused on improving equity and strengthening diversity in farming in Scotland.

Taysir Arbasi

FARMING UNDER FIRE: CULTIVATING LAND AND LIFE IN OCCUPIED PALESTINE

Taysir is a Director on the board of Zaytoun and coordinates the ethical food company's advocacy and liaison work in Palestine. He is an advocate of the power of fair trade in supporting community resilience. Taysir grew up in the Salfeet district, an area highly dependent on olive cultivation, which has seen much of its rich agricultural resources confiscated through the construction of illegal Israeli settlements. In addition to his work with Zaytoun, he has worked with an international NGO on advocacy and development projects in Palestine for over 15 years.

Teresa Meadows

FARMING AND COMMUNITY ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR OUR LANDSCAPE, CLIMATE AND NATURE RECOVERY

Teresa is responsible for the development of environment-related training courses and professional development opportunities for BASIS, alongside leading the audit schemes team, who ensure compliance with legislation and best practice standards in the distributor and amenity sectors, and manages public affairs for the organisation. BASIS is a charitable

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organisation committed to raising professional standards across the land management and food production sector. With a career background, which includes working with farmers and advisors in environmental stewardship with Natural England, improving water quality as a Catchment Advisor with Essex & Suffolk Water and most recently in arable knowledge exchange with AHDB, she has a keen interest in linking sustainable farmed landscapes with productivity and profitability, along with peer-to-peer learning, education and professional development. Teresa is currently studying for a Nuffield Scholarship looking at how to increase the widespread uptake of Integrated Pest Management in the arable sector, runs a grassroots volunteering organisation in Ecuador, and enjoys all activities outdoors!

Tessa Etkin-Silver
FUNDING REGENERATION: HOW UNCONVENTIONAL FINANCING MODELS CAN SUPPORT FOOD AND FARMING BUSINESSES

Tessa is Director of Investments at Be the Earth, a hybrid organisation that combines impact investment and philanthropy for a world that nurtures all beings. She also manages the Blossom Impact Accelerator programme that supports impact-driven food and farming businesses. Tessa is passionate about food, entrepreneurship, and finance for good.

Tim Benton
SHOULD THE UK GROW MORE FOOD? AN OPEN FORUM ON THE STATE OF UK FOOD SECURITY

Professor Tim Benton leads the Environment and Society Programme at Chatham House. He joined Chatham House in 2016 as a distinguished visiting fellow, at which time he was also dean of strategic research initiatives at the University of Leeds. From 2011-2016 he was the 'champion' of the UK's Global Food Security programme which was a multi-agency partnership of the UK's public bodies (government departments, devolved governments and research councils) with an interest in the challenges around food.

Tim Crabtree
HEMP: KEY ELEMENT OF A DECENTRALISED BIO-BASED ECONOMY?

Tim is a founder Director of Wessex Community Assets and coordinates the Raise the Roof project, which links the construction of affordable housing with the use of local natural materials, such as timber, hemp and clay. Tim is also a part-time researcher at Plymouth University.

Tim Lang
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT LOCAL FOOD GROWING? THOUGHTS FROM WALES / SHOULD THE UK GROW MORE FOOD? AN OPEN FORUM ON THE STATE OF UK FOOD SECURITY

Tim is Emeritus Professor of Food Policy, City, University of London. A social scientist, he was a hill farmer in the 1970s, ran a food thinktank and campaigns in the 1980s, and since 1994 has been in academia helping develop critical thinking about modern food systems.

Tom Blunt
CLIMATE-FRIENDLY SHEEP FARMING

Tom is Senior Conservation Adviser at Rare Breeds Conservation Trust. He joined RBST in 2015, having previously graduated from Harper Adams University with a degree in AgriBusiness. Covering all UK native livestock and equine breeds responsibilities include the production of the RBST Watchlist and delivery of conservation grazing courses, which explain how different species can be used to meet conservation objectives. @RBSTrarebreeds

Tom Cannon
FUTURE NUT PRODUCTION IN THE UK

Tom is from Roughway Farm and is part of a farming family that has farmed in Kent for generations. He has helped to diversify the family farm and has appeared on the BBC's Farmers Country Showdown and Marcus Wareing's Tales from a Kitchen Garden. He is a Churchill Fellow and has researched global hazelnut production in the US, Turkey, China and Australia. He is the Treasurer of the Kentish Cobnuts Association, whose mission is to conserve and promote British hazelnuts.

Tom Carman
INTERGENERATIONAL LAND OWNERSHIP BEYOND THE FAMILY TREE

Tom is Shared Assets' Consultancy Coordinator, supporting the development, management and delivery of capacity-building projects with local authorities, developers and communities. He has worked across several parts of the land system for over a decade and is a specialist in land systems, food enterprise, fundraising and investment.

Tom Dyke
HOW CAN INVESTMENT AND FINANCE DECISIONS BE ALIGNED WITH A TRANSITION TO AGROECOLOGY?

Tom is Corporate Finance Manager at Triodos Bank. Tom joined Triodos in January 2019 and has 10 years of corporate finance and commercial experience in UK financial services and renewable energy industries. Tom is experienced at raising capital, supporting businesses getting 'investment ready' and project management of complex mandates. Since joining Triodos, Tom has focused on delivering the team's nature-based solutions advisory work and has worked on a variety of projects, including the Wyre Catchment NFM project and the Poole Harbour Nutrient Management Scheme.

Tom Gregory
EXPERTS IN THEIR FIELD: EXPLORING THE BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES OF FARMER-LED RESEARCH

Tom is an organic dairy farmer. He and his wife share farm 360 mainly Irish Frisian across 900 acres. Their business focuses on turning grass to milk in a socially and environmentally sustainable way. They supply Arla and are passionate about soil and its potential.

Tom Hartley
ORGANIC PROPAGATION: DIY PERENNIALS AND THE CHALLENGES OF SETTING UP A FIELD-SCALE FOREST NURSERY

Tom studied horticulture with global plant use at Duchy College, Cornwall before gaining extensive practical experience at Farrington's Farm Shop. There he was responsible for growing veg and running the box scheme, as well as ensuring the supply of vegetables to local Food for

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Life award-winning schools. He has been a Certification Officer since 2010 and looks after many horticultural licensees, as well as a number of seed mills and the certified inputs scheme. Outside of work, Tom can often be found on his allotment experimenting with unusual vegetable varieties.
@TommySweetcorn

Tom Tame

FUTURE NUT PRODUCTION IN THE UK

Born on a small family farm in South Warwickshire, Tom's passion is trees and walnut trees in particular. Tom has a commercial walnut and cobnut orchard and grows and sells many other walnut and hickory cultivars. Tom now advises on starting walnut orchards and the commercial aspects of the business.

Tom Wakeford

SEEDING REPARATIONS: MAKING THE UK'S FOOD CORPORATIONS PAY

Tom is a participatory action researcher and writer based at ETC, an international civil society organisation working at the intersection of food sovereignty and the democratic control of technology. He has also used participatory approaches in other areas, such as climate justice, anti-racism and technology assessment in Europe, South Asia and Latin America. His books include *Science for the Earth*, *Liaisons of Life* and *Participatory Action Research*.

Tony Greenham

HOW CAN INVESTMENT AND FINANCE DECISIONS BE ALIGNED WITH A TRANSITION TO AGROECOLOGY?

Tony Greenham is Finance Director at the Food, Farming and Countryside Commission (FFCC) and Executive Director at South West Mutual. South West Mutual is a regional mutual currently developing a loan fund to support food and farming businesses transition toward nature-friendly and low-carbon practices. Tony is also an adviser to Liontrust Asset Management and a Senior Fellow of the Finance Innovation Lab.

Tony Little

WE NEED A HORTICULTURAL REVOLUTION

Tony Little has over 20 years of experience in organic and sustainable agriculture in the UK and internationally. He studied Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne and has a Masters in crop pest management from Imperial College, London. He owns and runs the Sustainable Farming Consultancy which offers advice and support on all aspects of organic and agroecological production.

Vandana Shiva

IN THE NAME OF THE FARMER: VANDANA SHIVA RECALLS A LIFETIME OF CAMPAIGNING FOR SMALL-SCALE FARMERS / GM'S FALSE PROMISES: COULD THE UK BE NEXT? / ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION AND AGROECOLOGY THROUGH ONLINE LEARNING

Vandana Shiva is a world-renowned environmental thinker and activist, a leader in the International Forum on Globalisation and of the Slow Food Movement. Director of Navdanya and of the Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology, and a tireless crusader for the rights of farmers, peasants and women, she is the author and editor of a score of influential books, among them *Terra Viva*; *Oneness vs. the 1%*; *Making Peace with the Earth*; *Soil Not Oil*; *Globalization's New Wars*; *Seed Sovereignty*, and *Who Really Feeds the World?* Vandana is the recipient of over 20 international awards, and was the Fukuoka Grand Prize Laureate in 2012.

Vicki Hird

REWARDING THE FARMING CHAMPIONS: A FUTURE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAND MANAGEMENT / IS THERE AN INSECT APOCALYPSE?

Vicki is an award-winning expert, author, strategist and senior manager who has been working on environment, food and farming issues for over 30 years. As Head of Sustainable Farming at Sustain, Vicki manages the farm team, policy, research and related campaigning. Her new book, *Rebugging the Planet*, is a homage to insects and other invertebrates, why they are so essential to our ecosystem and what we can do to help them.

Will and Charlotte Caldwell

ENTERPRISE STACKING FOR ECOSYSTEM REGENERATION & PROFITABILITY

Will and Charlotte run Stream Farm, a small-scale organic and Pasture for Life farm in Somerset. With the aim of enabling new entrants, and those without access to land, to learn to farm, Stream Farm operates a share-farming model on multiple enterprises: beef, lamb, pork, chickens, apple juice, eggs, honey and rainbow trout.

Zoe Miles

JUST ANOTHER DIAMOND DAY: BUILDING WORKERS' POWER IN THE AGROECOLOGICAL AND REGENERATIVE FARMING SECTORS

Zoe has worked as a grower, food/farming educator, veg box worker and in other land-related jobs for years in urban and rural settings. They have experienced questionably legal and unfair workplace treatment and low pay across many jobs within the "sustainable food" sector and have had enough. They have organised with SALT since its formation, alongside others.

Zoe Wangler

HOW TO START A COMMUNITY LAND-BASED PROJECT

Zoe was a co-founder of the ELC, and managing director from 2009-2016. Zoe's work involved creating the ELC's business model, raising the first community share investments, and gaining planning permission for the ELC's first site in mid-Devon. Zoe now works as a consultant and researcher within the agroecology sector, as well as sitting on the ELC's board of directors.

Zuriñe Iglesias González

HUMANITY'S HERDING HERITAGE: PERSPECTIVES ON PASTORALISM FROM INDIA TO SPAIN

Zuriñe Iglesias González is a biologist and rural facilitator. She is studying a masters in Sustainable International Agriculture in Germany, and working as a shepherdess and cheese maker during the summer. Her interests focus on Spanish rural areas and extensive livestock systems. Together with her colleague Celia Martínez Aragón, Zuriñe created the project Pastoras Nomadas / ZagaLA y RabadaNA. This initiative aims at promoting herding practices among young people and claims for a feminist approach to livestock farming.

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The **Biodynamic Association (BDA) @BiodynamicUK** promotes and supports regenerative biodynamic farming and gardening. There are several sessions in connection with biodynamics, including Contemporary Spirituality and Mental Health, and Biodynamics for Local Food and Nature Restoration. The BDA has a stand with books, articles, leaflets, information on training, open pollinated seed, land succession questions and what the biodynamic approach does for your soil.

The **Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience (CAWR) @CoventryCAWR** is driving innovative, transdisciplinary research on the understanding and development of resilient food and water systems internationally. Food and water security is increasingly threatened by factors such as climate and environmental change, loss of biodiversity, conflict and market volatility. New knowledge, policies and technologies are needed to develop systems that are more resilient to change and which ensure the health of our food and water supplies.

The **Centre for Food Policy @FoodPolicyCity** is an interdisciplinary centre dedicated to improving food policy worldwide. What we eat, why we eat it and at what cost are questions of growing importance. Our research and our unique MSc in Food Policy explore how the food system really works in practice, so that we can shape a food system that improves the health of people, society, the environment and the economy.

Chelsea Green Publishing @chelseagreen is an independent publisher of award-winning books that bring in-depth, practical knowledge to life, with offices in Vermont and London. We provide readers with hands-on information about organic farming and gardening, nature, conservation, food, ecology, sustainable economics, progressive politics and more. In 2018, we launched Chelsea Green Publishing UK. We are proud to have worked with ORFC over the past several years, helping to bring many Chelsea Green authors to the conference.

The **Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Network @CSANetwork** promotes and supports the UK CSA movement with the aim of achieving a CSA in every neighbourhood. The network has over 150 farm members, representing over 25,000 people enjoying produce from CSAs, and the numbers continue to grow.

The **Organic Growers Alliance @OGAgrowers** is a peer-to-peer support

network of growers, farmers and horticulturalists. It's a Community Interest Company run by an elected committee, all of whom are volunteers. Membership is open to anyone actively engaged in commercial organic growing. Join the OGA today and be part of a growing network.

Cotswold Seeds @CotswoldSeeds is an independent family-run company that works with over 15,000 UK farmers, supplying everything from green manures, cover crops and herbal leys to dual purpose long term leys and silage leys. Our small team of highly experienced technical advisors are on hand to share their specialist knowledge. Bespoke mixtures tailored to individual requirements and fast delivery (providing the seeds are available!) ensure you are getting the best mixture for the job, quickly.

Dartington Trust @DartingtonTrust & @SchumacherColl is a centre for learning, arts, ecology and social justice based on a 1,200 acre estate near Totnes. We offer a new model for transformative learning at our two higher education faculties, Schumacher College and Dartington Arts School. Our short course programme offers inspiring, transformative experiences in a truly stunning location. We attract exceptional tutors to help guide your personal development, understanding and practical skills.

FarmED @RealFarmED aims to be at the heart of local, regional and global agroecological transition. We are a not-for-profit organisation based at Honeydale Farm, a diverse 107-acre mixed farm in the Cotswolds. Central to FarmED are three beautiful eco-buildings which house a multifunctional meeting and conference space, a farm to fork kitchen and a demonstration area. Our mission is to provide learning spaces and events that inspire, educate and connect people to build sustainable farming and food systems that nourish people and regenerate the planet.

The **Farming Community Network (FCN) @FCNcharity** is a voluntary organisation and charity that supports farmers and their families through difficult times. FCN has over 400 volunteers throughout England and Wales, many of whom are involved in or have close links with farming, who understand the issues farm workers and farming families regularly face. Each year we help around 6,000 people deal with issues such as financial difficulties, animal disease, mental ill-health and family disputes.

A Greener World @AGreenerWorldUK certifies and supports farmers raising animals according to the highest welfare standards, outdoors on pasture or range, empowering sustainable farming solutions through our Animal Welfare Approved, Regenerative, Grassfed and Non-GMO certification programmes.

Hazel Press @hazel_press is an independent publisher focusing on the environment, feminism and the arts. We publish poetry, essays and interdisciplinary work that is intelligent, inspiring and engages with a strong sense of place. We seek to be collaborative and provocative. Our books are sold through independent bookshops and are all printed in the UK, with local and regional pioneering environmental printers, using 100% recycled paper and vegetable-based inks.

Innovative Farmers @IFarmers is a not-for-profit membership network, for farmers and growers who are running on-farm trials, on their own terms. Since 2012, we've launched over 120 farmer-led research projects across the UK, awarding over £450k of funding in small grants to groups of farmers, enabling them to research the issues that matter to them. Our overall aim is to enhance the sector's knowledge and understanding, making the results open to all so everyone can benefit.

Environment, social justice, politics, a healthy future for all – everything comes down to land, and equitable access to land, and its resources. Since 2006, **The Land Magazine** has been leading the way on a huge range of land-related topics, with original and independent research, always relevant, searching and unpredictable. Appearing just twice a year, it's the "slow news" publication everyone needs to read.

The **Landworkers' Alliance @LandworkersUK** is a union of farmers, growers, foresters and land-based workers. Their mission is to improve the livelihoods of their members and create a better food and land-use system for everyone. We have a vision of a future where people can work with dignity to earn a decent living and everyone can access local, healthy and affordable food, fuel and fibre – a food and land-use system based on agroecology, food sovereignty and sustainable forestry that furthers social and environmental justice.

The **Nature Friendly Farming Network (NFFN) @NFFNUK** is UK-wide and farmer-led. We champion working harmoniously with nature to produce food and other products from our land.

EXHIBITORS

The NFFN unites those embracing farm-level solutions to address local and global problems, such as biodiversity loss and climate change. We are committed to securing policies that support this way of farming. Our ever-growing community helps build a stronger voice for a nature-friendly farming future. Join us: www.nffn.org.uk

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The **Orchard Network @UK_Orch_Network** is a partnership of organisations working together for the conservation of orchards across the British Isles. This is a set of resources that includes information about ways to protect, support and get involved with orchard and fruit heritage and production, and help conserve the wildlife that orchards support.

Pasture for Life @PastureForLife champions the restorative power of grazing animals on pasture. Grazing animals on 100% pasture brings positive impacts for biodiversity and carbon, human health and wellbeing, and animal health and welfare. Pasture for Life works on the ground, every day, to restore ecosystems, implement positive change in our food and farming systems, and demonstrate the benefits of 100% pasture fed.

With the aim of reducing negative environmental impacts while addressing societal demands for safe, nutritious and affordable meat and dairy products, **PATHWAYS @pathways_europe** is about identifying and increasing sustainable practices along the supply and production chains of the European livestock sector. Coordinated by the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) and comprising 28 partners from 12 countries, this 5-year (2021-2026) 9 million Horizon 2020 project contributes to the EU Farm-to-Fork Strategy which is at the heart of the EU Green Deal.

People's Trust for Endangered Species @PTES has been standing up for wildlife for over 40 years. With the help of scientists, conservationists, landowners and the general public, we're working

to protect our delicately balanced ecosystem by bringing our most threatened species back from the brink. Funded by our generous supporters, our grant programmes support the very best scientific researchers and wildlife experts out in the field. The evidence they unearth guides worldwide conservation.

Plantlife @Love_plants is the international conservation charity working to secure a world rich in wild plants and fungi. Founded in 1989, Plantlife has 15,000 members and supporters. Wild plants and fungi are the foundation of all life on Earth. Plantlife enhances, restores, protects and celebrates our natural heritage through working with landowners, other conservation organisations, public and private bodies and the wider public.

Rare Breeds Survival Trust @RBSTrarebreeds is the only charity dedicated to the conservation and development of the UK's native breeds of farm livestock and equines. The aim is to secure the diversity of our livestock breeds and ensure their viability in the modern farming world. The farm animal genetic resources represented by these breeds can help farmers meet the challenges of sustainable farming in an era of climate change, increasing cost pressures and growing world population.

The **Resurgence Trust @Resurgence_mag** is an environmental, educational charity. The key objectives are to advance the causes of conservation, protection and improvement of the natural environment nationally and globally. Through our activities we seek to contribute to a greater understanding of unity and interdependence of people and the planet Earth. The Resurgence Trust is a dynamic voice of the environmental movement.

With its Fair to Nature certification scheme, the **RSPB @FairtoNature** is leading the way to redress the impact food and farming has had on nature, focussing on biodiversity and a proven approach to restoring the balance of nature in farming. Farming and nature go hand in hand on Fair to Nature farms, with the provision of high-quality habitats, proven to reverse wildlife declines, and management of soils and inputs in ways that are supportive of nature.

The **Rural Payments Agency @Ruralpay** plays an important role in delivering and making annual payments for the Basic Payment Scheme, Countryside and Environmental Stewardship Schemes and supporting delivery of Grant Schemes. We run the BCMS system, and

are the delivery partner for the new ELM National Pilot Scheme and hold all land data for England.

The **Soil Association** is the country's leading organic certifier, offering organic and sustainable certification schemes across food, farming, catering, beauty and wellbeing, fashion and textiles, and forestry. We help farmers to navigate organic conversion and certification requirements, inspect your business to organic standards and provide an organic licence to sell your products with the use of the Soil Association Organic Symbol. We certify all farm sizes, offer joint inspections with other audits, and organic certification for on-farm processing and packing.

At **Triodos Bank UK @triodosuk** we believe that banking can be a powerful catalyst for achieving positive and lasting change. We provide specialist, sustainable finance for businesses and organisations working to tackle the biggest challenges of our time, only financing projects and organisations that have a positive impact on society, culture and the environment. Find out more about our services and customers at: www.triodos.co.uk

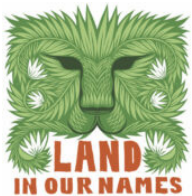
In 2005, the **Vegan Organic Network (VON)** produced the world's first set of Stockfree Organic Standards. VON aims to enable growers to become certified using these standards; support farmers and growers who are Stockfree Organic certified; campaign for the Stockfree Organic label on produce; support Stockfree Organic demonstration, education and research centres; encourage small scale stockfree cultivation for amateur gardeners and allotment holders; network with growers; and educate the public about how their food is grown.

Whole Health Agriculture @WholeHealth_Ag is an inclusive community of farmers, health professionals and citizens dedicated to teaching, supporting and promoting those who farm and grow with health and vitality at the centre of their methods and practice. WHAg's unique online Learning Centre offers education and community to those seeking an alternative approach to livestock and farm health.

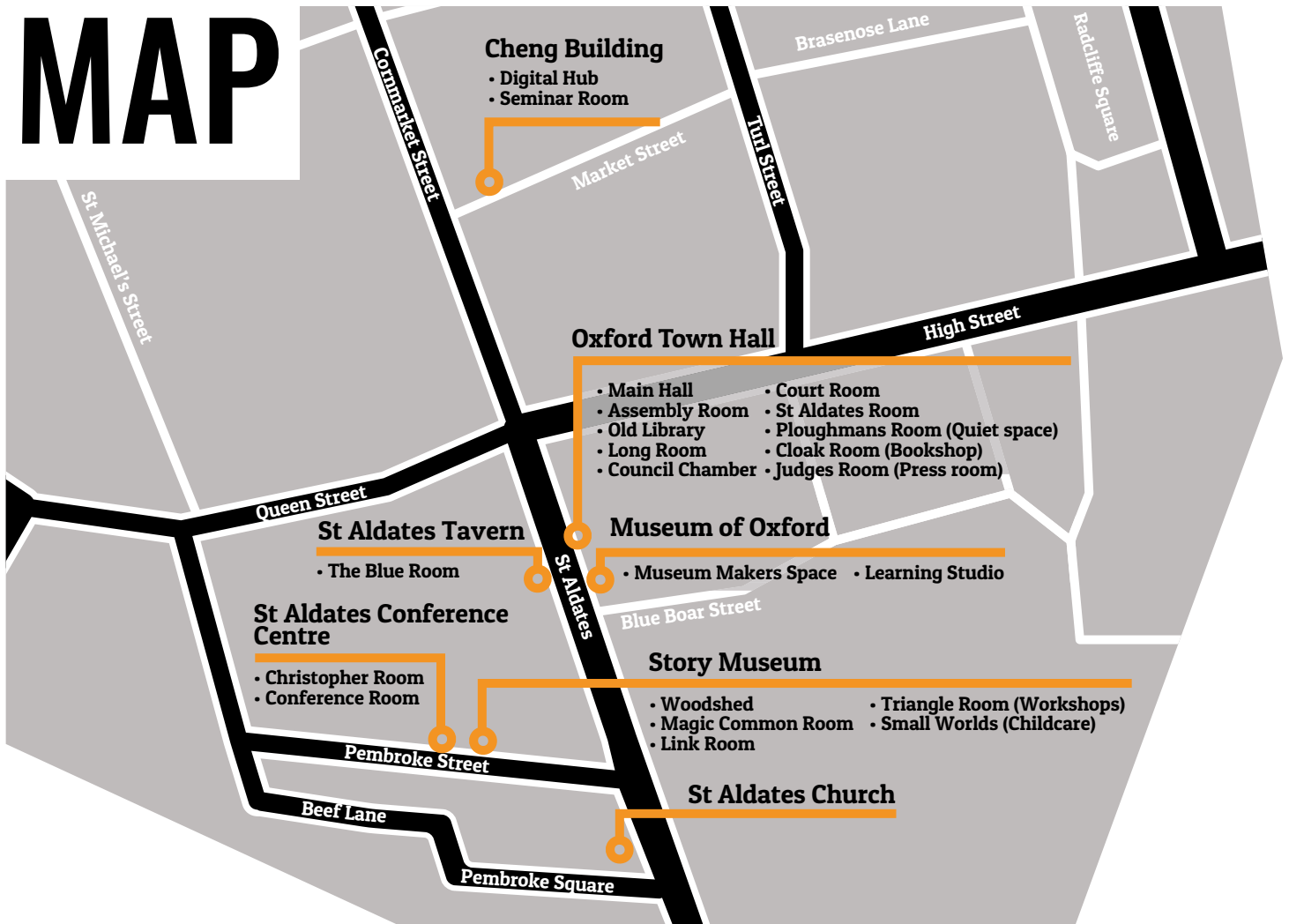
The **Woodland Trust @WoodlandTrust** is the UK's largest woodland conservation charity, with 50 years experience of working with farmers and landowners to enhance and protect trees on their land.

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Venue for the majority of conference sessions, with tea and coffee and exhibition stands in the Main Hall.

Present your conference badge to receive 10% off food and drink in the Oxford Town Hall Cafe during the conference.

MUSEUM OF OXFORD

Located within the same building as the Oxford Town Hall. Enter the Oxford Town Hall, turn right, and follow the signage through the Museum and downstairs to the meeting spaces. Includes the Museum Makers Space and Learning Studio, venue for some conference sessions.

ST ALDATES TAVERN

Just across the road from the Town Hall, the Blue Room is located upstairs in the pub. Venue for some of the author talks and networking sessions.

ST ALDATES CHURCH

Venue for tea and coffee, food stalls, exhibition stands and whole conference networking, as well as the Old Tree Brewery bar and evening entertainment.

ST ALDATES CONFERENCE CENTRE

Located off Pembroke Street, around the corner from St Aldates Church. Includes the Christopher Room and Conference Room, venue for some conference sessions. A few minutes walk from the Town Hall.

STORY MUSEUM

Located off Pembroke Street, next door to St Aldates Conference Centre. Includes the Woodshed, Link Room and Magic Common Room, venue for some conference sessions. A few minutes walk from the Town Hall.

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CHENG BUILDING

Located in Jesus College on the corner of Cornmarket and Market Street. Includes the Lecture Theatre and Seminar Room. Turn right out of the Town Hall, cross over High Street and walk along Cornmarket for a few minutes. Market Street is on your right.

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