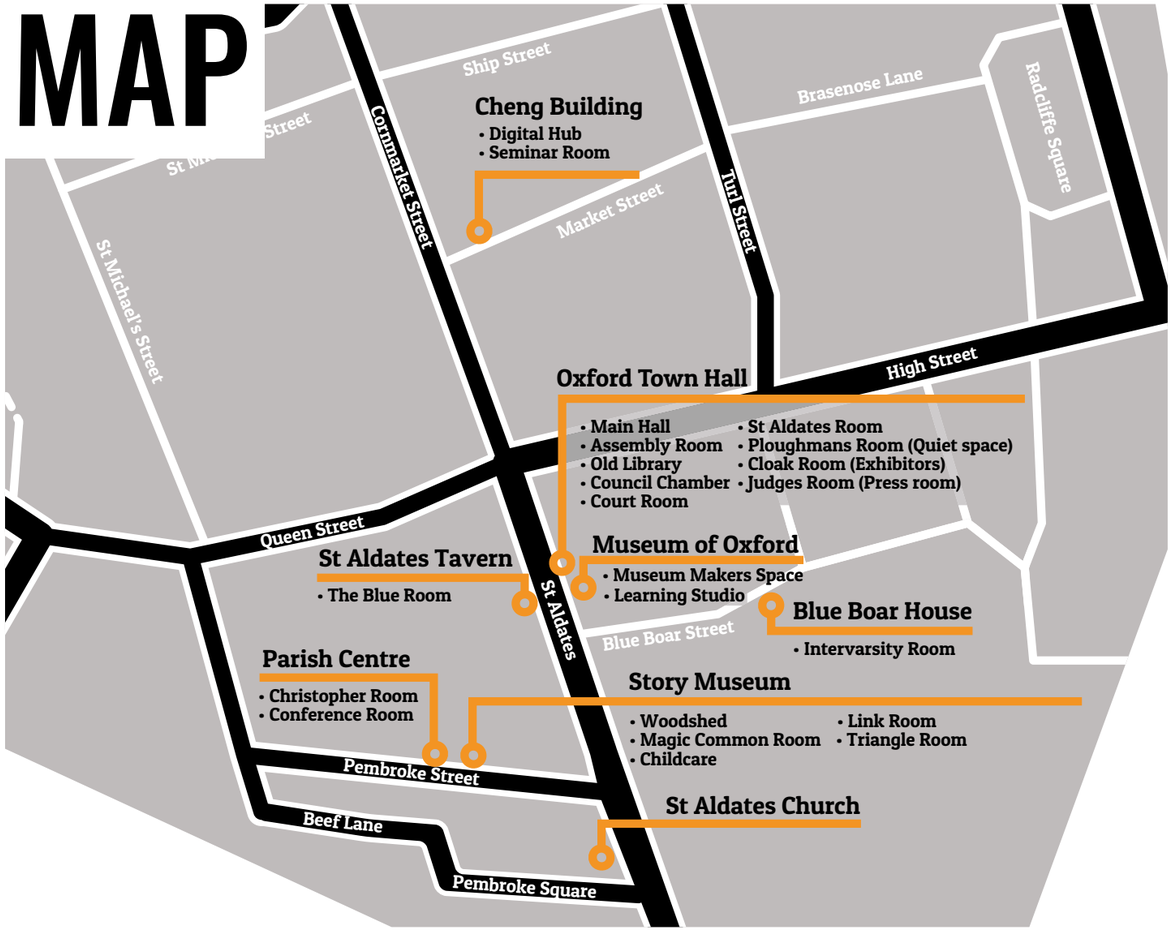
OXFORD REAL FARMING CONFERENCE 2024





let's transform our food and farming system together

MAP



OXFORD TOWN HALL

Venue for the majority of conference sessions, with tea and coffee and book stalls 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, media 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.

PARISH CENTRE ON PEMBROKE STREET

Located off Pembroke Street, around the corner from St Aldates Church and next door to the Story Museum. Includes the Christopher Room and Conference Room, venue for some conference sessions. A few minutes walk from the Town Hall.

STORY MUSEUM ON PEMBROKE STREET

Located off Pembroke Street, around the corner from St Aldates Church and next door to the Parish Centre. Includes the Woodshed, Link Room and Magic Common Room, venue for some conference sessions and childcare. A few minutes walk from the Town Hall.

Present your conference badge to receive 10% off food and drink in the Story Museum Cafe during the conference.

CHENG BUILDING

Located in Jesus College on the corner of Cornmarket and Market Street. Includes the Digital Hub and Seminar Room, plus a cloakroom. 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.

BLUE BOAR HOUSE

Just around the corner from the Town Hall entrance, off Blue Boar Street. Includes the Intervarsity Room, venue for some conference sessions

WELCOME TO ORFC 2024!

Would anyone have thought back in January 2010, when the snow was coming down thick and fast, and people were leaving early so they could get back home, that ORFC would be here in 2024: 1800 strong (with thousands more joining us on-line), celebrating the first 15 years and looking forward to the next!

Yet here we are: part of a growing radical movement for change in farming: away from the industrial model of agriculture with its faith in high tech and the neoliberal market economy, to farming based on the principles and practice of agroecology: calling for systemic change in the governance of our food and farming system. And because farming is so central to all our endeavours, taking strength from the knowledge that we are at the heart of a much broader movement working towards social, ecological and political transformation.

Above all we need to be radical - and in this age of the sixth extinction there's a lot to be radical about. And excitingly, many of the people and organisations leading the radical drive to agroecology can be found at ORFC - inspiring us with their ideas and examples of breakthroughs; discussing what can and should be done, and above all, encouraging us to come together in bringing about a just transition. And in this UK election year, starting the work of building a strong coalition to move agroecology up the political agenda and significantly influence political thinking.

But over and above the formal programme, joining us together as a community, there's the awareness that at the heart of all we do lies the search for a better way of being - at one with all sentient beings, on this extraordinary and beautiful planet which we all share.

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

REMEMBER THIS IS YOUR CONFERENCE

The ORFC is unique in that it is programmed by you. The sessions are brought together from the many hundreds of proposals we receive in response to our Call for Submissions each year. Working with our partners we 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. If you have a proposal or even just a good idea, please watch out for Call for Submissions in the next couple of months.

GETTING AROUND THE VENUES

This year we're offering a record 150 sessions across eight venues. They are all within a three-minute walk of each other (we have tested this!) so 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 early and take your seat to avoid disappointment. We will be keeping a close count on numbers, so please be prepared to look for an alternative if the room becomes too full. Our volunteers can point you towards rooms that have space so that you can still enjoy a different session. Please be kind to volunteers and respect room capacities to keep everyone safe.

There is a map of the Town Hall on page 63 and a map of all the venues on page 2. If you don't know how to get to your next session, please ask a volunteer (in the orange hi vis vests with a lanyard).

LIVESTREAMING

This year, we've extended our live-streaming to five rooms which will enable our online delegates to watch many more of the sessions live from Oxford. It will also give those who attend the conference the opportunity to watch recordings of the sessions they missed when they get home. The rooms being livestreamed are: the Main Hall, the Assembly Room, the Old Library, the Digital Hub and the Woodshed. The recordings will be available for all delegates immediately after the session has finished via the website.

OUR PARTNERS, FUNDERS AND SPONSORS

We would like to extend our gratitude to our partners: Agricology, Animate Earth, Agroecology Fund, Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA), Conscious Food Systems Alliance (CoFSA), ETC Group, European Coordination of La Via Campesina (ECVC), FarmED, Feedback, La Via Campesina, Landworkers' Alliance, Pasture for Life, Schumacher College, Seeding Reparations, Shared Assets, Soil Association and Sustain.

And our funders and sponsors: A Team Foundation, Be the Earth Foundation, Cotswold Seeds, Innovative Farmers, Necessity, Organic Herb Trading, Riverford Organic Farmers, Rothschild Foundation, Sheepdrove Trust and Soil Association. Also, our thanks to all those who purchased supporter tickets for both our in-person and online conferences.

We are grateful to work with our media partner, Farmerama. 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

This year the team includes: Francesca Price (Conference Director), Brittany Oakes (Operations Manager), Lucy Harding (Communications Co-ordinator), Carla Sarrouy Kay (Programme Co-ordinator), Obie Campbell (Programme Co-ordinator), Andy Dibben (Farm Programme Co-ordinator) and Ruth West (Advisor).

The team has been joined for the in-person conference by Jade Neville (Operations Co-ordinator); Ben Brown, Emma Burnett and Irma Allen (Operations Support); Han Smith and Emilia Jane Wolfe (Conference Assistants); Peter Lefort (Tech Support Manager); Ted Roberts, Alice Hemming and Dan Hussey (Tech Support); Jonny Tomlinson (Main Hall Stage Manager).

For our online conference, the team is joined by Helen Freudenberg (Operations Co-ordinator), Chris Jackson and Phoebe Price (Conference Assistants), and Erin Maguire (Tech Support).

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 CONFERENCE

A brief guide to the various spaces at ORFC and what you will find going on there.

Oxford Town Hall
Join us in the **Main Hall** for our opening and closing plenaries, and to find livestreamed sessions from movement leaders taking on our most urgent challenges facing farming communities today. Find answers to your practical questions in the **Assembly Room** and the **Council Chamber**, where the Soil Association, Pasture for Life and others will bring farmers together with researchers to discuss the need and opportunities for innovation in farm practice. In the **Court Room** and **St Aldate's Room** you'll find sessions showcasing agroecological projects around the UK and addressing key issues facing the movement.

Museum of Oxford
The Museum of Oxford is attached to the Oxford Town Hall and the entrance is through the Oxford Town Hall Foyer. Head downstairs to the basement to find the **Museum Makers Space** and The **Learning Studio,** an intimate practical space where participants can join a selection of workshops and explore displays.

Blue Boar House, on Blue Boar Street
The **Inter-Varsity Room** is just around the corner from the Museum of Oxford and Oxford Town Hall. Join eclectic sessions on everything from land succession to fashion fibres.

St Aldates Tavern
Head over the road from the Oxford Town Hall to the **Blue Room** on the first floor of the St Aldates Tavern for media sessions, the press social, and a rich selection of sessions in a less formal setting.

St Aldates Church
The Church is our main social hub, with lunches, refreshments and uplifting workshops during the day, and food, music, and a bar each evening.

Story Museum, on Pembroke Street
In the **Story Museum,** you'll find sessions themed around justice, reparations, workers' rights and land-based spirituality, as well as workshops. These sessions are spread across four rooms; **The Woodshed, The Magic Common Room** (also known as the Justice Hub)**, the Link Room** and **the Triangle Room.** This year the Justice Hub is hosted by Seeding Reparations and Shared Assets. This is a dedicated space for people who are oppressed, discriminated against or marginalised within agricultural spaces to feel empowered and connect, but everyone is welcome to come and share the space.

St Aldates Parish Centre, on Pembroke Street
Head past the Story Museum to the **Parish Centre** where you'll find the **Christopher Room** and the smaller **Conference Room**.

Cheng Building, on Market Street
Find critical policy discussions happening in the **Digital Hub** downstairs at the Cheng Building. Explore new approaches to transforming our food future and networking opportunities in the **Seminar Room**, just off the foyer on Market Street.

Between sessions at the **Cheng Building** make sure to explore the *We Feed the UK Pop-Up Exhibition.* We Feed The UK highlights regenerative farmers and food growers as custodians of Britain's biocultural diversity. These pop-up portraits were taken by photographer Louis Little at last year's ORFC, Groundswell and Land Skills Fair. Now they return to ORFC to share portraits and celebrate you - the food sovereignty movement.

FOOD AND DRINK
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 and tumblers are for sale near the registration desk in the Oxford Town Hall and at the info table in the Church. Keep them with you at all times!
Horsebox Coffee Company will also be selling espresso-based drinks and pastries in St Aldates Church from 8:30am - 11am (or so) on Thursday and Friday.
Lunches and Dinners: ORFC provides several great food options. Good Food Oxfordshire have arranged for local food providers to run stalls in St Aldates Church.

Lunch available from 12.30pm - 2.00pm (or until sold out)!
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;
Real Catering Oxford: array of sandwiches, salads, soup and cakes featuring locally sourced ingredients;
Vaults & Garden Café: organic stews and salads with meat, vegetarian and vegan options.

Dinner available from 6pm - 9pm on Wednesday and 5:30pm - 9pm on Thursday.
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;
Oxford Community Action Kitchen: vegetarian/vegan pakoras, curry, jollof rice and more – all proceeds support the charity Oxford Community Action
Vaults & Garden Café: organic stews and salads with meat, vegetarian and vegan options.

On Thursday night, there are formal dinners at **Wilding** and **No 1 Ship Street**, as well as a more casual buffet-style dinner hosted by the new cafe **CHICK PEA**. 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 two of our conference venues, which also provide food (including hot lunches) and space for networking between sessions. One is downstairs at the Oxford Town Hall, and another is off the courtyard of the Story Museum. The Cheng Building Cafe will be closed, but delegates can enjoy this large 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 be a bar open in the upstairs of the St Aldates Tavern during the ORFC Media Drinks (6pm - 7.30pm) on Thursday. This bar will remain open until 11pm. In the Story Museum, Ginny's Bar (on the first floor) will also be serving drinks from 5:30pm.

ACCESSIBILITY
Large print versions of this programme are available on the notice 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 (Oxford Town Hall); and in the Woodshed (Story Museum). Our aim is to support respect and wellbeing for all delegates, speakers and volunteers at ORFC. If you have any concerns, please come to the help desk just outside the Main Hall.

CLOAK ROOM
An unticketed, unsupervised cloak room is available in the Cheng Building and in St Aldates Church foyer. Belongings are left at your own risk and **must be collected by 5:15pm on Friday, 5th Jan**. Please do not leave items in the Oxford Town Hall corridors.

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 Ploughman Room of the Oxford Town Hall.

ORFC INFO DESK
We're here to help! Located in the Oxford Town Hall in front of the Main Hall (first floor) and in the foyer of St Aldates Church, our friendly team can help with lost and found, navigating the venues and general queries. You can also pick up limited edition ORFC merchandise in celebration of our 15th anniversary.

BRINGING CONSCIOUSNESS TO YOUR CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE
This guide from our partner organisation, the Conscious Food Systems Alliance (CoFSA), provides suggestions to help you bring more awareness and intention to your conference.

Presence: Be fully present, listen to the presentations, engage mindfully in conversations, pay attention to the environment.
Deep Listening: Practise deep listening, with your ears and mind, but also your heart and senses. Listen with compassion and curiosity.
Meaning and purpose: Remember why you chose to participate in this event. Why is this important for you? Keep in mind that the more you give, the more you will receive.
Energy: To engage fully, it is important to feel energised. Try to get enough sleep, drink often, try to eat healthily, and take time to energise with deep breathing, light exercise.
Care and compassion: The organisers have put a lot of care towards organising the conference, and you can contribute too by being attentive to those around you who may need some assistance.
Joy and gratitude: Have fun, enjoy the moment! A wonderful way of being joyful is to keep an open heart and pay attention to all the big and little moments that make this conference a special experience.

ENTERTAINMENT
In true ORFC fashion, there will be plenty of opportunities to enjoy yourselves.

Wednesday, 3rd January
REGISTRATION, FOOD AND MUSIC IN THE CHURCH, 6PM - 10PM
Come and register early in The Church and enjoy music from **Simmy Singh** and **Anna Mudeka**, two extraordinary musicians based in the UK and both deeply inspired by nature and their local environments. Simmy and Anna will be in concert together for the first time sharing songs of their heritages and lands.

Thursday, 4th January
MUSIC, FOOD AND DANCING IN THE CHURCH, 5:30PM -10PM
Join us in The Church where there will be food and drinks from 5:30pm. Music and dancing will start at 7pm. Thursday night's music offering will open with a special dinner performance from **Sam Lee** and band. Sam is a folksinger, song collector, activist, and nature conservationist with three critically acclaimed albums. Take a seat and enjoy dinner while being serenaded by songs from his forthcoming album 'Songdreaming' a suite of love songs from and for the land. Later in the evening, get your dancing shoes on as **The Crooked Penny** take the Church stage. The Crooked Penny (May Kindred-Boothby, Pearl Legay-Clarke and Brigite Rowan) sing songs inspired by traditional folklore. Expect haunting melodies, dreamy harmonies and stories sung with a feminist twist.

FILM PREMIERE: SIX INCHES OF SOIL IN THE DIGITAL HUB, 8PM - 10PM
On Thursday night we are screening the UK première of *Six Inches of Soil* a new feature-length documentary film that follows the highs and lows of three English farmers over their first season growing regeneratively: a Lincolnshire arable family farm, a Cambridgeshire market garden and a Cornish conservation grazing farm. The farmers share their stories and meet more experienced regenerative farmers, food and climate experts along the way.

FOOD AND LAND JUSTICE OPEN MIC, 8 – 9.30PM, WOODSHED, THE STORY MUSEUM
Roll up, Roll up! Calling all ORFC poets and musicians. Come and share your poem or song about your take on food, farming, water and land. Or just come and watch!

Friday, 6th January
LUNCHTIME FILM SCREENINGS, 1PM - 1.45PM
Choose from two inspiring short films, *Rooted: Growing a Local Food EcoSystem in Scotland*
and *Hungry for Change: Cornwall's Climate Stories,* each highlighting regional stories of regeneration and resilience.

NETWORKING
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 Oxford Town Hall. ORFC will be on hand to answer questions.

Seeding Reparations will host lunchtime (1pm - 1.45pm) organising sessions for conference attendees already engaged in Reparations and/or anti-colonial work. These sessions are not an introduction, but a space for organisers to collaborate on setting the agenda and generating questions about existing efforts and better connecting them. On day one, participants will reflect and process their involvement in Reparations work in racial affinity groups to prepare for a multiracial coalition space on day two.

On Thursday evening (6pm - 7.30pm) join a networking session to build stronger regional networks and collaborations. This is an opportunity for anyone attending the conference to gather in regional groups for an informal networking session before the evening's entertainment. It will be a chance to connect with others in broad geographic areas to, find out about relevant networks and highlight areas of common regional or local interest.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESS
There will be photography and filming at the conference. Sessions in the Main Hall, the Assembly Room and the Old Library in the Oxford Town Hall; the Woodshed in the Story Museum; and the Digital Hub in the Cheng Building will be live-streamed and this may include some brief shots of the audience. 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 #ORFC24. Connect with us on Instagram (@oxfordrealfarmingconference), X (@ ORFC), Facebook and LinkedIn (/OxfordRealFarmingConference).

Journalists: The press room is the Jury Room in Oxford Oxford Town Hall. There are additional spaces for press and comms in the Cheng Building. Your press contact throughout the conference is Lucy Harding, who will be available to help set up interviews or find quiet places to film: press@orfc.org.uk

The Agroecology Comms Network is offering an exciting, interactive session on Media Storytelling for Food Systems Change with journalists from Countryfile, The BBC Food Programme, Wicked Leeks and Farmerama Radio. Join us in the Blue Room, St Aldates Tavern (4pm - 5,30pm, Thursday).

Don't miss out on meeting your colleagues at the Media Drinks (6pm , Thursday) in the Blue Room, St Aldates Tavern. All press and comms professionals are welcome. Stay on after the session for the ORFC media social - there will be free drinks for those who get there first!

DAY 1 – THURSDAY 4TH JANUARY

Wednesday 3rd January

6pm - 9pm

St Aldates
THE CHURCH

EARLY REGISTRATION, FOOD AND MUSIC IN THE CHURCH

From 7.30pm, two extraordinary musicians and voices based in the UK both deeply inspired by nature and their local environments Simmy and Anna will be in concert together for the first time sharing songs of their own heritages and lands.

Simmy Singh is a versatile violinist and composer, born and raised in South Wales to an Indian father and English mother, whose ambition is to push the boundaries of classical music and its audiences and to explore creativity and different genres with the violin. She is training as a nature guide and exploring how her music and the natural world intersect inner ways

Anna Mudeka is a singer, musician and actress. Based in Norfolk but of Zimbabwean roots she plays and sings the Mbira music of her homeland and as a performer also carries the torch of the singer Miriam Makeba in Anna's one woman stage show telling the inspirational life story of this South African legend.

Thursday 4th January

8am - 9.30am

St Aldates
THE CHURCH

REGISTRATION AND COFFEE/TEA

Please arrive in plenty of time to register, review the programme and have a cuppa before the opening plenary.

9.30am - 10.30am

Oxford Town Hall
MAIN HALL

OPENING PLENARY

We've come a long way together! Come and gather with your friends and colleagues in the Main Hall as we celebrate the movement and look forward to a dynamic and agenda-setting two days of learning, sharing and connecting with others who share your vision of a better food and farming system.

There will be short addresses from the leaders of the movement and a musical extravaganza from folk singer, Sam Lee, Charlotte Pulver and fellow musicians Simmy Sing, Yija Tu and Anna Mudeka. ORFC 2024 will open with a performance that acknowledges the growth of the movement and our gratitude to the land that holds it. We will be collecting offerings of soil from many of the lands of the ORFC community for a planting of our ORFC oak tree.

The opening plenary will also be available to watch via screens in the Assembly Room and the Old Library.

11am - 12.30pm

Oxford Town Hall
MAIN HALL

FROM CORPORATIONS TO COMMUNITIES: TIPPING THE BALANCE OF POWER IN THE DECISION-MAKING ABOUT OUR FOOD

Speakers: Sofía Monsalve Suárez, Dee Woods, Million Belay

Chair: Nick Jacobs

Who controls the food we eat and grow? Deep power asymmetries in food system governance are blocking the transformation we need. For decades, the institutions and policies that affect decision-making about food systems have been captured by corporate overreach, undermining the public good and the rights of people and communities to engage in food system decision-making on their own terms. This event will reveal who really controls agri-food policy and regulatory decisions and how, exposing the growing influence of multinational corporations over these processes. We will hear examples from near and far – from experts on regional struggles in Africa and the UK and global struggles in international decision-making spaces – as they propose actionable mechanisms and alternative spaces to recapture food system decision-making for the public interest.

Oxford Town Hall
ASSEMBLY ROOM

PERENNIAL VEG: PROMISE AND PROPAGATION

Speakers: Guy Singh-Watson, Mandy Barber, Tom Hartley

Chair: Carolyn Coxe

Perennial veg has been taking off for years with home gardeners and allotmenteers but, whilst some classic examples, such as artichokes and asparagus, may be produced by commercial veg growers, uptake remains limited. Hear from Riverford founder Guy Singh-Watson on what's caught his attention about the potential of perennials, expert perennial grower and founder of Incredible Vegetables, Mandy Barber, revealing the diversity of options perennials present, and get a debrief on micropropagation as a possible means to increase production from Tom Hartley, Senior Certification Officer for the Soil Association.

Oxford Town Hall
OLD LIBRARY

AGROBIODIVERSITY FOR THE SURVIVAL OF OUR FOOD SYSTEM

Speakers: Richie Walsh, Hannah Thorogood, Henrietta Inman, Tom Adams

Chair: Jyoti Fernandes

After almost a century of industrialised agriculture, we've found ourselves in a precarious position. We've ended up with a food and farming system based on just a few varieties of specialised crops and animals; but with this specialisation comes great risk. Now, in the face of intersecting environmental crises - from global warming to soil degradation and biodiversity loss - we need to (re) build diversity to build resilience. This session will hear from landworkers, food-makers and seed savers who are working to revive agrobiodiversity from the grassroots - in our fields and orchards, on our plates and in our guts, and in the soils, ecosystems and communities that sustain us.

DAY 1 – THURSDAY 4TH JANUARY

Oxford Town Hall
COUNCIL CHAMBER

THE VETERINARY ROLE IN ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY

Speakers: Claire Whittle, Alex Tomlinson

Chair: Laura Higham

Veterinary professionals operate at the human-animal-environment interface and are trusted advisors to farming clients. Despite their primary professional mandate to protect the animals 'under their care' and concern for sustainability issues, a focus of farm veterinary work has traditionally been directed towards the anthropocentric goals of food animal productivity and efficiency. In this session we will unpick the definitions of sustainability to arrive at an ecological paradigm that decentralises the position of humans within the earth's ecosystem, and propose a goal of intergenerational and interspecies wellbeing. The panellists will describe how their veterinary work can support and promote such objectives for an ecological (regenerative) food future.

Oxford Town Hall
COURT ROOM

BUILDING COMMUNITY ALLIANCE TO STOP UPOV AND PROTECT FARMER SEED SYSTEMS

Speakers: Ruth Segal, Angus Lam, Shamila Rathnasooriya, Ruth Bergen

Today, peasants and farmers face threats to their food sovereignty and food security from laws privatising seeds, which are often designed to align with the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) convention. This session introduces UPOV and explores the latest international-national mechanisms that intensify the challenges faced by farmers in protecting their seeds. We will present cases of community seed systems from Sri Lanka, highlighting local farmers' struggles and actions to stop devastating national seed laws. We will also examine the role of the UK in pushing patent provisions in trade negotiations with countries in the global South, alongside actions supporting farmers' groups and social enterprises to challenge trade injustices.

Oxford Town Hall
ST ALDATE'S ROOM

LIVESTOCK HEALTH: HOMOEOPATHY AND PHYTOTHERAPY

Speakers: William Milliken, Peter Gregory

Chair: Jayne Lyons

A pressing issue for global farming is the over-use of veterinary pharmaceuticals, including antibiotics and anthelmintics, and the resulting impacts on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and biodiversity loss. One of the ways to reduce antibiotic use on farms is to use well documented alternatives, such as homoeopathy and phytotherapy. In the UK, with so few homoeopathically trained vets in farm practice, farmers have found it difficult to know how best to do this. This talk will briefly outline the principles underlying successful use, the different ways homoeopathy can be used on the farm, and present comments from those who have used what they have learnt to successfully incorporate homoeopathy into their management systems.

Museum of Oxford
MUSEUM MAKERS SPACE

ON COMMON LAND: MANAGING UPLAND COMMONS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

Speakers: Julia Aglionby, John Atkinson, Sarah Beddington, Jez Westgarth

Chair: Sam Caraway

In the shadow of the climate crisis, the management of common land faces its biggest change since World War II. Focusing on the Lake District, this session will address the importance of upland commons for biodiversity, carbon, water storage and access – and for rural communities whose labour has shaped this landscape over millennia, underpinning its World Heritage Site inscription. The current government support scheme for farmers ends in 2024 and, with ELM far from ready, many upland farmers are feeling vulnerable. How can we move forward without losing ancient traditions, rural infrastructure and the balance between culture and nature?

Blue Boar House
INTER-VARSITY ROOM

OPENING UP LAND HOLDING

Speakers: Joanna Bowen, Fergus Lyon, Ninian Stuart, Alastair MacKenzie

Chair: Jackie Thoms

How can existing landowners adopt more responsible and progressive approaches to ownership that enable greater benefits and wider access? This session will explore the opportunities and challenges of different approaches to owning, holding, stewarding and sharing land in ways that strengthen the connection between people and land in times of transition. The panel will share their experience of different approaches to community involvement, such as B Corps, joint ventures, and the path to community ownership. We will introduce the story so far of PLOG (the Progressive Land Owners Group) and the Real Farming Trust's new Progressive Landowners Platform aiming to help landowners establish the business models, governance and infrastructure needed for sharing access to land that helps bring to fruition visions of more regenerative approaches.

St Aldates
THE CHURCH

OPEN FORUM: AGROECOLOGY AS REWILDING?

Facilitator: Ian Rappel, College for Real Farming and Food Culture

With agriculture now constituting the largest biome habitat on Earth, the time has come to call a halt to the phoney war between farmers and environmental conservationists. How can we move beyond the polarised debate around rewilding and farming to explore the potential for agroecology to rewild agriculture itself? What is the significance and potential of agroecology and regenerative farming for nature recovery? How can we support nature recovery through food production? As the planet's 'keystone species' why and how can humans be positive forces for biodiversity? Join us for a discussion between ecologists, farmers and activists for this open and audience-led forum. Bring your experiences, questions and thoughts. Bring your passion, visions and hopes.

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Parish Centre
CHRISTOPHER ROOM

TURNING FASHION INTO A CLIMATE SOLUTION

Speakers: Eleanor Gallia, Alysoun Bolger, Amy Powney, Naglaa Ahmed

Chair: Simona Valuckaite

Join us as we take you on the journey of clothes, shoes, accessories and all the pieces that make up the fashion industry puzzle. It all begins and ends in the soil, and like most things in our lives, fashion is grown in soil. In this session we will be exploring the movement for a better fashion industry. One where farmers are paid fairly, a future where farmers no longer have to expose themselves, nor the Earth, to toxic chemicals. A fashion industry where farmers and Mother Nature are seen as valuable parts of the fashion supply chain and are protected.
Each of the speakers will bring different perspectives and share their experiences on farming fibre, as we work on getting fashion's sourcing power behind regenerative agriculture.

Parish Centre
CONFERENCE ROOM

THE STORY OF THE BARBETS DUET

Speakers: Felicity Jones, Rading' Nyamwaya Obyerodhyambo

Chair: Barbara Heinzen

As a collective, the Barbets Duet is a small, global group of like-minded individuals and families, striving to restore ecological function on their respective parcels of land, around the world, whilst creating economic opportunity. Throughout this interactive session the story of the group and their lived experience will be shared as well as a discussion on key challenges they have faced such as legacy.

St Aldates Tavern
THE BLUE ROOM

EMERGENT TRAINING: LEARNING NEW WAYS TO FARM, OWN LAND AND DO BUSINESS

Speakers: Rachel Phillips, Marina O'Connell, Nathan Einbinder, Jonty Brunyee, Berni Courts

Chair: Hatty Richards

UK food-production is undergoing a swift transition to agroecological/ regenerative systems. Often termed "emergent" it's not yet fixed in terms of practice and theory. As farmers transition they need to learn new ways of thinking, farming and doing business underpinned by new principles/practices that often are different to those they know and use. This panel pulls together specialist individuals/organisations who are striving together to develop inclusive/ diverse training that challenges the established concepts of agriculture and land access. It will demonstrate the role they are playing in this "emergent" training, why it's important, how effective it is, and how it's different.

Cheng Building
DIGITAL HUB

DEMONSTRATING LEADERSHIP THROUGH LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Speakers: Marianne Fisher, Doug Wanstall, Sarah Pullen, Lizzie Dyer, Mark Hunter

Chair: Leticija Petrovic

This session will explore the vital role local governments play in driving food system change across the UK and examine how local government drives food system change through planning policies and regulations, promoting sustainable agriculture and building opportunities to share knowledge and local buy-in for new technologies. It will also look at how local governments can create opportunities for new routes to market, supporting local food economies and the relevance of food partnerships to support this agenda. Discussions will focus on the contrast between rural and urban local authorities across the country and how they can work together to create better rural-urban connections.

Cheng Building
SEMINAR ROOM

WHY WE NEED TO CHANGE FOOD RETAIL

Speakers: Angelina Sanderson Bellamy, Zosia Walczak, Rachel Jones

Chair: Julia Kirby-Smith

Independent food traders and new routes to market can help us build a more regionalised and resource-efficient food system - one where farmers and local economies get a greater share of profits, and where nature and climate-friendly food is prioritised. This session unpicks why we need alternative ways of distributing and selling food, and how we can support their growth through policy and other measures. We will explore the new business models that are emerging and the challenges and opportunities for independent food retailers and wholesalers in 2024.

Story Museum
THE WOODSHED

LAND AS REPARATIONS AND HOW TO GET THERE

Speakers: Katherine Wall, Miriam Rose, Esther Stanford-Xosei, Andre Kpodonu

Chair: Naomi Terry

The accumulation of land and wealth in Britain was made possible through the colonisation of peoples and lands across the globe; through the profits generated through enslavement; and through the creation of an economic system that was built on exploitation, violence and extraction. Land as reparations to communities who are directly affected by these systems and their fallout is one way repair can be attempted and healing and transformation towards something better made possible. This session will explore the demands for land as reparations and the strategies that might bring it into being.

Story Museum
THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM

CONSCIOUS LEADERSHIP FOR LOCAL, REGENERATIVE FOOD SYSTEMS

Speakers: Pavel Cenkl, Katie Palmer, Alejandra Balcazar, Elaine Cohen

Chair: Alice Jervoise

To transform food systems we need to look beyond the problem's symptoms, and even the system's patterns and structures, at what fundamentally drives the systems. Consciousness and mental models are increasingly recognized as the key to unlock systems change. Regenerative agriculture calls for regenerative mindsets and cultures in addition to regenerative practices to enable transformation. This session presents an innovative curriculum built on a series of dynamically interlinked modules offered both online and facilitated at site-based practice centres in locations around the world. And it focuses on topics

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such as permaculture, non-violent communication, connection with nature, self-care, traditional food cultures, and the development of regenerative mindsets on a local level.

Story Museum
THE LINK ROOM

WORKSHOP: QUEERING THE FOOD STORY FOR HEALTH JUSTICE AND FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION

Facilitators: Lucy Aphramor, Becca Stevenson

Chair: Dan Crossley

An interactive workshop to expand everyday conversations about health/ food justice in ways that support food systems change for agroecological transition. It involves two activities (i) using food items as props to prompt people to consider how far standard nutrition discourse and practice hinders or supports health/ disability justice and food systems change; and (ii) exploring 'normal eating', veganism, sustainability and related topics in a way that destabilises binary thinking to offer an alternative – queerer, more compassionate – route for thinking things through and acting for equity.

1pm - 1.45pm

Oxford Town Hall
MAIN HALL

SOIL, SOUL AND SOCIETY

Speakers: Satish Kumar

The future wellbeing of humanity and the earth is dependent on a new world view in which the care of the planet Earth, nourishment of the human spirit and the nurturing of the human community are integrated and seen as an interrelated continuum.

As the trinity of égalité, liberté and fraternité, we need a new trinity for the age of ecology which has wholeness, integrity and cohesion. Satish Kumar proposes the trinity of soil, soul and society. Our reverence for the earth, our care of the soul and a just order in society represent a vision of sustainability, spirituality, justice and a holistic vision for the future. In a workshop session Satish Kumar will elaborate the concept of this trinity at ORFC.

Oxford Town Hall
ASSEMBLY ROOM

FARM DEEP DIVE WITH REBECCA MAYHEW

Speakers: Rebecca Mayhew

Chair: Jimmy Woodrow

In this in depth account of a single farm, we will hear from Rebecca Mayhew, who alongside her husband, Stuart and their two children, owns Old Hall Farm in South Norfolk. Rebecca and Stuart have converted a once intensively farmed pork unit covering 500 acres into a regenerative oasis. The farm now has multiple farming enterprises, including a 60-head Jersey herd producing raw milk that is sold locally and nationally and within which the calves are kept 'at foot', a suckler herd, sheep, pigs, goats and laying hens. The family have also successfully developed an award-winning farm shop and cafe, as well as a butchery and vineyard. Central to their transition was Holistic Management Training, which they completed in 2020.
Rebecca will articulate the challenges and rewards of rapid change, multiple enterprises, and farming with family.

Oxford Town Hall
OLD LIBRARY

ORGANISING FOR MIGRANT WORKERS' JUSTICE IN THE UK

Speakers: Catherine McAndrew

Last year, in collaboration with other labour rights and farming organisations, the Landworkers' Alliance produced a report looking into the structural drivers of labour exploitation in the UK's industrial horticulture sector, and how supermarkets are reaping the rewards of this exploitation. The report revealed how the new UK seasonal worker immigration scheme is facilitating worker exploitation, and provided workers with a platform to recount their experiences of both abuse and resistance. In this session, Landworkers' Alliance's Catherine McAndrew will present the findings of this report and put forward a course of action for improving working conditions in British farming.

Oxford Town Hall
COUNCIL CHAMBER

'BACK TO THE FUTURE': DIVERSIFYING ARABLE ROTATIONS TO PROVIDE SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR INDUSTRY WHILST IMPROVING SOIL HEALTH

Speakers: Heather Oldfield, Lydia Smith, Nathan Morris

Chair: Anna Jones

In this session we will show how fibre crops have been rediscovered and are generating excitement in many applications from very low to very high tech applications. We will show how cultivation will address emissions and response to climate change in at least two big sectors. Transport and the building trade have an unacceptably high carbon footprint, which these crops can target; but they are also good for on-farm sustainable soil improvement, reduced inputs and ways to address soil erosion and quality.

Oxford Town Hall
COURT ROOM

FARMER SOLIDARITY ACROSS THE GLOBAL SOUTH: USING AGROECOLOGY TO RESIST INDUSTRIAL AGRICULTURE

Speakers: Million Belay, Ferdinand Wafula, Swati Renduchintala, Meerabi Chunduru

The Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming Programme (APCNF) is a highly successful government-led initiative involving millions of farmers and eight million hectares of land in India. It revolves around nine key agroecological principles, including the use of indigenous seed, cover crops and keeping soil disturbance to a minimum. Probably most importantly it offers a viable alternative to using chemical fertilisers, pesticides and herbicides.

In 2020, members of the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA) visited India and were able to witness the success of the programme first hand. As a result, they started an online learning programme between AFSA members in 12 African countries and Indian farmers in Andhra Pradesh, so that the successes and difficulties of such a knowledge-intensive, rather than resource-intensive system of farming, can be shared with other small-scale farmers around the world.

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This January, we are fortunate to have the partners of this exchange with us in Oxford. This session will address how cooperation between these two organisations in the Southern Hemisphere is facilitating the transition to agroecology and building solidarity in resisting the industrial, colonial agenda.

Oxford Town Hall
ST ALDATE'S ROOM

WOMEN AND NON-BINARY FARMERS: FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

Speakers: Molly Shelton, Ali Taherzadeh

Chair: Ruth Hancock

2022 saw the fourth women's and non-binary farm hack - a participant created weekend where practical skills, knowledge and solidarity are shared, alongside a deep delve into the political and social implications of being women and non-binary landworkers and land justice activists. The film and discussion bring together many of the important elements of agroecology: land and food justice, peer to peer practical learning through the medium of farm hacks, and solidarity building and networking throughout the landworking community of women and non-binary people. The film emphasises viable solutions rooted in the empowerment of women and non-binary landworkers to tackle the multiple issues we face around food sovereignty, the importance of diversity in all its forms, climate justice, workers' and women's rights.

Museum of Oxford
MUSEUM MAKERS SPACE

WORKSHOP: DEEP LISTENING TO THE LANDSCAPE

Facilitator: Jaimini Patel

Deep Listening, as developed by Pauline Oliveros, explores the difference between the involuntary nature of hearing and the conscious nature of listening. The practice includes listening to the sounds of daily life, nature, one's own thoughts, imagination, and dreams. It cultivates a heightened awareness of the sonic environment, both external and internal, and promotes experimentation, improvisation, collaboration, playfulness, and other creative skills vital to personal and community growth. Led by artist Jaimini Patel, the workshop will introduce you to this practice and include a listening meditation in Christchurch Meadow, followed by a discussion with anyone interested in collaboration in general, and in particular around biomaterials, living architecture, biodiversity, or waste. Please wear comfortable and appropriate clothing to be outside for the session.

Blue Boar House
INTER-VARSITY ROOM

LAND SPEED DATING

Facilitators: Rachael Forster, Hatty Richards, Steph Wetherell

Open to all delegates at ORFC, especially public and private landowners, landseekers and new entrants into farming who are interested in finding space to put down roots for a new enterprise, or who can offer land to help kick-start a new farming based business. Come along, have a chat, make new connections!

Parish Centre
CHRISTOPHER ROOM

PERFORMANCE: TIPPING POINTS LAND AND SEA - MUSICIANS AND FARMERS AS SCIENCE COMMUNICATORS

Speakers: Luke Daniels

Chair: Lucy Beattie

This performance session looks at the ways in which folk music-making can map sociocultural change at land and sea. This relates to environment, landscape, activism and traditions. Lucy Beattie is a sheep farmer from the North West Highlands of Scotland. Lucy recently completed a PhD which looks at the connections between science and society. Luke Daniels is a folk musician originally from South Oxfordshire now living in Scotland. They will explore the concept of musician-as-science communicator and explain how Lucy has worked with Luke to understand how this applies to land use, farming and the environment.

St Aldates Tavern
BLUE ROOM

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

Facilitator: Clare Horrell, Real Farming Trust

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 say hello to others who share your interests and passions.

Cheng Building
DIGITAL HUB

AGRI-SPIN: HOW BIG INDUSTRY INFLUENCES FOOD AND FARMING POLICY

Speakers: Thin Lei Win, Clare Carlile, Emile Frison

Chair: Hazel Healy

From climate-neutral beef", to nature-friendly pesticides, big ag's powerful PR machine spreads influential narratives – and employs underhand methods – to maintain the polluting status quo. Drawing on examples from the UK, EU and global context, in this panel the investigative journalism outlet DeSmog – and friends – will put corporate tactics under the spotlight. The session will be an insight into the misleading narratives used by big business and will equip ORFC participants to unpick the arguments used by industrial farming lobbies and make space for different visions that allow for the transformation of our food and farming system to benefit both people and nature.

Cheng Building
SEMINAR ROOM

SGD0: APPLYING LOVE AND JOY TO FOOD AND FARMING

Speakers: Charlotte Dufour, Satish Kumar

Join us for an inspiring session convened by the Conscious Food Systems Alliance (CoFSA) on SDG0, the unwritten sustainable development goal on love and joy, which can be seen as the ultimate goal of UN Agenda 2030 which outlines 17 other sustainable development goals. Satish Kumar will introduce us to the inner dimension of farming, rooted in the radical love we nurture for the land, the seeds, the plants, the seasons. This inner dimension connects us with ourselves, other people, the Earth making farming a sacred act which provides us with deep joy. Satish will also invite us into a moment of self-reflection and creative writing. A refreshing lunchtime event which will feed your soul! (Please bring a pen and paper.)

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Story Museum
THE WOODSHED

COLONISED AND COLONISER: TRANSFORMING RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH FOOD AND LAND STORIES

Speakers: Loa Niumeitolu, Jessica Milgroom

Two women will share their families' colonised and colonising experiences with their traditional foods and the traditional foods of Indigenous people on the land they settled. Jessica Milgroom's grandfather grew up as a descendant of settler families from mixed European heritage on Ojibwe reservation land in Northern Minnesota. He was instrumental in commercialising wild rice that Indigenous people in Minnesota held sacred as food and ancestral relatives. Jessica will share how that influences her life's work. Loa Niumeitolu is a Tongan immigrant living on Lisjan Ohlone Territory, Berkeley, California. Loa will share how her Pasifika ancestors' great love and care for the ecosystems of life reconnected her to work with and teach youth, communities of colour, and Pasifika communities about stewarding land in Indigenous ways on Ohlone Territory.

Story Museum
THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM

SEEDING REPARATIONS NETWORKING

Facilitators: Olive Ceesay, Andre Kpodonu, Tom Wakeford

Seeding Reparations will host lunchtime organising sessions for conference attendees already engaged in Reparations and/or anti-colonial work. This session is not an introduction, but a space for organisers to collaborate on setting the agenda and generating questions about existing efforts and better connecting them. On day one, participants will reflect and process their involvement in Reparations work in racial affinity groups to prepare for a multiracial coalition space on day two. Lunchtime sessions will be divided into two spaces: one for BIPOC participants and another for white participants.

Story Museum
LINK ROOM

MEDITATION: SELF-REGENERATION

Speakers: Emma Chow

This is a moment of pause amidst the conference. An invitation to digest everything you have received thus far and recharge your batteries. Through a series of breathing techniques, somatic exercises and guided meditation, Emma will encourage you to a place of deep rest where you can clear stress, and expand your capacity to be the agents of change. Because after all, creating a regenerative future begins with ourselves! You will leave with practical tools like short practices you can integrate into your day-to-day to downregulate the nervous system, gain deep rest, and a more open creative centre of your brain.

2pm - 3.30pm

Oxford Town Hall
MAIN HALL

SOIL HEALTH AT SCALE

Speakers: Iain Tolhurst, Tim Parton

Chair: Harriet Bell

Applying soil health principles at scale is a challenge, with many farmers looking to stop ploughing but still relying on chemical weed killers and those unwilling to use chemical weed killers still relying on ploughing. We will explore this very complicated subject in an intelligent and positive way with two passionate soil enthusiasts.

Oxford Town Hall
ASSEMBLY ROOM

LIVESTOCK IN THE LANDSCAPE: OPTIMAL CARRYING CAPACITY OF LAND FOR LIVESTOCK

Speakers: Lindsay Whistance, Simon Fairlie, Richard Gantlett

Chair: Matt Smee

Livestock use in farming systems is a polarising topic, from the drive to net zero to the degradation of arable soils, the topic is much discussed and at times misunderstood. This discussion session will present ideas and approaches that look to reframe the case for livestock in the landscape, present approaches that drive farmer decision making related to optimal livestock carrying capacity on farms and moves away from reducing animals' role in the landscape to producing emissions.

Oxford Town Hall
OLD LIBRARY

SHIFTING THE NARRATIVE FROM A COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS TO A COST-OF-PROFIT CRISIS

Speakers: Sofía Monsalve Suárez, Yali Banton-Heath, Daniel Stanley, Courtney Scott

Chair: Dee Woods

2023 saw food prices in the UK skyrocket. Combined with a spike in energy prices, the cost of living for families across the UK rose dramatically, pushing countless families deeper into poverty. Meanwhile, supermarkets continued to generate enormous profits. Hiding behind a cost-of-living smokescreen, they hiked up their prices and handed out billions in shareholder profits, all the while attempting to persuade us that price increases are an inevitable result of factors outside of their control. Are we living in a cost-of-living crisis? Or a more entrenched corporate greed crisis? Join our panellists to explore the ways in which we can inform public understanding about the entrenched corporate control of our food systems, what can be done to change the narrative around food inequality, and how we can begin to place the blame firmly at the door of those at the top of the supply chain.

Oxford Town Hall
COUNCIL CHAMBER

FAMILY FARMING DECISIONS: BRINGING TOGETHER OLD AND NEW THINKING

Speakers: Billy Lewis, Lucinda Lewis, Thomas Gent, Edward Gent, Tony Gent

Chair: Philip Gready

As with fashion trends, many farming techniques have come back around. This session will explore how members of farming families can bring their knowledge, perspectives and approaches to the table, and how different generations can challenge each other's thinking to future-proof a farm business. Each panellist will share what has influenced their approach to farming, what they have

learnt from other family members and how they've used each other's perspectives to make decisions to enable the farm business to thrive now and in the future. This session will offer ideas on how families can embrace old and new knowledge, alternative approaches and different perspectives to identify the solutions that work for their farm business.

Oxford Town Hall
COURT ROOM

MUSHROOM FARMING: EXPERIENCES OF GROWING AND WORKING WITH FUNGI

Speakers: Jesse Noon, Tom Baxter

Join Myco Manchester and Bristol Fungarium for a discussion of what it is like to cultivate and scale fungi for food, medicine and community. Myco is a small scale urban mushroom farm based in a market garden which focuses on community development and is currently working on creating a "genetics library" of local mushroom strains inspired by the seed sharing movement. Bristol Fungarium grows two tonnes a month of medicinal mushrooms, which they extract and bottle on site. They are working with RHS Wisley and Natural England to reintroduce native fungi strains to UK Forests. Hear the stories of these two fungi projects, and the lessons learned along the way.

Oxford Town Hall
ST ALDATE'S ROOM

VALUING SPECIES-RICH GRASSLANDS

Speakers: Jo Riggall, Nikki Yoxall, Olivia Nelson, Matt Pitts

Chair: John Harold

This lively discussion will focus on the value of species-rich grassland for nature, climate and people. We'll discuss their ecosystem services, benefits at farm-level (eg climate, resilience, cost saving) and their wider contribution to public goods (flood mitigation, soil conservation, biodiversity). The session will cover evidence on carbon storage and sequestration potential, and implications of management approaches; and panellists will reflect on how farmers can incorporate species-rich grasslands into their business and access public and private funding.

Museum of Oxford
MUSEUM MAKERS SPACE

WORKSHOP: UK GRAIN LAB

Speakers: Fred Price, Josiah Meldrum, Henrietta Inman, Rosy Benson

Chairs: Charlotte Bickler, Steven Jacobs

An interactive workshop to imagine a new cereal seed system. Existing UK Legislation and corporate control of plant breeding and milling is preventing diversity and dynamism in our grain economies at every stage from the DNA of our seed right through to baking bread. We want to imagine a more diverse seed system that can quickly adapt to climate challenges and a move towards localising and humanising our grain based foods. From bread to biscuits, pasta to porridge, our ability to create and share seed is crucial. We would like to invite attendees of ORFC to join our session and take part in visualising a new grain economy, beginning with seeds. What should our breeding targets be? How can we generate more diversity? How should seeds be shared? We want to gather everyone's visions to help us build a case to update our seed laws.

Museum of Oxford
LEARNING STUDIO

WORKSHOP: NATIVE AND INVASIVE PLANT PIGMENT PRINTING

Facilitator: Babs Behan

Can we break the habit of using petroleum derived plastic based pigments for print and colour for consumer goods and packaging? Is there an alternative pigment source which is not reliant on global extractive industries? In this workshop we look at traditional local pigments which can be sourced from abundant plant waste streams such as windfall leaves and look at the wider circular system of harvesting colour in a way which can actually be beneficial to the landscape, improve biodiversity and human health.

Babs will introduce her latest R+D project extracting pigments from local abundant native and invasive plant sources, such as Oak, Alder, Hawthorn and Bramble. Followed by a short pigment extraction demonstration to create a medium suitable for printmaking. You will then have the opportunity to woodblock print with the inks onto postcards.

Blue Boar House
INTER-VARSITY ROOM

FINDING THE RIGHT SUCCESSOR FOR YOUR LAND

Speakers: Tom Carman, David Riddle, Christine Meadows, Rachel Phillips, Gala Bailey-Barker

Chair: Gabriel Kaye

How do you go about finding the next stage for your farm if you have no family to take it on? What are useful paths and choices? Where do you start? When is the best time to look at succession? In this session, panellists will consider enterprise stacking, subcontracting activities, share farming, community engagement and feeding the nation (locally) as ways to bring others into a farm's future. Succession also offers opportunities for entrant farmers to engage and for successors to enable the next generation. This session will take a case-study approach to finding options for small to medium-sized farms.

St Aldates
THE CHURCH

PARENTHOOD AND REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE

Speakers: Darina Allen, Kylie Woodham, Francesca Cooper, Hollie Fallick

Some of us are farmers before we become parents. For others it happens the other way around. Some choose farming as a lifestyle to raise a family and teach the next generation food security, sovereignty and animal husbandry. However farming and parenting match together, there are benefits - socially, environmentally, economically. Farming and parenting also have their challenges. Unreliable wages, weather fluctuations and long work hours. Demands on families are exacerbated by farming. Intergenerational expectations and succession plans. Regenerative farming is not just about the food produced. Join farmer and founder of the Ballymaloe Cookery School, Darina Allen and farmers, Kylie Magner, Francesca Cooper and Hollie Fallick as they delve into the realities for parenting and farming. They will share their struggles and highlights working in farming enterprises as parents of multiple children.

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Parish Centre
CHRISTOPHER ROOM

BARN TO YARN: SCALING REGENERATIVE FIBRE PRODUCTION

Speakers: Helen Keys, Peter Quigley, Katie Allen, Frieda Gormley

Chair: Deborah Barker

From the first commercial producer of homegrown Irish linen in over 40 years to artisan textiles to native breed livestock, three sector experts share their knowledge of sustainable fibre production. Join us to hear about multiple approaches to crafting a regenerative textile system and the opportunities for boosting local nature-friendly fibre farming.

Parish Centre
CONFERENCE ROOM

CSA LEARNINGS FROM THE USA

Speakers: Suzy Russell, Ed Hamer

In the autumn of 2023 Ed Hamer was funded by the Churchill Travel Fellowship to visit CSA farms across the U.S.A. Working with and interviewing CSA farmers, co-ordinators and members the research was intended to bring back learning for the CSA community in the UK. The trip highlighted plenty of contrasts - as well as some similarities between CSAs on either side of the Atlantic. Join us for a road trip story. Hear about the research findings, and join a wider discussion about CSA growth and development in the UK.

St Aldates Tavern
THE BLUE ROOM

CO-GROWING FOOD AMONG THE DIASPORIC HONG KONG COMMUNITY IN THE UK

Speakers: YuWing Wong, Perle Wong

Following HongKongers' migration wave, Farmer YuWing and grower Perle have been promoting the concepts of growing culturally appropriate food and saving seeds in New Malden, Surrey. In this session, they will talk about how they support Hong Kong migrants by providing vegetable seedlings - especially Choysum, delivering food growing lessons, and setting up growing beds in back gardens. They will also share their recent experience of establishing several community gardens and matching food growers with vacant spaces, how they can co-grow with the local residents and tell their stories through farming-to-fork events. While their work brings urban farming to people's attention, it is also intertwined with the everyday socio-political struggles and identity construction of Hong Kong migrants in their new home.

Cheng Building
DIGITAL HUB

INFLUENCING FARM POLICY IN EVERY NATION OF THE UK

Speakers: Martin Lines, Denise Walton, Rhys Evans, Phil Carson

Chair: Will White

The move away from the EU's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) since Brexit has represented a golden opportunity to reinvent agricultural policy for a greener future. Since food and farming policy is devolved, each nation has come up with its own agri-environmental schemes. Whether it be AECS, ELMS, SFS, or EFS, the core principles remain the same - public money for public goods. The past few years have not been an easy ride, with delays, mistakes and changes to the various schemes. Despite these stumbling blocks, ambitious agri-environmental schemes have the potential to transform our farmed landscape into one which delivers for nature and for farmers. We speak to four farmers across the devolved nations to discuss their viewpoints on the current policy landscape for farming, and look ahead and explore how policy could be improved.

Cheng Building
SEMINAR ROOM

RETAIL SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE

Speakers: Elena G. Cassisi, Jacopo Bosio, Cid Van Veerdegem, Pascal Henin

Chair: Esther Hoedemakers

A new model for sustainable food supply that connects producers and consumers through engaged retailers: RSA (Retail Supported Agriculture). Cities cannot be fuelled with CSAs alone. Not every citizen has the time or resources to participate in agricultural activities. In an extended model, shops and wholesalers can support and empower farmers. Instead of putting pressure on prices and taking off with the profit we believe that retailers can strengthen the collaboration between the different actors in the supply chain. In this session, members of the Belgium initiative, The Food Hub, explain how they connect Mediterranean producers with Belgian shops and chefs through a fully transparent supply chain.

Story Museum
THE WOODSHED

BELONGING TO PLACES: THE LANGUAGE AND LORE OF OUR WISDOM TRADITIONS

Speakers: Angharad Wynne, Iain McKinnon, Manchán Magan, Sandra Salazar

Chair: Rachel Fleming

What does it take for us to become deeply connected and in conversation with the land and those other-than-humans in our places? We remember back, to the language and lore of our land-based wisdom traditions, from a time not so long ago, to what it might be like to fully belong to the land. With 'folk memories' from Scotland, Wales, Ireland and Africa.

Story Museum
THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM

WORKSHOP: NO BORDERS IN LAND AND FOOD JUSTICE

Facilitators: Nicki J Carter, Mona Bani

A workshop that aims to bring a No Borders analysis into the food/land justice movement space. A space to explore how the border regime operates to uphold colonial relations to land, deny people access to land and underpin an exploitative food system. Among other things, our workshop will explore the deep-rooted links between land justice and no borders struggles, and hold space to discuss how growers, farmers and land-justice organisers can show up for people with lived experience of border violence.

Story Museum
THE LINK ROOM

WORKSHOP: CULTIVATING IN CRISIS

Facilitators: Juliet Millican, James Atherton, Jackie Kearney

Re-Alliance is a global network of INGOs and community practitioners using regenerative approaches to disaster, displacement and development. Our members are involved in innovations in food

growing, reforestation, and enhancing biodiversity, particularly in camp or settlement contexts. We are currently working with landscape architects and experienced humanitarian responders to produce a framework for camp design that takes into account the importance of food production, green space, social cohesion and trauma recovery. This workshop will share some examples from among our members of how permaculture design and regenerative food growing has been applied in similar situations and how current camp design can aid or inhibit this. We will invite participants to apply their knowledge of regenerative agriculture, landscape and water flows to help vision what an ideal camp context might look like and how best to put this into practice.

Story Museum
THE TRIANGLE ROOM

WORKSHOP: WE ARE THE SOIL

Facilitator: Nathalie Sophie Markiefka

New holistic perspectives are needed to solve the complex issues we face as a global society. Our current Western paradigm of establishing the scientific way of knowing as the only way of knowing cannot lead us there. This experiential workshop explores other ways of knowing using our intuition. Through meditative painting exercises, we will be unearthing the stories within our bodies that speak of our deep connection to the soil and explore possible pathways to a future in greater harmony with nature. We will use natural earth-based paints as a medium to connect with our intuition and explore our connection to soil. Everyone is welcome to join this journey, no painting experience is needed.

4pm - 5.30pm

Oxford Town Hall
MAIN HALL

COMMONS AND COMMONING: A PROGRESSIVE VISION OF A GOOD SOCIETY

Speakers: Guy Standing, David Bollier

Chair: Lucy Ford

The Magna Carta and Charter of the Forest of 1217 inaugurated legal doctrines guaranteeing public access and use of land, water, forests, and myriad social and intellectual commons. Yet capitalist enterprises and complicit states have plundered, privatised and commodified them, generating vast wealth and power for a minority while laying waste to ecosystems, democracy, and social equity. This session features two activist-thinkers discussing how commoning can achieve structural transformation and cultural change. Guy Standing, an economist and author of Plunder of the Commons, The Blue Commons and The Politics of Time, will propose a Charter of the Commons to revive the spirit of commoning – shared productive and regenerative activity – and move beyond mindless GDP growth. David Bollier, an American at the Schumacher Center for a New Economics and author of The Commoner's Catalog for Changemaking and Free, Fair and Alive, will explain how contemporary varieties of commons are building a "parallel polis" that can leverage political and cultural change.

Oxford Town Hall
ASSEMBLY ROOM

SLOW THE FLOW: NATURE-BASED FLOOD RESPONSES

Speakers: Nick Chappell, Alex Adam, James Robinson, Sam Kenyon

Chair: Pete Leeson

The Storm Desmond floods in 2015 cost the UK £1.6 Billion. Extreme weather patterns are impacting our farms, either with too much water or too little water. New research now shows the effectiveness of natural flood management and increasingly there is an acceptance that, for many communities, engineering our way out of crisis will not be possible – natural solutions may be the only solutions on the table. Hear from a scientist quantifying the effectiveness of Natural Flood Management (NFM) in farmland across Cumbria, an advisor finding practical management solutions (including trees), and farmers impacted by the extremes and making a difference through actively introducing water-based solutions on their farms. With growing evidence and more examples of practical solutions, this is an opportunity to discuss a countrywide problem, from source to sea.

Oxford Town Hall
OLD LIBRARY

A MARKET GARDEN RENAISSANCE ACROSS THE FOUR NATIONS

Speakers: Barry Ferguson, Julie Brown, Jo Hunt, Jono Hughes

Chair: Rebecca Laughton

The UK imports 85% of its fruit and 43% of its vegetables. Countries we import from are already experiencing the impacts of climate change, while financial pressures are causing UK growers to leave the sector. Yet, across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, market gardens are attracting new entrants, supplying local communities, integrating productive systems with biodiversity, sequestering carbon and engaging with the public. This session will launch the LWA's new report 'Horticulture across Four Nations', which explores the contribution that agroecological horticulture could make to reducing our reliance on imports and building a more resilient, fresh produce sector. Growers featured in the illustrative case studies in the report will speak about how they are contributing to making this vision a reality, and what their respective governments could do to help.

Oxford Town Hall
COUNCIL CHAMBER

LOCAL ABATTOIRS: FUNDING, FUTURE MODELS AND NEXT STEPS

Speakers: John Powell, Phil Scott, Andy Gray, Stephen Hill, Anna Blumfield

Chair: Sue Hayman

This session will provide an update on the situation for small and local abattoirs in the UK. With further closures over the past year, many farmers are facing a crisis as they struggle to find an abattoir to meet their needs. Government funding is set to be rolled out at the start of 2024 and this session will provide an opportunity to find out more about the fund, who can apply and how farmers can work together to support their local abattoir. The session will also explore innovative and new solutions, including moveable slaughter units and the role of local farmer-led groups.

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Oxford Town Hall
COURT ROOM

THE PENPONT PROJECT: THE POWER OF INTERGENERATIONAL WORKING

Speakers: Katie Driver, Sally Davies, Forrest Hogg

Chair: Gillian Burke

This session will bring together speakers from three generations and different backgrounds to discuss how they are working together to restore nature, shift towards regenerative agricultural practices and build community across 500 acres at Penpont - the UK's largest intergenerational nature recovery project. Speakers will discuss how they have worked together across generations, the barriers they have overcome, the benefits they've seen in a context where younger generations are often excluded from land, and how the land and farming systems are changing for the better at Penpont as a result.

Oxford Town Hall
ST ALDATE'S ROOM

WHAT IS A MEADOW AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Speakers: Bosse Dahlgren, Wendy Barrie

A farming journey, founded on the vital importance of meadows. The meadow is the mother of the farming system. We want to bring back this old saying with natural unfertilised meadows; to show you how to produce everything you need for a healthy life and sustainable business through increasing biodiversity using the meadow system. By feeding animals meadow hay you bring in micro-minerals and fertiliser to your land, enabling the creation of amazing produce, simultaneously boosting biodiversity, so much of which is lost today. Bosse and Wendy's combined expertise embraces Slow Food principles and the art of producing food of exceptional quality.

Museum of Oxford
MUSEUM MAKERS SPACE

HOW CAN NATURAL BURIAL BECOME PART OF DIVERSIFICATION ON FARMS?

Speakers: Rosie Inman-Cook, Yuli Somme, Rosie Kindersley

Chair: Liz Rothschild

We shall discuss the pros and cons of natural burial. Can natural burial be rolled out across more farms as part of farm diversification? Is saturation level and proximity to existing sites an issue? We shall explore the topic of de-carbonising funerals and how natural burial can become mainstream as part of farm diversification. Could "planting our carbon bodies" become a valuable part of regenerative farming and can this help people connect with farming and nature?

Museum of Oxford
LEARNING STUDIO

WORKSHOP: NATIVE AND INVASIVE PLANT PIGMENT PRINTING

Facilitator: Babs Behan

Can we break the habit of using petroleum derived plastic based pigments for print and colour for consumer goods and packaging? Is there an alternative pigment source which is not reliant on global extractive industries? In this workshop we look at traditional local pigments which can be sourced from abundant plant waste streams such as windfall leaves and look at the wider circular system of harvesting colour in a way which can actually be beneficial to the landscape, improve biodiversity and human health.

Babs will introduce her latest R+D project extracting pigments from local abundant native and invasive plant sources, such as Oak, Alder, Hawthorn and Bramble. Followed by a short pigment extraction demonstration to create a medium suitable for printmaking. You will then have the opportunity to woodblock print with the inks onto postcards.

Blue Boar House
INTER-VARSITY ROOM

FOLLOW THE MONEY: HOW CORPORATE POWER AND THE PESTICIDE INDUSTRY IS BLOCKING PROGRESS

Speakers: Clare Carlile, Eve Gleeson, Crispin Dowler

Chair: Amy Heley

The power of pesticide companies and the drive for profit is hindering the efforts of campaigners and policy-makers when it comes to pesticide reduction. We will discuss the ways in which corporate influence on policy and science underpin injustice in global food systems. We will explore the topic of investors influencing, or withdrawing support for companies that are driving biodiversity decline and harming human health, and what we can learn from the climate movement and its work with financiers including calls for divestment from fossil fuels. Join us for a panel discussion on the topic of Big Agriculture, corruption and influence in the pesticide industry and the notion of 'divestment' from pesticides.

St Aldates
THE CHURCH

FARMERS AND CHEFS: ALLIES IN AGROECOLOGICAL SYSTEM CHANGE

Speakers: Michael Davies, Edwin Brooks, Songsoo Kim

Chair: Clementine Hain-Cole

Each of us has the power to change the food system three times a day - a truth obscured and mistold as a result of the systematic disconnect between kitchens and farms. The more we can do as farmers, chefs and food citizens to re-establish active lines of communication and cooperation, the more opportunities we can create for each other to feed into the transition to an agroecological food system. The session puts forward practical ways in which we can support each other on that journey: from varietal selection to on-farm education to empowering front of house teams to be ambassadors for positive change. Not only opening up a forum for collaboration between farmers and chefs, this session most importantly presents a toolkit for every food citizen to use their eating habits to contribute to food system resilience.

Parish Centre
CHRISTOPHER ROOM

WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT CAPITALISM: CHALLENGING PRIVATE PROPERTY, LABOUR EXPLOITATION, AND ENDLESS GROWTH

Speakers: Elise Wach, Rob Booth, Alex Heffron, Mill Dessent, Nell Benney

Chair: Kai Heron

Let's discuss the elephant in the room during most discussions of agricultural transformation: the capitalist logics which shape how we

currently grow, process, distribute, and eat food. Our panel will explore capital's effects on farmers, the pressures it places on workers, and the ecological consequences of infinite growth on a finite planet. It will also feature the new union, Solidarity Across Land Trades (SALT), who will present their recent workers' enquiry. We will open the discussion to the floor and hope for a lively discussion on struggles for a post-capitalist future.

Parish Centre
CONFERENCE ROOM

WHY WE NEED A HEMP GROWERS GUILD

Speakers: André Tranquilini, Tom Venner Woodcock, Vanessa Barker, Claire O'Sullivan, Iain Tollhurst

Chair: Patrick Gillet

Every year we hear stories of the woeful incompetence of the Home Office to manage the hemp licensing process. UK farmers want to grow hemp, but the enormous amount of red tape makes even getting the licence a challenge without professional guidance.
We need a hemp growers guild to collectively strategise how to make the necessary changes so that hemp is accessible to all farmers in the UK and not just those supplying big pharma.

St Aldates Tavern
THE BLUE ROOM

MEDIA STORYTELLING FOR FOOD SYSTEMS CHANGE

Speakers: Nina Pullman, Katie Revell, Anna Jones

Chair: Dan Iles

How can powerful storytelling further the good food and farming movement? Hear from seasoned journalists and producers on how a good story builds connection and mobilises the democratic voice of farmers, growers, and landworkers. Speakers with expertise in podcasting, broadcast journalism and magazine publishing will share their success stories of how they overcame obstacles and built inspiring stories that brought alternative farming practices to a wider audience. The panel discussion will be followed by an interactive workshop in small groups. The session will be followed by the ACN comms/journalist social drinks at 6pm.

Cheng Building
DIGITAL HUB

JOINING FORCES TO SHIFT THE NARRATIVE FOR FOOD AND FARMING

Speakers: Katie-Jo Luxton, Adele Jones, Helen Keys, Dustin Benton

Chair: Gareth Morgan

There is increasing evidence that nature-friendly and agroecological practices must play a key role in supporting healthy and resilient food systems while restoring nature across the farmed landscape. Yet somehow these systems are still relatively niche in the UK. Organic farming, for example, only covers 3% of UK farms. What more is needed to shift the narrative, and support truly transformative change in our food and farming systems? Using the Consensus on Food, Farming and Nature as an example, this session will explore the opportunities for building momentum within the agroecological movement, and identify the more fundamental changes that still need to happen. Panellists will examine the barriers to agroecology being embraced by a much wider range of organisations and interests.

Cheng Building
SEMINAR ROOM

THE POLITICS OF GLOBAL LAND INEQUALITY AND PATHWAYS TO FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

Speakers: Emile Frison, Sofía Monsalve Suárez, Nettie Wiebe, Shalmali Guttal

Chair: Nick Jacobs

What is driving growing land inequality and what can be done to build land and food sovereignty? Land inequality and lack of access to land for marginalised food producers is a critical but overlooked driver of hunger and food insecurity, and a fundamental barrier to achieving food sovereignty. In a forthcoming report, IPES-Food investigates the dynamics of today's land struggles – from growing land inequality and the financialisation of farmland to green grabs for false climate solutions and a renewed push to privatise the commons – and proposes a new set of land and agrarian reforms that will build pathways to food sovereignty. Catch a preview in this session, as four experts from IPES-Food share exclusive insights from the forthcoming report and invite feedback from the ORFC community.

Story Museum
THE WOODSHED

WOMEN FEED THE WORLD

Speakers: Swati Renduchintalam, Meerabi Chunduru, Vijay Kumar, Selma James

Chair: Jyoti Fernandes

In the last 20 years, in Andhra Pradesh, India, grassroots women in a secular movement of self-help groups are collectively transforming the food they grow, their families' health, and increasing their income. They are the largest transition to agroecology in the world, simultaneously addressing rural livelihoods, nutritious food, biodiversity loss, soil degradation, climate change, water scarcity and pollution. Their True Cost Accounting measures social capital: collective action, trust and support, community cohesion (including confronting domestic violence). They are working to make available their effective climate resilient methods to other regions and cultures.

Story Museum
THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM

REPAIRING THE LAND: AN ENQUIRY INTO ECOLOGICAL, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL REPAIR

Speakers: Rachel Solnick, Claire Ratinon, Loa Niumeitolu

How do we heal the wounds of colonial history? Oppression and harm continue to make and shape the world we share. This session explores ongoing work towards repair and asks what still needs to be done. This is bigger than a conversation about financial debt which is often the focus of reparations inquiry. But what constitutes repair and reclamation? What is the place of land workers in that conversation? What are the land stories that continue to bring hope and struggle against racial capitalism?

Story Museum
THE LINK ROOM

WORKSHOP: USING SYSTEMIC MAPPING FOR FINDING POSITIVE SOLUTIONS IN COMPLEX SITUATIONS

Speakers: Jenny Mackewn, Angela Raffle

This popular workshop is back, with a difference! Jenny and Angela will guide you gently through a practice

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that taps straight into intuition, instinct, embodied sense and emotional knowing. The workshop is open to those completely new to this approach, as well as returners from last year. Valuable for problem solving in numerous circumstances, including the challenges faced by agroecological projects large and small, the approach is both deep and highly practical, and can be applied to the everyday how can I recruit the right person for this role in my project?' and wider "how do I reconcile pursuit of my real life purpose with my need to earn a livelihood?" You will practice identifying and mapping both visible and invisible elements in a system and explore experimental moves to find practical next steps that help move towards a great outcome. Limited to 36 participants.

6pm-7.30pm

Parish Centre
CHRISTOPHER ROOM

THE STORY OF BLACK OATS - LOST AND FOUND

Speakers: Gerald Miles, Owen Shiers, Jacqueline Morgan, Richie Walsh

Chair: Katie Hastings

This is a captivating story of black oats lost and found. Gerald Miles spent 20 years searching for the black oats his grandfather grew. Through a connection with a folk musician, another older farmer was found to be still growing these almost extinct oats. We formed a group called Llafur Ni and embarked on a journey to eat these oats for the first time. Discovering that eating oats wasn't as simple as we thought, we had to commission a machine to dehull our rare oats. After a journey lasting several years, a momentous feast was held on Gerald's farm at which the black oats were prepared by a young Welsh chef and eaten for the first time in living memory. We want to share this story to inspire others, but also to talk more generally about reviving almost extinct seeds and the collective effort that is required to bring a rare seed to plate.

St Aldates Tavern
THE BLUE ROOM

ORFC MEDIA DRINKS

Hosted by the 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 Oxford 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!

Cheng Building
DIGITAL HUB

IMPROVING REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE THROUGH OPEN SOURCE TECHNOLOGY

Speakers: Dorn Cox, David Bollier

Chair: Charlotte Steel

This moderated panel conversation features Dorn Cox, a US-based New Hampshire family farmer and open source technologist, and David Bollier, an American commons activist and scholar with the Schumacher Center for a New Economics (US). Cox has long been in the vanguard of using open source technologies to help improve crop yields, soil health, and ecosystem resilience, especially in the face of climate change. His 2023 book, The Great Regeneration, describes the use of free and open source community-developed hardware and software to improve land stewardship to expand local markets, improve ecological outcomes, expand our commonwealth of agricultural knowledge to bring hope and escape tech-based market control structures otherwise imposed by corporations. Bollier brings his extensive knowledge of commoning in diverse international contexts to this conversation, accenting the structures and culture of peer governance, the role of commons-friendly infrastructures, and the importance of keeping commoning and commerce distinct.

Cheng Building
SEMINAR ROOM

NETWORKING: BUILDING REGIONAL NETWORKS AND COLLABORATIONS

Facilitators: Ellen Pearce, Jade Bashford, Sarah Davenport

This is an opportunity for anyone attending the conference to gather in regional groups for an informal networking session before the evening's entertainment. It will be a chance to connect with others in broad geographic areas to share experiences of the conference, find out about relevant networks and events and highlight areas of common regional or local interest. Join colleagues/friends from the North, South West, South East or Midlands in England, or from Scotland or Wales - and hop between groups as regional 'boundaries' are fluid!

Story Museum
THE WOODSHED

DIASPORIC BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES: LAND, BELONGING, REPRESENTATION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Speakers: Mikaela Loach, Claire Ratinon, Carlos Ayala

Chair: Rosina Al-Shaater, Miss Divine

This is not a traditional panel and is run as a podcast discussion. It will explore, honour and celebrate experiences, wisdom and intergenerational practices of black and brown people in relation to land justice and presence in the environmental scene. The discussion will reflect on areas such as: professional and personal experiences, intersectionality of marginalisation/exclusion across different backgrounds, identities and abilities; access to land and opportunities working with land; nature connection; heritage and genetic memory. We will also explore ideas around the sense of "belonging" and "ownership" of land. Speakers will provide varied, (un) conventional perspectives from different professions linked to land i.e. farmers, herbalists, creatives, community events curators etc.

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Story Museum
THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM

YOUTH CONVERGENCE ON LAND JUSTICE

Facilitators: Action for Conservation, FLAME: the youth branch of the LWA

The Youth Convergence on Land Justice will bring together young people aged 16-24 from across the UK who have a shared interest in discussing issues and opportunities young people face in the realm of land work, from farming to forestry, activism to nature restoration. In workshop form, the convergence will provide a facilitated space for youth representatives from organisations, movements and unions doing innovative work to share learning. We will discuss the potential of intergenerational working to transform the landscape of food production and landwork in the UK for the better at a time of social, ecological and climate crises.

Story Museum
THE LINK ROOM

WORKSHOP: PERSONAL RESILIENCE

Facilitator: Peter Lefort

Workshop spaces are limited and require sign-up in the Main Hall.

Resilience is best described as the ability to respond to change, but many things can affect this ability, and not all are within our control. This interactive session will introduce the concept of resilience as a series of patterns, patterns that we can identify, practice and grow. We'll explore the internal drivers that push us towards burnout or exhaustion and the feedback loops we're most responsive to and that affect our ability to prioritise our own wellbeing. The session will introduce tools to support individual reflection, but also ideas for building new patterns into organisations, encouraging personal and collective resilience.

8pm - 9.30pm

Cheng Building
DIGITAL HUB

UK PREMIÈRE: SIX INCHES OF SOIL

Speakers: Colin Ramsay, Claire Mackenzie, Ben Thomas, Adrienne Gordon, Anna Jackson

Chair: Sarah Langford

Please note that this session runs until 10pm.

Six Inches of Soil is a new feature-length documentary film that follows the highs and lows of three English farmers over their first season growing regeneratively: a Lincolnshire arable family farm, a Cambridgeshire market garden and a Cornish conservation grazing farm. The farmers share their stories and meet more experienced regenerative farmers, food and climate experts along the way. The film is set against the background of a broken food and farming system. The film tells three inspiring stories from a growing movement while also showing the challenges faced by those who step away from conventional farming and the supermarket supply chain. The producers are proud to be launching Six Inches of Soil at ORFC since the film has been widely supported by the UK agroecological farming movement and are happy to speak to anyone who would like to screen the film at community events in the next year.

Cheng Building
SEMINAR ROOM

CEREMONY: VIGIL FOR THE LAND

In many traditions, ceremony is a way of inviting and evoking a conversation with that which is unseen. For the first time at the conference, we will be offering a ceremonial space, held by practitioners of some of the diverse land-based traditions across the four nations. Our intention is to hold a vigil for the land and to invite conversation with this place and all places that each of us brings with us. Together we will be co-creating an altar so we invite you to bring a natural object of any kind, from your place, with you.

Story Museum
THE WOODSHED

FOOD AND LAND JUSTICE OPEN MIC

Facilitators: Ben Reynolds, Loa Niumeitolu, Liba Ravindran

Roll up, Roll up! Calling all ORFC poets and musicians. Come and share your poem or song about your take on food, farming, water and land. Or just come and watch!

Story Museum
LINK ROOM

WORKSHOP: LISTENING TO THE LAND

Speakers: Gaye Donaldson

Chair: Lawrence Woodward

'Listening to the Land' explores the reality of our inter-connectedness. Relationship is at the heart of life, but in our relationship with the earth the conversation is so often one-sided. We don't listen. The session interweaves discussion, demonstration and experiential learning, to discover what's needed to return to a sacred and harmonious inter-relationship with the earth. What is revealed through this process can be illuminating and extraordinary.

DAY 2 – FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY

8am - 8.30am

Oxford Town Hall
MAIN HALL

MEDITATION WITH SATISH KUMAR

To meditate is to pay attention and be present in the here and now. During this meditation, led by Satish Kumar, we will pay attention to our body posture and our breath, through breathing in, breathing out, smiling, relaxing and letting go. We will pay attention to the four elements of which we are made; earth, air, fire and water and we will do so with gratitude. Please join this session to learn about how to be and how to live mindfully, heart-fully and consciously. **The meditation will also be screened in the Assembly Room.**

9am - 10.30am

Oxford Town Hall
MAIN HALL

FOOD SOVEREIGNTY RELOADED: HOW DOES IT LOOK TODAY?

Speakers: Ariel Andrade Molina, Rochelle Diver, Ferdinand Wafula, Paula Gioia, Jo Kamal

Chair: Dee Woods

2007 marked a key moment in which small-scale food producers and their allies established a shared vision of food sovereignty and developed strategies to make it a reality. Over time, a robust global movement for food sovereignty emerged, gaining significant political recognition and playing a key role towards the democratisation of global food and agricultural arenas, and also influencing food sovereignty policies in various national contexts.

However, our achievements are now under threat due to an extended period of systemic and multilayered crises. It is about time to come together again and evaluate what food sovereignty means in today's reality and bring the power of people's movements to flourish again. Together with leaders from different social movements historically committed to the food sovereignty agenda, this session will analyse the current global challenges and highlight strategies which are underway to counter this context, including the process towards the next global Nyéléni Forum to take place in India 2025.

Oxford Town Hall
ASSEMBLY ROOM

WHAT ROLE FOR GRAZING LIVESTOCK IN A WARMING WORLD?

Speakers: Robert Barbour, Michael Lee, Karl Williams, Sophie Gregory

Chair: Lesley Mitchell

Urgent action on climate change is needed, and reducing livestock production in the UK is often said to be part of the solution. But should reductions be focused on extensive grazing livestock, as is often argued? This session will bring together recent science with implications for how we understand the climate impacts of meat and dairy from different production systems. By considering this alongside the multiple social and environmental benefits that well-managed grasslands and grazing systems can provide, panellists will explore what role ruminants can play in a climate-friendly UK food system.

Oxford Town Hall
OLD LIBRARY

THE SEARCH FOR COMMON GROUND: RECONCILING FARMING AND ACADEMIC RESEARCH

Speakers: Holly Silvester, Julia Cooper, Jessica Stokes, Ben Adams

Chair: Tara Wight

While in the field, farmers pioneer and share innovative regenerative practices, research councils continue to pour millions of pounds a year into tech-heavy, top-down solutions to the challenges faced by agriculture. This session will bring together academic researchers, funders and pioneering farmers to discuss how we can work better together. Through their own experiences of successful participatory research, panellists will explore differences in expectations, timescales and language which pose challenges to collaboration, and discuss what can be done to overcome these. They will then discuss what action is needed for the wider research agenda to recognise and support farmer-led innovation.

Oxford Town Hall
COUNCIL CHAMBER

MANAGING REDUCED TILLAGE IN HORTICULTURE

Speakers: Leah Harris, Alex Stevenson, Chris Molyneux

Chair: Carolyn Coxe

No-till has risen in popularity in recent years but many growers still struggle to adopt the practice and remain chemical-free. While no-till and min-till techniques have taken off in horticulture, a prominent question remains – how do you terminate your cover crops without chemicals or destructive tillage? Through the Innovative Farmers programme, growers are pioneering new machinery and strip till techniques to find ways of maximising the benefits to soil health. In this session, you'll hear from growers who are trialling nature-friendly techniques to solve this issue.

Oxford Town Hall
COURT ROOM

THE CANN MILL PROJECT: WIDENING ACCESS TO POPULATION WHEATS IN THE SOUTH WEST

Speakers: Fred Price, Michael Stoate, Rosy Benson

Chair: Heloise Trott

During the 2023 growing season, four farms in the South West Grain Network (SWGN) – an alternative, human-scale, non-commodity grain economy – collaborated with millers, Stoates and Son, to produce approximately 100 tonnes of a functional stone-ground South West bread flour, milled from two population wheats. These were then available for purchase by bakeries in the South West and the wider UK. The wheats (YQ and Mariagertoba) were selected for their genetic diversity, ability to thrive in organic farming systems, and performance in the bakery when milled and sifted into white-ish flours for bread baking. The hope is that this flour will begin to supplant commodity, roller-milled wheat in South West bakeries and the levy on the product used to fund further SWGN activities and expansion of the populations in the region.

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Oxford Town Hall
ST ALDATE'S ROOM

THE ROLE OF NATURAL WEANING IN SUSTAINABLE LIVESTOCK SYSTEMS

Speakers: Dorit Albertsen, Peter Plate, Alistair Macbeth

Chair: Rebecca Mayhew

Farm animals have been recognised as sentient beings and the role of early separation between young animals and their mothers an increasing point of contention. In this session, we hear from three experts who are championing natural weaning and who will highlight the multiple benefits of adopting a later and natural approach with the mother removing the young animal herself. Keeping animals together typically leads to improved animal welfare outcomes, which impacts longevity and economic performance. Outwintering youngstock on their mothers can ensure the animals receive sufficient protein during this phase and also lead to economic and environmental benefits. And within dairy systems, these approaches can even impact milk quality for the better and allow the marketing of produce for a premium. The panel consists of a suckler beef farmer, a cow with calf dairy farmer and a farm vet and will be chaired by Rebecca Mayhew who herself manages a cow with calf dairy herd.

Museum of Oxford
MUSEUM MAKERS SPACE

WORKSHOP: TELL YOUR STORY PART 1: MAKE YOURSELF HEARD

Facilitators: Anna Jones, Alex Price, Emily Davies

Understand what makes a good story, unlock your creativity and kickstart your ideas in this interactive media education session with the Just Farmers team. Join broadcast journalist and author Anna Jones, filmmaker Alex Price and Just Farmers' Managing Editor Emily Davies for an hour-long Make Yourself Heard Workshop that explores the relationship between the public and the media. Learn what the media wants by developing your news sense and editorial judgement, and have a go at pitching your own story.

Blue Boar House
INTER-VARSITY ROOM

CREATING VALUE FOR PASTURE RAISED CATTLE HIDES

Speakers: Niels Corfield, Anna Heaton, Craig Drew, Alice Robinson

Chair: Sara Grady

Can the fashion and design sectors support the positive impact of regenerative farming practices by recognising leather as an agricultural product? What is needed to communicate that value? Cattle hides are typically traded in large volumes without a connection to farm sources. And yet, a desire for materials with traceability to regenerative practices is rapidly growing. This discussion will look at new systems of trading hides and producing leather that can achieve that link, and explore the challenge of communicating the value of this connection, from farm, to brand and beyond. The panel will present the work of British Pasture Leather, alongside the perspective of a brand (Dr. Martens) that is seeking leather with proven regenerative impacts, all in conversation with farming experts who will talk about the process of monitoring and measuring indicators of regenerative progress.

St Aldates
THE CHURCH

LUSH: LINKING UP SUPPLIERS AND FOOD HUBS

Speakers: Jade Bashford, Lynsey Kelleher, Seb Mayfield

LUSH is a model for providing high-quality food to food poverty projects at the same time as paying the supplier a full price and addressing social and community needs. We think this partnership arrangement is an unusually nifty model that addresses the many challenges of working in this area, so we want to explain and showcase it. We will examine the issues and hear a case study from the ground.

Parish Centre
CHRISTOPHER ROOM

FARM TO FASHION: NEW FIBRESHED TOOLKIT LAUNCH

Facilitators: Gala Bailey Barker, Justine Lee, Emma Hague, Deborah Barker

Chair: Amelia Twine

If we adopt a different mindset which places the value on wool rather than meat, how would we farm differently? How do we get to a place where we are replacing unsustainable synthetic materials with ethically and regeneratively produced wool? This session will explore how, for sheep farming to truly be sustainable, we need to use wool and why we need to be more ambitious about the way we think about this important crop. The session will combine talks by expert speakers with a practical hands-on opportunity to look at different fleeces and wool products.

Parish Centre
CONFERENCE ROOM

WORKSHOP: PREPARING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION FOR A HORTICULTURAL RURAL WORKER'S DWELLING

Facilitators: Bill Knight, James Shorten

Workshop targeted at smaller intensive growers. The session will lay out what you will require to support applications and give guidance on the information you should be recording from the moment you start your farming enterprise. Many people try to do it themselves or are bumped into an application unprepared when the council visit.

Cheng Building
DIGITAL HUB

CLEANING UP OUR RIVERS

Speakers: Sam Hayward, Stephen Ware, Peter Brooks, Rebecca Tully

Chair: Ruth Wescott

Industrialised livestock farming is a leading cause of river pollution in the UK, and is a hot topic with voters. The behaviour of sewage companies has grabbed headlines, but we want to turn attention to big agriculture companies who are profiting while overproduction of slurry and manure is destroying wildlife in our rivers. We will discuss the pressure on farmers to intensify, and the policy solutions, and practices on-farm that can turn this around, as well as solutions to stopping factory farming at a local and national level.

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Cheng Building
SEMINAR ROOM

STRENGTHENING GRASSROOTS RESEARCH AND LEARNING IN THE GLOBAL AGROECOLOGICAL AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY MOVEMENT

Speakers: Michel Pimbert, Colin Anderson, Jyoti Fernandes

How can research, learning and education be harnessed by movements to co-create and mobilise knowledge for just transitions in food systems? The session will largely focus on the work of farmer organisations, social movements, universities, NGOs and beyond who are creating alternative approaches to learning, co-creating knowledge and mobilising it to advance movements for more just and sustainable food systems. Drawing from discussions and outcomes from a Global Forum on Agroecology held in Vermont in September 2023, the session will engage participants in a discussion on key dynamics, tensions and strategies with voices from Latin America, Africa, North America and Europe.

Story Museum
THE WOODSHED

THE COMMON WILD TONGUE: CONVERSATIONS WITH THE LAND

Speakers: Patrick MacManaway, Bríd Walsh, Richard Gantlett, Adam Brocklehurst

Chair: Rachel Fleming

If the land had a voice, what would it be asking us to do? Is it possible that we could be working in a more reciprocal and mutually beneficial way? In this session we bring together those who work on the land at a subtle level - those who act as intermediaries between that which is seen and that which is unseen, those who can converse directly with the flows and cycles and spirits of nature.

Story Museum
THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM

WORKSHOP: SHARING OUR LAND STORIES AND LINEAGES

Facilitators: Sara Moon, Lucy Michaels, Rachel Solnick, Samson Hart

Many of us have complex relationships with land, especially those of us with diasporic identities and histories of displacement. How might a deeper understanding of our land lineages help us find belonging, connection, accountability and healing? In this workshop, we will invite participants to inquire into their relationship with the lands they live in and the lands their ancestors came from, hoping to open up a deeper dialogue and conversation about what land justice might look like in light of such complex identities and histories. This workshop is being held from a jewish diasporist and co-liberatory perspective, by facilitators of mixed jewish heritages. It is adapted to a UK context from the work of Linke Fligl, a US-based queer jewish diasporist chicken farm and cultural organising project. This workshop is open to everyone, and we really welcome participation from people with diverse land, migration and immigrant stories.

Story Museum
THE LINK ROOM

WORKSHOP: FEMINIST AND ANTI-COLONIAL APPROACHES TO FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND HEALTH

Facilitators: Jessica Milgroom, Lucy Aphramor

Workshop spaces are limited and require sign-up in the Main Hall.

This workshop aims to collectively share stories and experiences of feminist approaches as researchers, food producers, activists or practitioners in the spheres of agroecology, food sovereignty or public health. Our starting point is that we are confronted with patriarchy in multiple ways and spaces: from the institutions we work in, to the colonial capitalist farm and food systems we oppose, from the social movements we work with to our own thinking and doing. To transgress this, feminist practice develops strategies that are provocative, inspiring and transformational. They can also create tension and discomfort. In this session, we will use small group work and mutual exchange to share and unpack lived experiences and hopes and dreams for just/caring foodways.

Story Museum
TRIANGLE ROOM

WORKSHOP: SEASONAL VEG ILLUSTRATION

Speakers: Jess Knights

Workshop spaces are limited and require sign-up in the Main Hall.

Join illustrator Jess Knights in this unique illustration workshop based around seasonal vegetables. Using a selection of seasonal vegetables, Jess will go through basic drawing techniques and you'll have the chance to practice some sketching. Then, using a selection of textures and papers, you'll get hands on and creative, forming different layers on loose paper, cutting these out to form still life shapes. At the end of the workshop, you'll take away a lovely A3 paper cut illustration artwork piece you've created. Whether you're an experienced artist or illustrator, or an absolute beginner, this relaxed workshop is welcome to anyone. This is a perfect chance to get creative, unwind and get the confidence to create for yourself without any pressure.

11am - 12.30pm

Oxford Town Hall
MAIN HALL

THE ROLE OF AGROECOLOGICAL FARMING IN THE TRANSITION TO NET ZERO

Speakers: Lord Deben, Kyle Lischak, Chris Smaje

Chair: Rosie Boycott

This discussion will examine how to unlock the potential of agroecological farming in the transition to net zero and overcome existing barriers with respect to the scaling up of low-carbon farming methods (in the UK). Bringing distinct perspectives and experience, the expert panel will weave through topics such as improving the provision of and access to local food through mobilising communities, strengthening the law to support the agroecological transition and priorities for delivering on the UK's domestic and international climate commitments. The panel will also consider the Climate Change Committee's desk research on Agroecology and Net Zero, commissioned in 2022 by Lord Deben as Chair.

DAY 2 – FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY

Oxford Town Hall
ASSEMBLY ROOM

GROWING WITHOUT BORDERS: LAUNCHING AN ASIAN-AFRO CARIBBEAN CROPS NETWORK

Speakers: Carol Adams, Eric Ngang, Josephine Marchandise

Chair: Hugh Blogg

Building on an existing collaboration between Food For Life, My Food Community and Back to Our Roots – Growing and Sharing Without Borders – a project in partnership with Kushinga Community Garden about growing Afro-Caribbean veg in gardens. Launched in Mar 2023 the project aims to skill up people in the community interested in growing any veg but with an interest in Asian-Afro-Caribbean crops. Ranges from window-sill growing to polytunnels.

Oxford Town Hall
OLD LIBRARY

BUILDING A GLOBAL PEASANTS MOVEMENT: 10 YEARS OF LWA AND 30 YEARS OF LVC

Speakers: Jyoti Fernandes, Morgan Ody, Anders Behrend, Chukki Nanjundaswamy

As food and agriculture became globalised, peasant organisations from the Global North and South came together and founded the global peasants' movement, La Via Campesina (LVC), in 1993. La Via Campesina is now over 30 years old, unifies over 200 million peasants around the globe and comprises of over 180 member organisations. It continues amplifying the voices of peasants worldwide, fostering solidarity among diverse communities, inspiring hope and advocating for just and inclusive food systems. Ten years ago a new member organisation of LVC has been founded in the UK: the Landworkers' Alliance, a union of farmers, growers, foresters and land-based workers. Panellists in this session will explain how the peasants movement works and manages to build unity within such a big diversity.

Oxford Town Hall
COUNCIL CHAMBER

THE BIRDS AND THE BEES: UNLOCKING ECOSYSTEM HARMONY FOR MANAGING PESTS, WEEDS AND DISEASES

Speakers: Ana Reynolds, Patrick Barker, John Pawsey

Chair: Phil Carson

Launching at ORFC24, the Nature Friendly Farming Network has produced a new toolkit for understanding and implementing farm management systems that reduce pest, weed and disease burdens. Looking at practical implications for reducing pesticides and baselining biodiversity on farm landscapes, three arable farmers will delve into their strategies for improving farm ecosystems, showing how they measure impact and success.

Oxford Town Hall
COURT ROOM

FROM FARM TO FORK: THE WHAT, WHY AND HOW OF REGENERATIVE SUPPLY CHAINS

Speakers: Lynne Davis, Rachael Forster, Martyn Bragg, Josiah Meldrum

Chair: Djenai Delerue

Despite a relatively low profile to date, supply chains are a vital component of agroecological resilience and an area of increasing importance. Meet the innovators taking exciting steps to build and grow the regenerative supply chains that agroecology needs to thrive, from digital infrastructure online through to shared distribution networks on the ground. We'll hear from the Food Data Collaboration, the Good Food Loop, Hodmedod's and The Apricot Centre about how collaboration at a multitude of levels is the key to paving the way for small farms to achieve shorter, higher value routes to market, for larger, sustainable farms to be better able to supply local markets, for small distributors to be able to join forces on logistics, and more.

Oxford Town Hall
ST ALDATE'S ROOM

FRUIT TREE COOPERATIVES: LESSONS LEARNT IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND

Speakers: Julie Bellemann, Dan Hasler, Gini Morandi

Chair: Mark Simmonds

Over the last five years fruit tree worker co-ops have emerged in three of the North's urban centres: Sheffield, Greater Manchester, West Yorkshire. We all have an agro-ecological approach and prioritise work place democracy. We will draw out themes of the challenges faced and what's worked well. There will be plenty of time to draw in the experience from the room.

Museum of Oxford
MUSEUM MAKERS SPACE

COMMONING OF THE CITY

Speakers: Dee Woods, Sarah Williams, Richard Lee, Ebany Dohle

Chair: Bonnie VandeSteeg

This session will look at some urban Commoning projects, how they set up and on what commoning principles, and consider how they can be up-scaled so as to challenge the power of the dominant landowners in the city. There will be discussion about overcoming barriers to commoning related to land access and governance. We will consider how the food growing projects practising commoning can link more closely with housing and environmental campaigners to build a movement that can effectively turn our cities into Commons- for social, ecological and food justice. This session will include voices from Southwark Community Planning Network and Glasgow Food Growing Network.

Museum of Oxford
LEARNING STUDIO

WORKSHOP: TELL YOUR STORY PART 2: SKILLS SESSIONS

Facilitator: Anna Jones

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Following on from Tell Your Story PART 1: Make Yourself Heard you can choose between one of two smaller, two-hour intensive group workshops with the Just Farmers team. This is Workshop 1: Exploring Radio and Sound as a Storytelling Medium with Anna Jones

These sessions are specifically being offered to newer voices in the space to help develop more upcoming land workers as advocates and support those who might not yet be in a position to be a panel speaker at the conference.

DAY 2 – FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY

Blue Boar House
INTER-VARSITY ROOM

SHARE FARMING IN THE UK: A MODEL FOR NEW ENTRANTS

Speakers: Steph Wetherell, Will Caldwell, Dafydd Owen, Eiry Williams

Chair: Roz Corbett

The model of Share Farming is common elsewhere in the world, especially in New Zealand where it provides a pathway for new entrants to progress from getting started through to farm ownership. But how might it work in the UK? Join a panel of share farmers, industry professionals and a Churchill Scholar as they look at how the model works elsewhere and the opportunities and challenges for this model becoming more widespread in the UK.

St Aldates
THE CHURCH

WHAT DOES FOOD SOVEREIGNTY MEAN IN THE UK?

Speakers: Lynsey Kelleher, Ruby Makepeace, Adele Jarrett Kerr, Courtney Scott

Chair: Jade Bashford

In this session we will consider, together with the audience, what food sovereignty means in a UK context and what the agroecology movement can do towards increasing food sovereignty. Is it realistic or relevant for ordinary people to have agency over where their food comes from? What kinds of control do different people in the UK actually want over their food? Is it the remit of our movement to increase food sovereignty where the choices people want to make may not be about agroecologically produced food? What interventions help groups to identify and act on their food choices? Speakers will give examples of practice which have increased agency or given voice to people.

Parish Centre
CHRISTOPHER ROOM

MORE THAN A BY-PRODUCT: RESETTING THE WAY WE THINK ABOUT WOOL

Speakers: Christopher Price, Andrew Hogley, Jennifer Hunter, Maria Benjamin

Chair: Lesley Mitchell

If we adopt a different mindset which values the production of wool equally to the production of meat from sheep, how would we farm differently? How do we progress to the widespread replacement of unsustainable synthetic materials with ethically and regeneratively produced wool? This session will explore how, for sheep farming to be truly sustainable, we need to be more ambitious in the way we think about this important and undervalued crop. Led by expert speakers we will discuss how sheep could and must become a dual-purpose animal in mainstream farming. There will be a hands-on opportunity to look at different fleeces and wool products in this session.

Parish Centre
CONFERENCE ROOM

REDISCOVERING THE FLAX FIBRE INDUSTRY IN SCOTLAND

Speakers: Colleen McCulloch, Rosie Bristow, Lisa Houston

Chair: Rebecca Swinn

The Scottish flax fibre industry was a victim of globalisation in the 19th century. Flax once flourished in the damp soils but its seeds and supply chain have been lost. Join this session to hear from farmers, researchers and citizens, who have teamed up via the Innovative Farmers programme on a mission to find out which modern flax varieties can be scaled up across the country. But this research is more than just a field trial. Come along to hear about the shared dream of reseeding local and sustainable cloth production in Scotland, and to join the discussion about how you can get involved in developing a UK regenerative textile supply chain.

St Aldates Tavern
THE BLUE ROOM

ANCIENT LORE, CONTEMPORARY BELONGING

Facilitators: Chris Parks, Charlotte Pulver

Understanding the landscapes that we inhabit can be paramount to cultivating healthy relationships with them. A knowledge of land heritage and folklore, how our cultures and nature are married together in mythologies and stories, can foster stronger connections and encourage a deeper sense of place. Underlying the hustle and bustle of the City of Oxford is a wealth of lore and learning, that not only teaches us about this ancient cultural centre, but also the health, fecundity and magic of the forests, fields and farmsteads throughout the honeyed Isles of Britain. Join us to discover more, visiting local potent places, ritually imbibing the folklore and feeling the footsteps that have been before us. This session will include a walk to several nearby sites. Please dress accordingly.

Cheng Building
DIGITAL HUB

CAPTURING CARBON: JOINING THE DOTS BETWEEN POLICY AND PRACTICE

Speakers: Alex Mackaness, Kate Hughes, Liz Bowles, Lydia Collas

Chair: Brendan Costelloe

The Climate Change Committee has been clear that carbon dioxide removal will be key to reaching net zero. The way we approach this will have significant implications for our society – including for farmers, who are fundamentally important in helping achieve our climate targets. The challenge for farmers in this very busy space is to understand enough about the different greenhouse gas removal mechanisms available to ensure that they make the right decisions for their farm. In this session, we'll hear from a panel of experts about these carbon removal options, covering unbiased information about both the challenges and opportunities these present. We'll also explore the wider policy context, and untangle the question of how these approaches can be reconciled with a transition to agroecology.

Cheng Building
SEMINAR ROOM

THE WELSH POLICY PERSPECTIVE ON TRANSFORMING OUR FOOD SYSTEMS

Speakers: Katie Palmer, Shea Jones-Buckland, Andrew Tuddenham

Chair: Angelina Sanderson Bellamy

Food is a basic need, but seldom a basic policy area. Drawing on agroecology for cohesive national food strategies can provide benefits across all these sectors: supporting public health, environmental sustainability, economic stability, social cohesion, and national security

and sovereignty. Local farmers and communities are demonstrating the viability of nature- and climate-friendly small-scale production and supply chains and the positive impact of building relationships back into the food system. At the national scale, this agroecological approach can contribute to national security by establishing food sovereignty, which emphasises ecologically appropriate and socially equitable production, distribution, and consumption as ways to sustainably and independently meet all citizens' basic need for nutritious food.

Story Museum
THE WOODSHED

CROFTING: A TRADITIONAL, LOW INTENSIVE FOOD PRODUCTION MODEL FOR THE FUTURE

Speakers: Donald MacSween, Pâdruig Morrison, Cheryl McIntyre, Rhoda Meek

Chair: Theona Morrison

A model of low-intensive agriculture, sustainable, biodiverse, pluralistic: Has it, does it and can it feed islanders in the future? What can be drawn from crofting which could be applied wherever people have a corner of land. In this session you will hear from young crofters turning the tide by bringing crofting back to productivity in a contemporary context, drawing from the past and creating a good fit for the future. How does crofting sit in a local, national and global market and how can education deliver for rural communities.

Story Museum
THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM

SOLIDARITY ACROSS LAND TRADES (SALT): KNOW YOUR WORKERS' RIGHTS

Speakers: Mill Dessent, Nell Benney, Claire Ratinon

A short session focused on de-mystifying employment rights for land workers, employees, trainees, apprentices, and volunteers. We'll be explaining minimum wage law, rights for volunteers, accommodation standards and requesting reasonable adjustments, amongst other issues. Run by grassroots trade union Solidarity Across Land Trades (SALT), affiliated with the Bakers and Allied Food Workers. **This session is for non-management staff only.**

Story Museum
THE LINK ROOM

FARMING WITH NATURE SPIRITS

Speakers: Patrick MacManaway

Chair: Julia Wright

Back by popular demand! Join Dr Patrick McManaway as he explores the world of subtle energies in the landscape and recounts stories from working with farmers, growers and landowners across three continents. Patrick works to heal the geopathic stress that has been inflicted on a landscape as a result of historical or environmental trauma. He is able to show how the energies present in a landscape affect the health, fertility and productivity of both crops and animals and will talk about the techniques he uses for understanding and communicating with a world we live alongside, but never see.

Story Museum
THE TRIANGLE ROOM

WORKSHOP: TELL YOUR STORY PART 2: SKILLS SESSIONS

Facilitator: Alex Price

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<u>1pm - 1. 45pm</u>

Oxford Town Hall
MAIN HALL

SONGDREAMING: AWAKENING OUR COMPANIONSHIP WITH THE LAND THROUGH SONG

Facilitator: Sam Lee and friends

How does the trove of ancient songs from this land and beyond, as well as new songs emerging in the creative field work to restore the health and prosperity of our land? How is song working as a powerful tool to build resilience within the growing community and affirm a responsibility to the land amongst the agroecological communities. What can we learn from old folk songs and their implicit messages and wisdom about how we relate to the natural world. Folk song collector, singer, author of the book The Nightingale and nature lover Sam Lee alongside several musicians working at the helm of reimagining art and nature's entwinement discuss how song is anthemically and ethically enriching the movement.

Oxford Town Hall
ASSEMBLY ROOM

FARM DEEP DIVE WITH JOHNNIE BALFOUR

Speakers: Johnnie Balfour

Chair: Kate Bradshaw

In this second lunchtime deep dive session, we will hear from Johnnie Balfour, Managing Partner at Balbirnie Home Farms in Fife. Johnnie and team farm 1,300ha of mixed cropping (on a seven year rotation) and grassland. The farm produces combinable crops as well as vegetables and meat from their herd of 200 suckler cows. The farm has been an AHDB Strategic Cereal Farm host for Scotland, which has allowed them to baseline a number of their activities on farm, from ecological function to finances. Johnnie will articulate the challenges and rewards of transitioning a big holding to agroecological practices.

Oxford Town Hall
OLD LIBRARY

'SEA SOVEREIGNTY' IN ACTION, WITH CÂR Y MÔR

Speaker: Ella Sturley

Chair: Sofie Quist

Landworkers' Alliance members Câr y Môr are Wales's first community-owned regenerative ocean farm. Off the coast of Pembrokeshire in South Wales they farm shellfish and seaweed, and use regenerative farming techniques to build biodiversity in their marine farming system. Their community-ownership model means they are deeply integrated with the

local community, and provide dignified jobs and opportunities for local people. In this session, we will hear from Câr y Môr about their important and pioneering work, and discuss what food sovereignty and agroecology look like in a coastal food and farming system.

Oxford Town Hall
COUNCIL CHAMBER

NEW SUPPORT FOR NEW ENTRANT FARMERS

Speakers: Henry Leveson-Gower, Corinna Urquhart, Hatty Richards, Holly Tomlinson

Chair: Tom Carman

The results are in! Defra has been evaluating its pilots for supporting people to start and scale up land-based businesses. Meanwhile Lantra has been looking at how the apprenticeship scheme has been (not) working for agriculture, and developing plans to improve it, as well as support new voices in farming. Come and hear what they have found out and the future direction for their respective action to support new entrants into farming, growing, and more.

Oxford Town Hall
COURT ROOM

FILM SCREENING: ROOTED: GROWING A LOCAL FOOD ECOSYSTEM IN SCOTLAND

Speakers: Abi Mordin, Cat Train

Rooted: Growing a Local Food Ecosystem follows the stories of nature friendly farmers and food producers across Dumfries and Galloway, looking at ways to access local food, and meeting community food projects that inspire food citizenship. Rooted asks: How can we work together to make a better food system that is healthy, sustainable and fair for all? Rooted is a film from Scottish sustainable food collective Propagate, made in collaboration with Soft Error. The film features some of the farmers in our knowledge sharing group, our producer led food hub, and projects we work through local networks.

Introduced by Abi Mordin and Cat Train from Propagate, with some of the farmer cluster members.

Oxford Town Hall
ST ALDATE'S ROOM

FILM SCREENING: HUNGRY FOR CHANGE: CORNWALL'S CLIMATE STORIES

Speakers: Claire Wallerstein

Hungry for Change looks at the huge climate impacts of our modern, industrialised food system - which is itself also increasingly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. Join Cornish forager Josh Quick as he takes us on a fascinating journey to meet the people working to help us 'do food better' as the climate changes - from the gleaners picking waste crops in our fields to projects growing food in unusual places, and a microbiologist keen to get us all eating low carbon insects.

Museum of Oxford
MUSEUM MAKERS SPACE

THE LOST FLOCK: HOW A GROUP OF PEOPLE TURNED SAVING A RARE BREED INTO PROFITABLE BUSINESSES

Speakers: Jane Cooper

Chair: Bonnie Welch

The Lost Flock describes a personal journey to save a sub-group of UK's rarest sheep breed in 2013 and how the closure of the island abattoir led to agroecological farming, involving other farmers in a Community. Jane Cooper of Orkney Boreray (a collective of farmers, craftspeople, and others) will take through the influence of learning about agroecology and the ethos of Colin Tudge, Chris Smaje, and attending ORFC.; now, as farmers, they are working with craftspeople, butcher, restaurants and our customers in a fair trade, convivial relationship. This talk aims to inform and inspire others as Jane has been by previous ORFC speakers. What Jane has achieved in Orkney is through taking thoughts and ideas and turning them into a working reality, driven by a passion to save a unique group of sheep from extinction, and she wants to show people that this can be done and to inspire them to go out and do something as appropriate to their situation, skills and experience. There will be plenty of time for sharing and discussion.

Parish Centre
CHRISTOPHER ROOM

IT'S TIME TO GET FAIR ABOUT FARMING

Speakers: Guy Singh-Watson, Will White, Vicki Hird

Chair: Wicked Leeks

In September, organic veg box company Riverford sent an open letter to the CEOs of Tesco, Sainsbury's, Asda, Morrisons, Aldi and Lidl. This letter warned that British farming is on its knees and called for supermarkets to #GetFairAboutFarming. The supporting petition written in partnership with Sustain, rocketed to over 75,000 signatures from the public within weeks, and has high-profile supporters including Deborah Meaden, Rick Stein, and Chris Packham. The petition calls for the Government to amend the Grocery Supply Code of Practice, and require supermarkets without exception to buy what they agreed to buy; pay what they agreed to pay; and pay on time. Join Riverford founder, Guy Singh-Watson, Sustain's Sustainable Farming Coordinator, Will White, and Vicki Hird from The Wildlife Trust in discussion about campaigning for fairness in the supply chain and the ongoing challenge to supermarkets and government.

Parish Centre
CONFERENCE ROOM

WORKSHOP: WORKING WITH WOOL: DEMONSTRATION AND SKILL-SHARING

Facilitator: Megan Perry, Julie Baber

If you are wondering about wool and would like to have a go at handling different types of fleece, learn about the processes of turning raw fleece into a useable product or try your hand at spinning or weaving, then come along to our relaxed, informal space. Any ORFC delegates who are interested in wool and would like to help co-create this space, please contact Julie Baber pigsmoor@gmail.com.

St Aldates Tavern
THE BLUE ROOM

MINDFUL EATING SESSION: ADD GRATITUDE AND JOY TO YOUR MEAL!

Facilitator: Charlotte Dufour

Make this lunch break extra special: join us for a mindful eating session

which will transform your mealtime into a meditation of gratitude. You will be guided into savouring every bite, honouring the origins of your food, and engaging all your senses in this nourishing experience. Please bring your lunch (and utensils). Offered by the Conscious Food Systems Alliance (CoFSA).

Cheng Building
DIGITAL HUB

SO, IS IT REALLY ALL ABOUT CHEAP FOOD?

Speakers: Dan Crossley, Guy Singh-Watson, Sarah Pullen

Chair: Sue Pritchard

We are always hearing that, when it comes to food, people only really care about price. But is this really true? Last summer and autumn, the Food, Farming and Countryside Commission (FFCC) began its National Conversation about Food. Working with partners, FFCC set out to talk to citizens about what they really want from food. Through rigorous in-depth sessions and national polling the project asked about food's relationship with health, farming, land use, nature, and more. It explored citizens' appetite for policy change and built on many years of campaigning and research to influence government and big business about food. At ORFC we will talk with some leading figures in this debate about what we've learned so far, what it means for farmers and food businesses and how we can mobilise citizens' voices to create an unstoppable movement for change.

Story Museum
THE WOODSHED

BLACK FARMERS MARKET: CELEBRATING BLACK BRITISH FARMING

Speakers: Natasha Pencil, Ali Yellop

The Black Farmer's Market CIC is supporting new businesses and food producers to grow, reach new customers and audiences, and to work with experienced traders and business experts to achieve success. Market trading is low cost, no boss, flexible and high return – we are giving ambitious black food growers, with an entrepreneurial flair, the chance to turn clever ideas and sustainably grown produce into sustainable businesses. The Black Farmers Market aims to empower the next generation of Black farmers and community through entrepreneurship, healthy living and sustainable farming. Hear about their experiences starting up and an insight into some of the people who are part of the market.

Story Museum
THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM

SEEDING REPARATIONS NETWORKING

Facilitators: Olive Ceesay, Andre Kpodonu, Tom Wakeford

Seeding Reparations will be hosting lunchtime organising sessions for those attending the conference who are already working on Reparations and/ or through an anti-colonial lens. This lunchtime session on day two, invites participants into a coalition space where discussions of the wider movement can be explored. Taking stock of how we are approaching reparative justice, we will take this opportunity to build relationships, draw connections between our strategies and consider how we can coordinate an intersectional and reparative movement of many movements.

Story Museum
THE LINK ROOM

WORKSHOP: LANDWORK AS SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Speakers: Nick Jarvis

This is a space for all those who feel called to work with the land, from the experienced to the curious, where we can reflect on how our spirituality informs our work, or how our work has shaped our spirituality, or perhaps the deep call we feel to do something even if we haven't figured out exactly what just yet. We'll start with a short meditation, and then open to a sharing circle to explore the subject further. Together we can find ways to reconnect and live in communication and harmony with the land.

Story Museum
THE TRIANGLE ROOM

EXHIBITION: ROOTING DIASPORISM ILLUSTRATIONS

Rachel Solnick

A series of illustrations created as part of ethnographic field work on Detoit's Urban Farms. Featuring portraits of farmers alongside quotes from conversations and interviews this exhibition centres the voices of BIPOC and Jewish farmers working to reclaim cultural identity and cultivate decolonial land practices. It is a celebration particularly of the incredible black food sovereignty movement in the city which is nurturing abolition, liberation, and self-determination.

2pm - 3.30pm

Oxford Town Hall
MAIN HALL

A FUTURE GOVERNMENT'S FARMING PROGRAMME: BUILDING A MOVEMENT FOR CHANGE

Hosted by FLUN (Farming and Land Use Network)

Speakers: Martin Lines, Fidelity Weston, Robert Fraser, Jyoti Fernandes

Chair: Andrew Meredith

Hear from members of the Farming and Land Use Network (FLUN) on their thoughts regarding progress to date on a transformation in agriculture to regenerative practices and agroecological systems and what more still needs to be done to support farmers, particularly ahead of a general election, to help them deliver the UK's commitment to meeting key environmental and biodiversity targets by 2030 while producing healthy and sustainable food.

FLUN champions the voice of farmers in the vanguard of change, helping to develop and

disseminate progressive policy around farming and land use to politicians and civil servants. Its members include Nature Friendly Farming Network (NFFN), Sustain, Pasture for Life (PfL), Landworkers' Alliance (LWA), Real Farming Trust (RFT) Soil Association, Woodland Trust and Country Land and Business Association (CLA)

Oxford Town Hall
ASSEMBLY ROOM

BALE GRAZING AS AN EFFECTIVE LIVESTOCK OUTWINTERING STRATEGY

Speakers: Silas Hedley-Lawrence, Ian Steele, Clare Beaumont, Ian Horsley

DAY 2 – FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY

Chair: Nikki Yoxall

Members of the Pasture for Life-led, four year, Innovative Farmers field lab on bale grazing come together to share their insights into this outwintering strategy, including costs, benefits, impacts and lessons learned after several years of testing the approach. If you're a farmer currently trialling this approach and needing assistance for this current season or someone planning for next year, this will be an in depth and informative session on the subject.

Oxford Town Hall
OLD LIBRARY

DEVELOPING A NEW INTERNATIONAL TRADE FRAMEWORK AND PROTECTING PEASANTS' RIGHTS

Speakers: Morgan Ody, Dee Woods, Anders Behrend

Chair: Paula Gioia

In 2018, the UN general assembly voted in favour of the UN Declaration on the rights of

peasants and other people working in rural areas (UNDROP). This was a major achievement for La Via Campesina, as the movement had been working for 17 years to get there. The adoption process of UNDROP proved the capacity of the global peasant movement to negotiate within UN spaces and with governments towards a new legal tool. Strengthened by this experience, and seeing the urgent need to get away from the neoliberal trade order and, in particular, away from WTO, La Via Campesina is now launching an initiative towards a new trade framework based on food sovereignty.

This session will look at LVC's concrete proposal for a fair trade system centred on people's needs and on how to achieve such a major shift at the global level.

Oxford Town Hall
COUNCIL CHAMBER

FERTILISERS IN THE LANDSCAPE

Speakers: Clo Ward, Ben Raskin, James Scrivens

Chair: Jerry Alford

A discussion on using a whole-landscape approach to soil fertility. Harnessing the relationships and interactions between trees and crops can help manage organic nitrogen more efficiently, growers can use 'mobile' green manures, by harvesting nitrogen-rich leaf matter from elsewhere and applying it to cropland in a targeted manner.

Much like the fertility-building clovers and vetches long-used by farmers, nitrogen fixing trees and shrubs such as alder and gorse work with bacteria in the soil to convert nitrogen into a form useful to plants. They can be grown in biodiverse areas of coppice woodland and perennial plantings. These fertiliser-producing areas can be situated on less productive areas of farms such as steep slopes or boggy ground. They will also serve as biodiversity reserves and build up carbon stores in roots and soil.

Oxford Town Hall
COURT ROOM

DEMONSTRATION, DESTINATION, DIVERSIFICATION: HOW TO BROADEN YOUR FARM OFFERING

Speakers: Ian Wilkinson, Steve Chamberlain, Jonty Brunyee

Chair: Fiona Mountain

At a time when farmers are increasingly hearing about the benefits of diversification, enterprise stacking and land sharing to secure the future of their farms, we look at three very different farms which have broadened their offering to attract visitors and spread the word about agroecology.

Oxford Town Hall
ST ALDATE'S ROOM

IT TAKES A FARM COMMUNITY TO BE NET ZERO: A CASE STUDY FROM CORNWALL

Speakers: Mike Roberts, Andrew Brewer, Anthony Ellis

Chair: Hannah Jones

How can a farm reach net zero? This session focuses on the innovations of three farmers as part of a 43-strong community in Cornwall funded by the Climate Action Fund, part of the National Lottery Community Fund. The Farm Net Zero project is driven by farmers to improve farm resilience by reducing emissions from feed, fuel and fertilizer but at the same time increase soil health and ecosystem services. The speakers are part of an extensive range of farmer-led field walks, events and on-farm trials which drive community learning. This session will have a 20-minute commissioned film which focuses on farm communities.

Museum of Oxford
MUSEUM MAKERS SPACE

EARTHLY DELIGHTS: FARMS AND THE FUTURE OF MATERIAL PRODUCTION

Speakers: Loretta Bosence, Summer Islam, James Shorten, Tim Crabtree

Chair: James Binning

In the UK, farmland is predominantly used for food production. But as the building industry's interest in the benefits and applications of lower energy and less harmful materials like hemp, straw, flax and earth grows, competition with and tension between using land for food and for material production is going to increase. This panel will make the case for why we need to look at farmland as a space in which we produce more than just food, and look at the role that a more bioregional, regenerative approach to the production of materials and buildings could have in improving rural economies, communities and environments in the UK. The panel will be chaired by Assemble, an interdisciplinary practice working across the built environment to create, design and maintain better environments.

Museum of Oxford
LEARNING STUDIO

EXHIBITION: AGRICULTURE AND ARCHITECTURE

Design is arguably a vital element within an agroecological future. The Masters students of the Architecture School have been working with leading agroecological practitioners including Wakelyns, the Apricot Centre and Community Farm to develop ideas around how good design can support and promote agroecology. They will be displaying their work and asking for your input through some thought provoking questions. Come, see and critique the projects and programmes they have been working on. And maybe sign up to get more actively involved in a future collaboration.

DAY 2 – FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY

Blue Boar House
INTER-VARSITY ROOM

UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME FOR FARMERS: CAMPAIGN LAUNCH, REPORT INSIGHTS AND DISCUSSION

Facilitators: Hamish Evans, Dot Tiwari

Speaker: Guy Standing

From labourers to landowners, livelihoods in agriculture are often precarious. A lack of funded pathways into farming makes careers in producing food both hard to access and difficult to sustain. Finding ways to support these livelihoods will be critical to building the resilient, sustainable and just local food systems we need. This is an interactive workshop as well as the launch of a new report, with findings from a year of hosting conversations with farmers around the UK. UBI4FARMERS is a campaign created by a fresh working group of growers, farmers, academics and union co-ordinators. The aim of the campaign is to encourage farmers and food producers to discuss possible solutions to the financial barriers they face.

St Aldates
THE CHURCH

WORKSHOP: 'WORLDS WORLD WORLDS' POSTER PRINTING

Facilitators: Kate Bowman, Felix Kary

Workshop spaces are limited and require sign-up in the Main Hall.

Exploring Donna Haraway's wonderful sense of 'worlds world worlds', the printing press will be exploring the parallels between the wildly imaginative worlds nurtured at the ORFC that we all take with us out into the wider world, and the worlds that exist within the soil, and the life and possibility they grow. Printing small A5 posters using an 8x5 Adana Printing press, and a selection of vintage and hand-carved rubber stamps, including earthworms, protozoa and fungal hyphae using ecologically sourced inks. A brief hands-on workshop that provides a place to pause and digest the wild topics of the sessions.

Parish Centre
CHRISTOPHER ROOM

LA JUNQUERA: FARMING ADVICE FROM THE FRONTLINE OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Speakers: Silvia Quarta, Yanniek Schoonhoven

Chair: Hendrikus van Hensbergen

La Junquera is a major ecosystem restoration and farming project that stretches across thousands of hectares in Spain's desertifying south. Although Spain is Europe's most biodiverse country, the south is at the forefront of climate change, aggravated by the effects of intensive horticulture which illegally drain aquifers and destroy biodiversity.

La Junquera is part of a major movement to build a wildlife barrier - through nature restoration projects and farms - to prevent the encroachment of such development and to welcome young people back to rural areas. Once an abandoned village, La Junquera is now being revived as a community of farmers, winemakers and ecologists. Join us to hear from two young farmers from the project who will explain the challenges related to water management and climate change at La Junquera. They will go into detail on the main rainwater harvesting techniques implemented on the farm as well as share learnings on keylines, swales, hedges, reforestation and wetland restoration, as well as how to adapt drylands techniques to the local context. This session will also present La Junquera's plan of restoring the valley of the Quipar river.

Parish Centre
CONFERENCE ROOM

OPEN FORUM: LEARNING FROM THE LAND AND ITS WORKERS – AGROECOLOGY AS PEDAGOGY?

Facilitator: Ian Rappel, College for Real Farming and Food Culture

Mainstream agricultural education faces the same crisis as industrial farming itself. There is an urgent need for an overhaul of agricultural learning to offer meaningful solutions to our food system chaos. How can we create the spaces for a more radical pedagogy under the existing formal systems of education and training? What can we acquire about the learning process from agroecology and its practitioners? How can agroecology revolutionise the learning process itself? What kind of networks and movements do we need to share learning and empower actors across our food systems? What lessons can we realise from the internationalisation of farming pedagogies? Join us for a fireside discussion between educationalists, farmers and activists for this open and audience-led forum. Bring your experiences, questions and thoughts. Bring your passion, visions and hopes.

St Aldates Tavern
THE BLUE ROOM

CELEBRATING FIVE YEARS OF THE WALES REAL FOOD AND FARMING CONFERENCE

Speakers: Heather McClure, Sam Kenyon, Jane Powell

Chair: Jane Ricketts Hein

Inspired by the Oxford Real Farming Conference, the Wales Real Food and Farming Conference celebrated its fifth event in November. We explore what it is, why it is needed, and its role in addressing some of the challenges facing food and farming in Wales in the 2020s. Join us for this mini birthday party!

Cheng Building
DIGITAL HUB

REALISING THE POTENTIAL OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT FOR SUPPORTING LOCAL, AGROECOLOGICAL FARMERS

Speakers: Pearl Costello, Gavin Fletcher, Jono Hughes, Raksha Mistry, Kelly Parsons

Chair: Sofia Parente

This session will highlight the huge potential hidden in public procurement for delivering healthy and sustainable food to communities, creating routes to market for agroecological farmers as well as the role of food partnerships in joining the dots between procurement and other local agendas. The session will kick off with an outline of the opportunities as well as common barriers in sourcing more local and sustainable food in public procurement. It will be followed by case studies illustrating the importance of local infrastructure, building relationships between the public sector and

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farmers, and the role of programmes such as Food for Life in transforming food culture. Delegates will have the opportunity to respond to the panellists and ask questions from the floor.

Cheng Building
SEMINAR ROOM

HOW TO MEASURE HOW AGROECOLOGICAL AN INITIATIVE IS? LESSONS FROM TRACKING FINANCE FLOWS TO AGROECOLOGY

Speakers: Nina Isabella Moeller, Carlos Barahona, Emile Frison

An interactive session introducing a new finance assessment tool which will help to evaluate to what extent projects contribute towards the agroecological transformation of our food systems. The toolkit has grown out of work by many organisations, including the global Agroecology Coalition, that together have been tracking the volume and quality of funds flowing towards agroecology. In this session, speakers will introduce and discuss the tool kit and explore its potential uses in many different contexts. This is also an opportunity to contribute to the further development of the underlying methodological framework, which is envisaged as dynamic and evolving over time!

Story Museum
THE WOODSHED

TAPPING INTO THE SPIRITUAL ASPECTS OF NATURE FOR THE WELLBEING OF PEOPLE AND PLANET

Speakers: Satish Kumar, Charlotte Dufour, Shinya Imahashi, Barbara Hachipuka Banda

Chair: Ben Raskin

This session will explore how tapping into the spiritual aspect of nature can support food system transformation and improve the wellbeing of farmers, communities, and the land. Hear from experts and farmers on how reconnecting with our innate wisdom and rekindling our sacred relationship with nature can impact crop resilience, soil health, and community cohesion. Listening to nature connects the farmer to the land and guides the farmer's decisions, such as when and where to plant and which crops to grow. The audience will learn how recognising and respecting the spiritual aspect of nature and trusting in the unseen can transform consciousness and shift behaviours among farmers and consumers, enabling communities, ecosystems and landscapes to thrive.

Story Museum
THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM

WORKSHOP: ANTI-OPPRESSION NATURE WRITING

Facilitators: Liba Ravindran, Loa Niuleitolu

Workshop spaces are limited and require sign-up in the Main Hall.

The Anti-Oppression Circle is a network created and organised over the last three years. Its purpose is to hold space for those most marginalised in our society to have honest and transparent discussions around various topics related to systemic change and dismantling systems of oppression. Through this writing workshop, we will explore poetry from different cultures and contexts that is speaking to this purpose to help us apply the practices ourselves. We will share, reflect and build empathy around poetic expressions of land and food justice and how we can organise going forwards to shift the narrative of our current systems.

Story Museum
THE LINK ROOM

AFROECOLOGY: FOOD SOVEREIGNTY ROOTED IN ANCESTRAL CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE

FACILITATORS: Dawn Dublin, Dee Woods

Please note that this is a BPOC only community and solidarity space.

Join Dawn Dublin and Dee Woods from the African and Caribbean Heritage Food Network for an exploration of ancestral knowledge and cultural practices in African, Afrodescendant and global majority food systems.

Story Museum
THE TRIANGLE ROOM

EXHIBITION: ROOTING DIASPORISM ILLUSTRATIONS

Rachel Solnick

A series of illustrations created as part of ethnographic field work on Detoit's Urban Farms. Featuring portraits of farmers alongside quotes from conversations and interviews this exhibition centres the voices of BIPOC and Jewish farmers working to reclaim cultural identity and cultivate decolonial land practices. It is a celebration particularly of the incredible black food sovereignty movement in the city which is a nurturing abolition, liberation, and self-determination.

4pm - 5pm

Oxford Town Hall
MAIN HALL

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 our 15th ORFC. 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!

The closing plenary will also be available to watch on screens in the Church.

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Abi Mordin
Abi is a founder member of Propagate and a seasoned food activist. She has been working across community and local food projects for over 25 years and is passionate about food sovereignty and resilience. She is an experienced collaborator, grower, facilitator, and researcher, based in Dumfries and Galloway, Scotland.

Adam Brocklehurst
Hello. I am Brock. I'm a sort of farmer working a 40-acre Demeter certified holding on the north border of somersetshire in the mendip hills. I have been involved in agriculture most of my life. Beginning at 0 in my pram in the hedge whilst my mother worked the fields.

Adele Jarrett-Kerr
Adele is one of the founders of Soul Farm, a market garden in the Falmouth area of Cornwall and she acts as the organisation's social impact lead.

Adele Jones
Adele is Executive Director at the Sustainable Food Trust. She has been with the SFT since 2013, and now oversees the organisation's strategic activities. She is currently an advisor to the Scottish Government. In 2020 she undertook a part time secondment with the Welsh Government, and in 2019 she completed a part-time secondment with the UK Government (DEFRA).

Adrienne Gordon
Adrienne is a new-entrant farmer running Sweetpea Market Garden on 3 acres of rented land in Caxton, Cambridgeshire. Her first year was recorded and featured in Six Inches of Soil.

Alastair MacKenzie
Alastair recently joined the Real Farming Trust to launch their platform for landowners. Previously he has supported landowners on strategy and design, established an agroforestry project in Shropshire & spent a decade working with SMEs and Social Entrepreneurs around Oxford. He was a NED at Tablehurst Farm in Sussex.

Alejandra Balcazar
I am a passionate learner and explorer of life mysteries. I have the privilege of being part of a territory where all beings remind me that I exist just because they exist. I am proud to say I co founded Efecto Mariposa, an NGO that has created a space, the opportunity and the experiences for people to be aware of its own capacity and the importance of creating the better world we all deserve.

Alex Adam
Head of Water Stewardship at The Rivers Trust.

Alex Heffron
Alex is a farmer in Pembrokeshire and a PhD candidate at Lancaster University researching land use, agricultural transitions and ecological crisis.

Alex Mackaness
Alex is Senior Policy Officer at the RSPB where he leads on bioenergy and BECCS policy.

Alex Stephens
Alex works as Crop Production Manager for Riverford Organic Farmers. This role primarily involves training and coaching key farm personnel to implement growing activities and harvest of mixed salad. Alex enjoys finding solutions by improving systems, or through mechanisation and is passionate about sustainable farming.

Alexandra Tomlinson
I started out in general veterinary practice and went on to specialise in wildlife health, contributing to wildlife conservation projects for several years. My current work is on regenerative food systems, and their role in supporting human, animal, and environmental health in the widest possible sense.

Ali Taherzadeh
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.

Ali Yellop
Ali is an agriculturist, chef & medicine maker. Born and bred in Brent, her British & Jamaican heritage influences her work deeply. She seeks to decolonise horticulture & revive our collective ancestral histories, shifting our approach to the land. Ali offers to the world, Earth Tenders; a grassroots, woman of colour-led, agricultural revitalisation and archiving project based in London.

Alice Groom
Alice is a Senior Policy Officer at the RSPB. Alice leads the organisation's policy work on agri environment and environmental land management schemes, to ensure these provide a practical means of supporting nature friendly farming.

Alice Jervoise
Alice is a programme officer for the UNDP-convened Conscious Food Systems Alliance, working at the intersection of inner development and food systems transformation. She is focused on supporting the growth of the Alliance through partnership building and the development of trainings and tools to empower collectives to build a regenerative future.

Alice V Robinson
Alice is the author of "Field, Fork, Fashion", chronicling the making of her 2019 design collection 'Bullock 374'. Her work explores the relationship between food and fashion by connecting farming to product design, revealing the story behind leather. She is a co-founder of British Pasture Leather.

Alistair Macbeth
Alistair is a new entrant farming in the Peak District National Park. He is an ex-vegan turned dairy farmer with a focus on high welfare and sustainable farming. Alex is currently running a micro dairy and keeping cows and calves together having transitioned from a conventional herd 4 years ago.

Alysoun Bolger
Alysoun has been involved in many areas of agriculture (education, certification and practical). She currently works in the Biodynamic Federation Demeter International, working with member organisations all over the world.

Amelia Twine
Following her roles in sustainability in food, Amelia now works in campaigning for a just transition to

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an equitable, regenerative fashion industry. She founded A Single Thread CIC (AST) in 2020, working in creative community engagement to inspire consumer behaviour change, highlighting the different entry points to sustainability in fashion. AST ignites community-led action through a variety of activities and collaborations, and delivers the UK's Sustainable Fashion Week.

Amrish Pandya
The Bristol Rainforest, a non-profit organisation. Initially, we placed plants in classrooms to create low-stress learning environments for children. Recently, we have focused on teaching children about growing their own food in schools and raising awareness about the critical issues surrounding food. In the future, we aim to undertake community vegetable growing projects in urban areas with limited access to land and rewilding public spaces by establishing wildflower meadows and planting trees.

Amy Heley
Amy is the Public Affairs and Media Officer at The Pesticide Collaboration. Hosted by PAN UK and the RSPB, the collaboration is a coalition of environmental and health groups, academics, farming networks, trade unions and consumer rights organisations working under a shared vision to urgently reduce pesticide-related harms in the UK.

Amy Powney
Amy is the Creative Director and Co-Owner of sustainable fashion brand, Mother of Pearl. Amy's trailblazing mission to create a transparent and sustainable collection from field to finished garment and transform the way we engage with fashion, forms the subject of 'Fashion Reimagined', an award-nominated, independent documentary released in 2023.

Ana Reynolds
Blending a unique background in law and the automotive industry with a deep commitment to agriculture, Ana is a new entrant into a multi-generational mixed family farm. Ana's vision is rooted in a profound respect for the interconnectedness of the natural world. Ana is currently leading a national team at AHDB facilitating knowledge exchange within the cereals and oilseeds sector. Her team's work is pivotal in developing and implementing strategies to disseminate agricultural research, best practices, and market insights to farmers and stakeholders.

Anders Behrend
Anders is a danish young farmer growing organic vegetables. He is member of Frie B nder - Levende Land (FBLL) and active in the Youth Articulation of the European Coordination Via Campesina (ECVC). His main areas of interest is the question of access and ownership of land especially from the perspective of young farmers and establishing collaboration and knowledge-sharing among the young farmers from Scandinavian countries. Anders attended the recently held 8th international Conference of La Via Campesina in Colombia.

Andre Kpodonu
As Head of Activism for Feedback, Andre leads on broadening and deepening participation to ensure our food is good for the living planet and its people. Andre has 10+ years of experience working with and in communities grappling with marginalisation and structural disadvantage. His portfolio includes Seeding Reparations, EcoTalent, Sussex Surplus, Alchemic Kitchen, and Green Futures - all seeking to ensure that food system transformation places anti-oppressive practice at its core.

André Tranquilini
André is a biodynamic farmer and educator, and the estate manager at Waltham Place, UK, a 220 acre organic and biodynamic farm and garden. He is also a founding member of the organic and biodynamic seed company, Living Seeds, in Portugal.

Andrew Brewer
Andrew and Claire Brewer run a 500-cow autumn block calving grass-based dairy system with some land also let out for the production of potatoes and cabbages. A focus on environmental sustainability and net zero has put soil and animal health central to maintaining the productivity of this farming system.

Andrew Hogley
Andrew was appointed as British Wool's CEO in May 2021. He is passionate about ensuring farmers receive a fair return for their wool and firmly believes that Wool can be part of the solution for a more sustainable world. A graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge, Andrew worked in the city as an equity research analyst for 16 years prior to joining British Wool. Andrew lives in Holmfirth and, outside of work, rows for City of Sheffield and enjoys mountain biking with his family.

Andrew Meredith
Andrew has been Editor of Farmers Weekly since the beginning of 2021 after first joining the UK's leading agricultural media brand in 2016. Before that he was a farmer and livestock drover in Mid Wales. He lives in London with his wife Jayne.

Andrew Tuddenham
For three decades I've been thinking about nature friendly farming within various organisations, including a decent stint with National Trust Cymru. I've focussed on Welsh Government's post-EU agricultural policy since 2016, tracking its journey from idealism to practical compromise. Since 2022, I've headed the Soil Association's policy on food, farming and land use in Wales.

Andy Gray
Andy is a regen farmer, slaughterman, butcher, meat box supplier, quarry owner, and dogfood manufacturer. Andy has been trialling the Fir Farm moveable slaughterhouse, imported by Lady Jane Parker chair of the Sustainable Food Trust. This has helped him gain insights into how critical small and locally available small slaughterhouses are to the sustainable future of farming.

Angela Raffle
Angela is a Public Health doctor, and helped establish The Community Farm in the Chew Valley. She has chaired the Farm's management committee since 2015, and been involved in Bristol's 'Good Food Movement' since 2005. She trained in, and practiced, Systemic Embodied Mapping within her ecological activism from 2011.

Angelina Sanderson Bellamy
Angela is Professor of Food Systems at UWE Bristol. Angelina is an ecologist and is passionate about researching ways to transform our food systems to be sustainable, healthy and accessible

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for all. She has lived and worked in California, Sweden and the UK and has done extensive research across the UK and Latin American foodscapes.

Angharad Wynne
Angharad has spent much of her life exploring the landscapes and lore of this land. She shares her learning and explores understanding and contemporary practice through retreats, storytelling gatherings, ceremonies, dreaming circles, writings and pilgrimages. Angharad is a member of the Wisdom Keepers: Reigniting Ancient Ways collective and creator of Dadeni, a programme that explores the native spiritual traditions of Britain. She is a founding member of 'Animate Earth', a new international animism collective.

Angus Lam
Angus works for GRAIN's Asia programme through research and alliance building. Over the past two decades, he has worked in China and across Asia to support local food movements, community seed systems, farmers' co-learning networks and GMO campaigns. He is now based in Bristol, UK, and spends time supporting the community food system in the city.

Anna Blumfield
Farmer at Deersbrook Farm. Anna is the third generation to farm the land here and she is raising 100% pasture fed Sussex cattle. Anna is also a qualified sports nutrition therapist and each year has her meat lab tested for nutrition. She's a great believer in her animals receiving a natural diet and they require no human intervention.

Anna Heaton
Anna is the Fibre and Materials Strategy Lead for Animal Materials at Textile Exchange, working to reduce the GHG emissions of the textile industry by 45% by 2030. She has worked internationally on animal welfare and sustainable livestock management for over 15 years and also consults with farmers on organic and regenerative land management.

Anna Jackson
Anna grew up on the family farm. She worked for 7 years as a photographer in Oxford and London and ran the not-for-profit, A Zero Waste Life, dedicated to waste reduction. She returned to the farm during the pandemic where, inspired by her dad, Andrew Jackson, and reading Gabe Brown, she embraced regenerative farming. The farm focuses primarily on arable cultivation, utilising sheep for grazing and disease control, and renting land for pigs. The farm has not been ploughed since 2015.

Anna Jones
Anna is a rural affairs journalist, author, broadcaster and television producer. She's also a Nuffield Farming Scholar and a farmer's daughter from the Welsh Borders. In 2018, she quit her staff job at the BBC to set up Just Farmers - an agri-communications project aimed at connecting journalists and programme makers with independent, authentic voices at the grassroots of farming. Anna's first book 'Divide: The relationship crisis between town and country' was published in 2022.

Anthony Ellis
Anthony is a mixed farmer and consultant agronomist, trying to balance family and farming, with agro-ecology and sustainable practices, whilst keeping the bank and the sheep happy!

Ariel Andrade Molina
Ariel is currently a Botanist, PhD student at INPA (Amazonian National Institute of Research), researching ethnobotany, edible tropical fruits, Indigenous People's food security and sovereignty, and landscape domestication in the Amazon rainforest. He has been engaged in the CSA movement in Brazil since 2013, is a founder-member of the CSA Brasil community association that has been spreading the movement across the country and is a member of the URGENCI International Committee.

Babs Behan
Babs is a British natural dye specialist, Founder of Botanical Inks natural dye house based in Devon-leading the transition away from petro-chemical industrial dyeing to large scale natural dyeing. Babs is also the Founding producer of the Bristol Cloth project - UK pioneer of relocalised soil to soil textiles using local regenerative natural fibres, traditional natural dyeing and entirely local British manufacture.

Barbara Heinzen
Barbara is a long-term strategist and scenario planner working with companies and civil society in Africa, Asia and Latin America. After 30 years in Central London, she returned to upstate NY, USA, and now lives on 20 acres by the Hudson River, a site in the Barbets Duet experiment.

Barbara Hachipuka Banda
Barbara is the founder and director of the Natural Agriculture Development Program in Zambia. She has been working with the Mbabala Women Farmers' Cooperative Union since 2004 and has been engaged in community development as an advocate for small-scale farmers promoting sustainable agriculture and improved livelihoods.

Barry Ferguson
Barry is of the 5th generation on a small family farm near Belfast, NI, the farm was historically a mixed, and latterly until 2022 was an intensive arable farm using modern mechanised and chemical input heavy methods. Barry has started the process of converting the farm into an alternative model of farm succession, aiming to become cooperatively owned and managed using agroecological methods for producing local food. The first step in this process was an organic veg and eggs CSA in 2023.

Becca Stevenson
Becca started growing fifteen years ago when she did the two-year future grower programme starting in its pilot year. For the past ten years, she had been the grower for Five-acre community farm near Coventry, a CSA growing veg for 90 members for 50 weeks of the year.

Ben Adams
Ben operates a suite of farm trials each year and has significantly changed the way that the family arable farm in Oxfordshire operates. Recent trials involve a three year intercropping experiment as part of winning a Net Zero Competition. Ben also works as a farm consultant during the week.

Ben Raskin
Ben has 30 years of horticultural experience. For the Soil Association, he leads on their horticultural and agroforestry work. He also coordinates the agroforestry at Eastbrook Farm in Wiltshire, writes books including The Woodchip Handbook , and works as an independent consultant.

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Ben Thomas
Ben grew up on his family farm in Cornwall. After 3 years at Harper Adams College studying agriculture, he then went on to work for an extensive grass-based dairy farm and a large mixed farm. Now back in Cornwall, Ben manages a herd of Belted Galloways conservation grazing at Goss Moor. Ben and his partner Claudi have also taken on a cattle farm at Warleggan on Bodmin moor, using mob grazing to improve soil health and biodiversity.

Berni Courts
With 3 decades of experience as a farmer working in specialist education and social pedagogy, Berni Courts designs, researches, curates and delivers accredited courses for Ruskin Mill Trust exploring the benefits of Biodynamic Ecology as Educational Practice. This is providing rich material for his doctoral research at CAWR

Bill Knight
Bill is an organic farmer and consultant who has worked with more than 70 small farms, OPD's, foresters, care farms and local authorities. Supporting 27 planning applications for worker's dwellings on smaller farm businesses, with only three failing to gain permission. He also likes to forage in the woods.

Billy Lewis
Billy is a mixed farmer from Herefordshire. Enterprises consist of a herd of pedigree Hereford cattle, a flock of commercial ewes and an area of combinable crops. Farming for margin rather than yield alongside nature to deliver environmentally as well as financially.

Bina Agarwal
Bina is a member of the IPES-Food panel, and an expert on land rights, food security, and gender who has published award-winning books. She received the Balzan prize for Gender Studies in 2017 and the Padma Shri prize from the President of India in 2008. She is currently Professor of Development Economics and Environment at the University of Manchester.

Bob Mehew
Bob is a project delivery specialist and permaculture practitioner with 25 years of experience in consultancy and project management. Bob started to work with The Apricot Centre in and in 2014 became a Director. Bob moved to Dartington in September 2015, and since then has been developing Huxhams Cross Farm. Bob now teaches a new course, The ECO-nomics of permaculture, speaking regularly on diversification in land-based businesses. In 2020 Bob became a trustee of the Permaculture Association.

Bonnie VandeSteeg
Bonnie is a member of the People's Land Policy Collective which aims to support land reform from the ground up. She works with the PLP in London to support a variety of land-related issues, including housing and community, food, and environment. She also has a particular interest in land use conflicts and has recently published a book called Land for What? Land for Whom? Senses of Place and Conflict in the Scottish Highlands, based on anthropological research in the Cairngorms.

Bonnie Welch
Bonnie is Head of Projects at the Sustainable Food Trust and coordinates a wide range of activities, including the Feeding Britain campaign, Beacon Farms project and work around food education and local food.

Bosse Dahlgren
Bosse is a regenerative farmer, campaigner for biodiversity, author and horse logger who has studied agriculture, obstetrics, and gynaecology. His work includes National Service in Cavalry, heritage dairy farmer, chairing rare breed living genebanks, The Norwegian Horse Project, Sweden's Linnaeus Environment Award for meadow restoration; Museum Farmer, Fredriksdal and Slow Food Linderöd Pig Project.

Brendan Costelloe
Before recently joining the Soil Association, Brendan was working with the private sector as an Associate Director of Biodiversity, particular on corporate disclosure frameworks. He was previously a non-political advisor to the Secretary of State for Defra, and has also worked for the RSPB and the British Ecological Society.

Bríd Walsh
Bríd grew up in rural Ireland, in West Cork in the South Western part of Ireland. Farm holdings were small and local practices worked with the rhythm of the seasons with respect for the land allowing co existence in harmony with the natural environment. She is the third generation in her family to carry close communication with land and trees. The daughter of a forester, she developed a practice of spending time listening to the land – being present – holding heart at the centre of her receptivity.

Brigite Rowan
Brigite is a creative facilitator, curator and event director focused on cultivating spaces for people to connect with land, self and community through arts, ceremony, spiritual practice land-based craft/knowledge exchange. She is the director of The Land Skills Fair, A curator for Medicine Festival and is also a singer and yoga teacher.

Carlos Barahona
Carlos is the founder and managing director at Stats4SD, a not-for-profit dedicated to data-driven, responsible solutions for society and the environment. His expertise in statistics, participatory methods, and agriculture drives meaningful research and decision support. He is passionate about agroecology and explores innovative research techniques to transform food systems.

Carlos Ayala
Carlos wants to promote the importance of eating premium chocolate and celebrating it as a luxurious and healthy superfood. Achieving this through sensory chocolate tasting experiences encouraging sustainable food choices.

Carol Adams
Carol holds masters degrees in Community Develoment and Agrifood Bioinnovation. She is the manager of Cardiff Farmers Markets and Food Adventure Social Enterprise (FASE). Fase runs a project helping people from the global majority in Wales to grow vegetables from their cultures and co-produces projects in Sub Saharan Africa focusing on sustainable food systems.

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Carolyn Coxe
Horticultural Advisor at the Soil Association. Carolyn brings vast knowledge and practical experience of growing produce for the retail and wholesale markets to the team. This combined with experience in estate management for a mixed organic farming business whilst managing the implementation of agri-environmental schemes. Carolyn has a BSc(Hons) Environmental Management and is BASIS/FACTS qualified. She has a keen interest in improving the farmed environment to produce sustainable produce suited to changing market demands.

Cat Train
Cat has been part of Propagate Scotland for two years, supporting communities to learn how to grow food. She's also a bit obsessed with talking about compost and empowering people to learn how to heal their soils with the resources they have around them.

Catherine McAndrew
Catherine is the coordinator of the Landworkers' Alliance's Migrant Worker Solidarity Campaign, which aims to hold supermarkets to account for conditions on their supplier farms both internationally and within the UK. She is the lead author of the LWA's recent report Debt, Migration, and Exploitation: The Seasonal Worker Visa and the Degradation of Working Conditions in UK Horticulture.

Charlotte Bickler
Charlotte coordinates the Diverse Cereal Seed Project for UK Grain Lab and is Principal Crop Diversification Researcher at the Organic Research Centre. Her work focuses on developing participatory approaches to improve our understanding of how ecological processes can be optimally harnessed, with particular experience in developing research and policy on the application of evolutionary breeding and heterogeneous cultivars. She is member of the board for GM Freeze and NRFC.

Charlotte Dufour
Charlotte has been working on food systems internationally since 2000 with NGOs and the UN (FAO, SUN, Food Systems Summit with 4SD). She presently works with the UNDP-hosted Conscious Food Systems Alliance Secretariat. She co-founded the non-profit Listening Inspires and Listening to the Earth campaign. She is an Ananda Yoga and meditation instructor.

Charlotte Pulver
Charlotte is a modern day alchemist and lover of the waters; being born into the Pulver lineage of apothecarians. She has a background in natural healthcare, studying and practising various medical systems of healing for 20+ years. Her love is rooted in making medicines for people which she sells through 'Pulver's Apothecary'. It is during her time of studies she came across healing practises which involved water which sparked and renewed a long life journey in her work with water.

Charlotte Steel
Charlotte is Social Investment Programme Manager at the Real Farming Trust and has 11 years' experience working within the UK agroecology movement. She has worked in project management roles for two community farms, as a grant manager for an agroecology fund and on operations and governance at the Landworkers' Alliance.

Cheryl McIntyre
Cheryl is a crofter on the Isle of Skye. She keeps a flock of 200 North Country Cheviot sheep and a pedigree fold of Highland Cattle - as well as pigs, hens, bees, and dogs. A former primary school teacher and Agricultural Officer with the Scottish Government, she has most recently been a lecturer with the University of the Highlands and Islands on the Countryside skills course. With an interest in regenerative farming, Cheryl is keen to promote active crofting and education to keep people working with the land.

Chris Molyneux
Chris has been a vegetable farmer for 36 years, with kale now as their main crop.

Chris Park
Chris is a Druid, artist, musician and storyteller, immersed and versed in the ancient lore and wisdom traditions of the Isles of Britain. He is a folk singer and muliti-instrumentalist, specialising in pipes, whistles and flutes and various strings, mainly versed in British folk music and song, with a passion for Breton and French music too.

Chris Smaje
Chris is a writer, smallholder, grower, social scientist and former academic. He is the author of the books 'Small Farm Future' and 'Saying NO to a Farm-Free Future'.

Christine Meadows
Christine combines a background in farming, science, business and forestry to provide practical, focused advice to land managers that combines environmental, financial and social outcomes.

Christopher Price
Chris 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 Chair of the Uplands Alliance which aims to bring together practitioners, researchers and others involved in uplands policy.

Chukki Nanjundaswamy
Born into a family of farmer-activists in India, Chukki has been involved in the farmers' movement at local, national, and international levels. She is the Executive Chairperson of the Karnataka State Farmers Movement and a co-cordinator of the All India Coordination Committee of Farmers Movements. She heads the International Center for Sustainable Development, Amrita Bhoomi (Eternal Earth), which hosts the South Asian Agroecology School of La Via Campesina.

Cid Van Veerdegem
Cid is general manager of The Food Hub, a cooperation that connects Mediterranean, small-scale producers with Belgian shops and restaurants. Cid draws the strategic and commercial lines for the future of the cooperation and monitors the company's values and standards from the work floor.

Claire Beaumont
Claire and Sam run Gowbarrow Hall Farm on the south-facing shores of Ullswater in the Lake District. They are passionate about the natural beauty of the landscape and caring for the environment and are conscious of how farming fits within the wider global issues that our planet is facing. They run a Pasture for Life certified beef herd, as well as pastured pigs. Claire has recently started producing leather goods made from the hides of their cattle, creating a more circular system on the farm.

Claire Mackenzie
Claire is a film producer of independent environmental documentaries 'Six Inches of Soil' and 'From the Ground Up', both exploring our current farming system. She has a background in TV production, charity fundraising and event organising. She has set up environmental community groups both in London and Cambridgeshire - with food and farming at their heart. With a passion for holistic health care she has been a trained therapist for 15 years, and a trustee at Cambridge Cancer Help Centre.

Claire O'Sullivan
Claire is co-founder of Contemporary Hempery and a studio jeweller with an MA in Entrepreneurship for Creative Practice. Her interest is in the place where art and commerce meet, and in processes which take raw material to product. Claire's involvement in hemp sprung from a sense of place, living in the centre of what was once the centre of a thriving and economically important hemp growing and processing industry.

Claire Ratinon
Claire Ratinon is an organic food grower and writer who has grown edible plants in a variety of roles including growing produce for the Ottolenghi restaurant, Rovi. Claire has shared her growing journey in talks and writes a gardening column for the Guardian's Saturday Magazine. She co-wrote the pamphlet, 'Horticultural Appropriation' for Rough Trade Books with artist, Sam Ayre and her latest book, 'Unearthed' is out now.

Claire Wallerstein
Claire is the producer of the Cornwall's Climate Stories films, looking at climate change challenges and solutions through a local lens. The series covers everything from the Cornish marine environment and fishing industry through to energy, housing and health - including two key films about climate, food and farming."

Claire Whittle
Claire is a farm veterinary surgeon offering holistic consultancy to farmers and landowners transitioning towards agroecological practices. Whether advising on parasite control or the benefits of biodiversity for animal health, Claire advocates for healthy livestock as part of healthy farm ecosystems that benefit people and planet.

Clare Carlile
Clare is a researcher and reporter for environmental news outlet DeSmog, which investigates the vested interests eroding action to address environmental breakdown. Focused on food and farming, Clare's work looks at the lobbying and tactics of Big Ag – from the pesticide lobby to Big Meat and Dairy.

Clare Horrell
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.

Clementine Hain-Cole
As Head of Education at Natoora, Clementine drives internal and community knowledge-sharing programmes, including collaborations with Chefs in Schools and the Sustainable Food Trust. As a chef, she trained at Ballymaloe and Alice Waters' Rome Sustainable Food Project, experiences that grounded a deep appreciation of the farmers who put good food in our hands.

Clo Ward
Clo is the researcher for the Perennial Green Manures (PGM) project. She has worked in organic growing for 30 years and endeavours to apply science-based solutions to the environmental impact of food production. This led her to develop the technique of PGMs while completing a PhD at Bangor University.

Colin Anderson
Colin is the Associate Director of Research at the University of Vermont Institute for Agroecology. His work focuses on just transitions and social transformation through agroecology in pursuit of repair, regeneration, social justice and well-being.

Colin Ramsay
Colin's films have been featured in Nature Magazine, BBC click, Cambridge Science Festival, The Festival of Ideas, Institut Fran ais, The Royal Institution of Australia and international film events. In 2017, he won the UK AHRC 'Best Research Film of the Year' for his documentary film, 'Pain in the Machine'. Before filmmaking, he spent 10 years in the education sector and has lived in China and Australia. He is passionate about nature-based solutions to climate change and sticking it to the man.

Colleen McCulloch
Colleen is an independent specialist in agroecological farming systems, with a background in organic food and fibre production, research and ecology. Formerly SA Scotland's senior farming programmes manager, she has spent the last 10 years building, supporting and mobilising farmer-led innovation and knowledge networks across Scotland and the UK.

Corinna Urquhart
Corinna is Director of External Relations at Lantra, the leading awarding body for land-based and environmental training, She was previously Associate Director (Strategy and Insight) at the Natural Environment Research Council

Courtney Scott
Courtney is Director of Policy and Research at the Food, Farming and Countryside Commission, a food and nutrition policy expert and a Registered Dietitian. She is passionate about ensuring everyone has access to healthy, sustainable food, and has led FFCC's work on the National Conversation About Food, the UK's biggest dialogue about food. Prior to joining FFCC, she was Research and Policy Advisor at the Food Foundation and has worked in the US and Belgium.

Craig Drew
Craig is a leather materials manager for Dr. Martens footwear; he also served as a Director of the Leather Working Group, a global multi-stakeholder community committed to a sustainable future with responsible leather, and is currently Co-Chair of the LWG Traceability Working Group.

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Crispin Dowler
Crispin is co-editor of Unearthed, Greenpeace UK's investigative journalism unit. He has published multiple investigations on agriculture, fisheries and the pesticide industry, and his work has been covered by outlets including the BBC, the Guardian and Le Monde.

Dafydd Elfyn Owen
Dafydd was brought up on his family farm in North Wales. Now he resides with his wife and daughter on the Coed Coch estate. Working there since November 2022 as a shepherd in a share farming business, he aspires to gain experience and build equity over the coming years.

Dan Crossley
Dan leads the team at the Food Ethics Council and is responsible for strategy and fundraising, plus management of the overall work programme. Dan has worked on food sustainability issues for around 20 years, leading work on a range of issues, from our relationship with meat to tackling household food insecurity to power dynamics in the food system. He writes a regular monthly column for the Grocer, a leading food sector magazine.

Dan Hasler
Dan is a former project manager for The Orchard Project and volunteer coordinator for The Kindling Trust. He established Manchester's first urban cidery in Moss Side, aptly named 'The Moss Cider Project' which featured on River Cottage and the BBC. He's since co-founded the Manchester Fruit Tree Coop.

Dan Iles
Dan leads the farming communications team at the Soil Association. His role is to use storytelling and knowledge sharing to inspire more farmers and growers to transition towards agroecology, and to equip those who are inspired with the skills to do so. Dan previously worked as a food sovereignty campaigner for Global Justice Now.

Daniel Stanley
Daniel is CEO at non-profit research institute the Future Narratives Lab, a Director at economic development co-operative Stir to Action, and a strategic communications consultant. He has a background in community organising and social psychology, and writes and speaks on framing, narrative and social change strategy.

Darina Allen
Darina is co-founder of the famous Ballymaloe Cookery School, biodiverse organic farm, gardens and greenhouses in East Cork. Students come from all over the world to hone their culinary skills at this sustainable, Farm-to-Table project, Est. in 1983. Founder member of the Irish Farmers' Market Movement, East Cork Slow Food Convivia Leader, Chair of Artisan Food Forum, Farming for Nature Ambassador. Weekly food column in the Weekend Section of the Irish Examiner. Author of 20 cookbooks.

David Bollier
David is an American activist, writer, and blogger who is focused on the commons as a paradigm for re-imagining economics, politics, and culture.

David Riddle
David is a rural surveyor with a particular interest in the environment and public benefits from land. He worked for the National Trust for 25 years and in 2011 co-founded 3D Rural Surveyors. He now specialises in assessing rural estates for a range of enlightened landowners and advising on ways to improve their environmental, social and business performance and to build stronger relationships between owners, tenants and communities.

Dawn Dublin
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
Deborah works at the intersection of fashion, textiles and regenerative agriculture and is co-founder and director of the South East England Fibreshed. From her studio Field and Folk in rural East Sussex she collaborates with farmers and independent designers.

Deirdre (Dee) Woods
Dee is the Food Justice Policy Coordinator at the Landworkers' Alliance and a food actionist and campaigner for good food for all. She advocates for a more just and equitable food system which is in the hands of communities rather than corporations, and campaigns for this both on a UK level with the LWA and Right to Food campaign, and internationally through her work with the Civil Society and Indigenous People's Mechanism for the Committee on World Food Security.

Denise Walton
Denise has a background in ecology and is transitioning Peelham Farm into an agroecological system with improved habitat infrastructure. This has involved going certified organic, agrochemical free and to a Pasture-for-Life certified cattle grazing system. They manage a low input, low impact farm sustaining nature and a productive livelihood.

Djenai Delerue
Djenai (she/her) has been part of the Open Food Network team for over a year now. She is very passionate about delivering skills in the hopes of supporting the bettering of food systems. Her work includes communications, PR and events planning focusing on building a strong and resilient network.

Donald Macsween
Donald is a crofter, local (independant) Councillor and broadcaster from Ness, Isle of Lewis. Born and raised in a crofting family, he took over the family croft in his early twenties and has his own tv series, An Lot/The Croft on BBC Alba, following his crofting adventures. Always looking for innovative ways to make a hard way of life a wee bit easier and make sure that the perspective of those in the Highlands & Islands is not ignored.

Dorit Albertsen
Dorit is a veterinarian with an MSc in animal behaviour. Her research is about weaning behaviour in cattle, aiming at the development of natural social structures in herds of large herbivores without disruption of the mother-young bond. She has raised, handled, and studied cattle in a 2000 head suckler herd on a commercial farm on Salisbury Plain kept in semi-feral conditions for three decades.

Dorn Cox
Dorn is the research director for the Wolfe's Neck Center for Agriculture and the Environment in Maine, USA and farms on 250 acres in New Hampshire. He is the author of the new book 'The Great Regeneration', a founder of the farmOS software platform and Farm Hack, and is active in the soil health movement.

Dot Tiwari
Dot (she/her) is a decade-long facilitator and deeply engaged food-systems actor. She platforms growers voices, including through helping root and grow SALT (Solidarity Across Land Trades) union and supporting agroecological horticulture in Oxfordshire and beyond. She's a trustee at Oxford City Farm working to deepen and diversify partnerships.

Doug Wanstall
Doug is an innovative regenerative farmer in Kent and is passionate about the reversal of climate change and biodiversity collapse.

Dustin Benton
Dustin is policy director at Green Alliance, leading our work across energy, resources, and the natural environment, with a particular focus on getting on track to net zero emissions. Between 2020-21, he was on secondment with Defra, where he was chief analytical advisor to the National Food Strategy.

Ebany Dohle
Ebany is the Project Coordinator for Urban Agriculture at the Glasgow Community Food Network. She has been working as a food grower in community gardens in and around Glasgow since 2019. She has a PhD in Field Linguistics from SOAS, University of London and has over 10 years of experience working with Indigenous communities around the world, working on the topic of land, traditional ecological knowledge, and preservation of language, knowledge and culture.

Ed Hamer
Ed is co-founder and grower at Chagford CSA - a 10-acre CSA farm delivering 140 seasonal and organic veg shares across north-east Dartmoor every week. In 2023 Ed was awarded a Churchill Travel Fellowship to study the growth and diversity of CSA farms operating across the U.S.A. This session will hear his experiences of visiting 21 CSA farms across 15 States in the autumn of 2023.

Edward Gent
Edward is the 3rd Generation on his family farm in South Lincolnshire. Edward has lived and worked on the farm all his life. 16 years ago, Edward along with his dad worked to transform their farming practices to focus on no-till and soil health. They now farm around 800 ha of combinable crops focusing on derisking business performance.

Edwin Brooks
Edwin runs and owns Ed's Veg an agro-ecological farm in Liphook, Hampshire. They believe in a fair food and land use system, and are active members of the Landworker's Alliance with Ed being a regional organiser since 2016. Ed works closely with his community, to ensures hundreds of kilos of his vegetables get donated to Liphook Food Bank & Liss Food Bank. He sells direct through veg boxes and through wholesalers like Natoora.

Eiry Williams
Eiry is a Succession Facilitator for Farming Connect. She graduated from Aberystwyth University with a first-class degree in Bio-veterinary Science before completing a PhD investigating gastrointestinal nematodes in ewes. She is a farmer's daughter and an active member of the YFC, having competed at county, Wales and National.

Eleanor Gallia
Growing up on a farm, learning herblore from animals and training as a medical herbalist has attuned Eleanor's senses to the natural world. With her flock of beloved sheep, an ancient hill and some gnarly trees for wildcrafting, she is now converting part of the family farm to biodynamics.

Elena Cassisi
Elena comes from a family of table grape producers. After studying agricultural sociology she decided to join her family's farm. She took courses in regenerative agriculture and officially started her own organic farm at age 24. She grows table grapes and works towards a more poly-cultural farm.

Ella Sturley
Ella is the stakeholder engagement lead at Cârr-Y-Môr, Wales' first regenerative seaweed and shellfish farm. I have always been passionate about both social and environmental issues and am excited about the work we are doing for both people and planet. There is huge potential in nature-based solutions and the collaboration of different industries to work together against these most prevalent matters.

Ellen Pearce
Ellen coordinates food and farming projects in the North of England. Based in Lancaster, she works as part of the FoodFutures network and coordinated the set-up of The Plot, a market garden and FarmStart training centre. Current work includes feasibility work for a Lancaster District food hub and the purchase of a community farm and education centre. She is the coordinator for the Northern Real Farming Conference which has been working across the north since 2020.

Eliane Cohen
Elaine is a steward of land and of group processes that seek learning and cultural regeneration. Her work is informed by international experiences in areas including responsible leadership and ecological design thinking. In 2018 she founded Siendo Naturaleza, a Learning Center of Regenerative Living in the Amazon of Peru.

Elise Wach
Elise is a researcher, lecturer and community food producer living in Devon. ELeise researches the specific dynamics of capitalism that prevent agroecological food from being mainstream and accessible to everyone, and the potentials for socially just land reform and non-capitalist exchange to transform this.

Emile Frison
Emile is a member of the International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems. He is also Senior Advisor to the Agroecology Coalition and a member of the Africa Europe Foundation Strategy Group on Agriculture. He is the lead author of the IPES-Food report From Uniformity to Diversity

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Emily Davies
Emily is Managing Editor of Just Farmers; enabling farmers to use their voice for positive change in UK farming. Giving free Media Education to farmers while helping the media find independent case studies.

Emma Chow
Emma draws from her experience working at the forefront of regenerative futures and crafts whole-human offerings that bring an 'inside-out' approach to creating a thriving world. From her own burnout experience, whilst working on food systems transformation, she has come to believe that we can only create a fundamentally better future if we begin with regenerating ourselves.

Emma Hague
Emma is the Founder of South West England Fibreshed, Bristol Textile Quarter and co-founder of Bristol Cloth. With an academic background in political and economic anthropology, indigenous rights, natural resource development and conflict, her work over the last 15 years has been at both grassroots and global policy levels.

Emma Rothero
Emma is the manager of the Floodplain Meadows Partnership (Open University). having been there since 2008. She is responsible for managing this multi partner project, securing funding, advising on direction, delivering project work and managing the team.

Eric Ngang
I am an environment, social, and governance specialist with demonstrable skills and experience in project writing and management. I am passionate about community outreach work that engages communities to define what development they want and to facilitate processes to enable them to achieve this. My work explores how communities, especially smallholder farm communities in Africa, develop and use their local indigenous knowledge, practice, and technologies (LIKPTs) for climate adaptation and as a source of (disruptive) innovation.

Esther Hoedemakers
Esther works as communication manager for The Food Hub, where she makes the chain between small-scale producers and end consumers as short as possible. As a freelancer, she helps build communities and write stories for mission-driven companies.

Esther Stanford-Xosei
Esther is a legal specialist and an international expert on reparations, offering bold alternative thinking to reparatory social justice. Esther is a community advocate, educator, environmentalist & 'Ourstorian' of the International Social Movement for Afrikan Reparations (ISMAR).

Eve Gleeson
Eve is a research manager at ShareAction, a nonprofit aiming to build a more responsible investment system, where she helps lead the biodiversity programme's campaign on the pesticide industry. Eve formerly worked at Food Tank as a research fellow. She holds a bachelor's and master's degree in international relations.

Felicity Jones
Growing up on an organic farm in Cornwall gave Felicity a keen interest in regenerative agriculture and ecology. She has been a junior member of the Barbets duet since 2016 and with her parents, she runs Woodland Valley Farm in Cornwall whilst reading for a degree in Wildlife Education and Media.

Felix Kary
Felix works within the field of embodied education and hands-on making and is fascinated by craft and curious about the impact that these ancient traditions have on people. Felix collaborates with Press Press Press, a community printing press that celebrates heritage craft and land processes through sustainable printmaking practice.

Ferdinand Wafula
An agroecology practitioner,farmer, trainer and director of Bio gardening Innovations, based in Western Kenya. Special interest in farmer experimentations and trials, indigenous food and seed systems, whole farm designs, soil fertility management and policy dialogue. Has over 15 years work interactions with smallholder farmers at grassroots level and keen on collaborative engagements at organizational, national and continental levels.

Fergus Lyon
Fergus is managing partner of Easthall Farm in Hertfordshire, the first farm to become a B Corp in the UK (verified to meet high standards of social and environmental performance and transparency). Fergus is also a university professor researching social enterprise, food systems, natural capital and biodiversity in business.

Fidelity Weston
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
Fiona is a writer and storyteller at FarmED and Cotswold Seeds. She is Director of the Farm and Food Literature Festival, a published novelist and Farming and Countryside Advisor on BBC The Archers, with Sybil Ruscoe.

Forrest Hogg
Forrest is an experienced ecologist who has worked all around the planet. He is a member of the Hogg Family, who are custodians of the Penpont Estate.

Francesca Cooper
Co founder and director Nunwell Home Farm - mixed regenerative livestock farm. Francesca is a new entrant farmer on the Isle of Wight. She has been farming since 2021 with her young family and business partner Hollie Fallick. Francesca is also a qualified Rural Surveyor and worked on farms and Estates prior to developing the farming business.

Fred Price
Gothelney Farm primarily produces pork and grain. The family farm is also the home of Field Bakery and Mill and a butchery. As part of the UK Grain Lab and South West Grain Network approach to reimagine the grain chain and embed diversity in the farm, Fred coordinates on-farm trials of populations and heritage varieties of

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grain to explore and multiply seed for flavour, nutrition and distinctive traits suited to low input farming.

Frieda Gormley
Frieda founded House of Hackney in 2011 with her husband and co-collaborator, Javvy M Royle. Powered by a fearless imagination, innovative thinking, and a love for Mother Nature, the brand blazed a trail through the magnolia-walled interiors of the 21st century. Frieda's career started in fashion buying, and disheartened by the throwaway culture and lack of sustainable innovation at the time but armed with a passion for interiors and Nature, she saw an opportunity to create a new model of business; one that valued people and planet above profit, was led by values, championed slow, sustainable and regenerative growth and used less invasive production methods.

Gabriel Kaye
Gabriel is involved in many aspects of land, farming and biodynamics; she is passionate about access to land for biodynamic and agroecological farming. As a founder and key player in the development of the BD Land Trust for the last 12 years, she is now their Land Projects Coordinator and a director. She is Executive Director for the Biodynamic Association. She was born on a biodynamic farm. Her passions are healthy food, gardening, community and farming for healthy people and planet.

Gala Bailey-Barker
Gala is a first-generation farmer, shepherd, and director at Plaw Hatch Farm on the edge of the Ashdown Forest in Sussex where she has worked for 10 years. Plaw Hatch Farm is a 450-acre biodynamic mixed farm aiming to nourish people through the growing of healthy food from healthy soil.

Gareth Morgan
Gareth's passion for food, growing and nature started early, and he's now lucky enough to combine these interests in his role as Head of Landuse and Farming Policy at the Soil Association. Previously he worked as a policy advocate at the RSPB, English Nature and at the Wildlife Trusts, and he pursues these things outside work on his allotment, in his kitchen and with the Bath Organic Group.

Gavin Fletcher
Gavin coordinates Good Food Leicestershire for the County Council's Public Health Department. In this role, he has engaged across food providers, growers, educators and consumers with a focus on sustainable procurement. Leicestershire has brilliant farmers supported by an agricultural college and research specialists - we aim to celebrate this.

Gaye Donaldson
Gaye is a Systemic Constellation Consultant, Facilitator and Trainer. She runs The Centre for Systemic Constellations. Her early career was spent in the organic food and farming sector, as Public Affairs Director of the Soil Association, an organic farmer in Somerset and co-owner of an organic herb business.

Gillian Burke
Gillian is a natural history television programme presenter, producer and voiceover artist. She is best known for co-presenting the BBC nature series Springwatch since 2017.

Gini Morandi
Gini is a member and co-founder of Fruit Works Co-operative, a social enterprise helping people to plant and maintain fruit trees in the Bradford and Leeds area.

Guy Singh-Watson
Guy founded Riverford, going from one man and a wheelbarrow delivering homegrown organic veg to friends, to a national veg box scheme delivering to around 80,000 customers a week. Converting the business to employee ownership in 2018, enabled Guy to buy a small farm, founding Baddaford Farm Collective. At Baddaford Guy continues to grow for Riverford, supports a diverse array of horticultural enterprises and explores the potential of perennials.

Guy Standing
Guy is Professorial Research Associate at SOAS University of London and co-president and co-founder of the Basic Income Earth Network (BIEN). His recent books address policies to meet the needs and aspirations of the growing precariat, including basic income, revival of the commons and a new politics of time.

Hamish Evans
Hamish is a farmer, activist and entrepreneur living on a riverboat in the Avon bioregion. Age 25, he is co-founding director of Middle Ground Growers CIC, a 200-person CSA veg box scheme based at their 16-acre agroecological farm in Somerset. Hamish is a Young Farming Ambassador for the NFU and founder of We Are Avon, a bioregional food systems project, amongst other roles and projects aimed at supporting the regeneration of life from the soil up.

Hannah Jones
Hannah is a soil and carbon advisor with the Farm Carbon Toolkit. She works with a range of farmers and farm businesses to support a profitable transition to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Much of her work focuses on optimising farm resilience through improved soil health and management.

Hannah Thorogood
Hannah is a permaculture and regenerative agriculture farmer, consultant, teacher and senior tutor from Lincolnshire. She runs The Inkpot Organic Farm as a single parent along with her twin teenage daughters, where they rear native breeds of cattle, sheep and poultry. She has an MSc in Organic Agriculture a diploma in Permaculture design and is the Pasture for Life Regional Facilitator for East Midlands.

Harriet Bell
Harriet is the Regenerative Farming Lead at Riverford Organic Farmers. Having started her career focussing on mobilising people to action, Harriet's been taking a learn by doing approach to agriculture since 2011, working, largely in the organic sector, on farm diversification, innovative estate management and ELM, before joining Riverford. Agroforestry seems to be a prevalent theme in her work but Harriet's overriding interest is in building resilience to climate change within agriculture.

Hatty Richards
Hatty is the Training Development and Land Access Coordinator at LWA. Her work is focussed on building collaborative approaches to develop agroecological training in the UK. She also coordinates the UK Farmstart network and is working with partners to develop options for land matching England. Her background is in developing and managing projects in

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the third sector, she's also been on the growing team at various horticulture operations.

Hazel Healy
Hazel is UK Editor of the award-winning environmental investigations outlet DeSmog. She specializes in climate and food politics stories that uncover conflicts of interest, double-dealing and greenwashing. Her work has also featured on BBC radio, in The Guardian, New Internationalist and the LA Times.

Heather May McClure
Heather is a co-founder and community food activist at Aber Food Surplus, a not-for-profit social enterprise working towards a fair and healthy food system. She is interested in supporting community members to take environmental action, and nurturing community conversations that explore and enable diverse solutions to food system challenges.

Heather Oldfield
Business Development Manager at Elsoms Seeds and the crop improvement lead on the CHCx3 project. Heather farms with her husband in Lincolnshire. They run a mixed arable and beef enterprise, growing a range of cereal crops, legumes, grass and partaking in an Environmental Stewardship agreement, she is also an appointee to the NFU Combinable Crops Board. Heather splits her time between family farm and Elsoms Seeds business development department."

Helen Keys
Helen farms alongside her husband, Charlie, in Northern Ireland. They are the first commercial producers of Irish-grown linen in forty years. Helen is a co-founder of Source Grow, an online platform to help farmers decide what to grow to suit their soil and local market demand. She is an Entrepreneur in Residence at Queen's University Belfast and an Innovation Broker for the Water Innovation Network. Helen is Vice Chair of NFFN NI.

Heloise Trott
Heloise works as a facilitator to help farmers transition to agroecology through support, action and knowledge sharing.

Hendrikus van Hensbergen
Hendrikus is the CEO of youth environmental charity, Action for Conservation (AFC), which he founded in 2014.

Henrietta Inman
Henrietta is a baker, cook, and founder of Wakelyns Bakery, where the abundance at Wakelyns Agroforestry is transformed into bread and meals for the local community. With agrobiodiversity at its core, she is an advocate for agroecological food and farming and its ability to create systems change and social justice.

Henry Leveson-Gower
Henry is head of new entrants policy in Defra. Prior to that he has worked in food innovation and water resources policy in Defra. He has been a practicing economist and policy analyst working on environmental policy for over 25 years also working in the Environment Agency and Australian Public Service. Prior to that he worked in local economic and environmental development in Scotland. He is a Fellow of the RSA and a qualified chartered accountant.

Hollie Fallick
Co founder and director Nunwell Home Farm - mixed regenerative livestock farm. Hollie is a new entrant farmer on the Isle of Wight. She has been farming since 2021 with her young family and business partner Francesca Cooper. Prior to starting the farm she was a stay at home mum with experience in nutrition, equestrian business and charity work.

Holly Silvester
Holly is a commercial vegetable and seed grower based at Trill Farm Garden in Devon. Alongside growing food, she also works for The Gaia Foundation Seed Sovereignty programme, educating & empowering commercial and community growers to produce and save local, open pollinated seed.

Holly Tomlinson
Holly works for the Landworkers' Alliance as agricultural policy lead for Wales and as New Entrant Policy Officer, advocating for better policies to support new entrant farmers across Britain. She was part of the team delivering Defra's New Entrant Support Scheme Incubator Pilots.
In February 2022 she co-founded Blas Gwent, a 9 acre vegetable farm near Cardiff, and is participating in Welsh Veg into Schools public procurement pilot.

Hugh Blogg
Hugh focuses on small scale systems, supply chain, innovation and diversity within the sector. After studying 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. Hugh leads on improving ED&I within the horticultural sector aspiring to champion produce and people from a diverse range of backgrounds and cultures.

Iain MacKinnon
Iain researches the governance of land and natural resources at Coventry University. His work examines the impacts of colonial disruption on indigenous land-based practices and belief systems of the Scottish Gaidhealtachd. He is also a crofter on the Isle of Skye.

Iain Tolhurst
Iain has been at the forefront of the UK organic farming movement for almost 50 years. His 8-ha farm has won many awards and he has written several books as well as countless articles. In June 2023 The King's Birthday Honours awarded Iain an MBE for his services to agriculture.

Ian Horsley
Ian is a first-generation sheep and beef farmer from the Malvern Hills, running a small diversified regenerative farming estate. Transitioning over eight years from modern/best practice conventional 100% sheep farming to a regenerative AMP approach with 80% cattle, 20% sheep; focussing on improving soil health, biodiversity, and 100% pasture-fed meat. Ian has been mob grazing sheep and/or cattle for over five years, and has out-wintered cattle for two years using 'bale pods'.

Ian Rappel
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 Steele
In August 2006 Ian Steele returned to the family farm from working in London and abroad in the Petrochemical Industry. So began a journey to revitalise a small-scale,

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hillside farm that had been in the family since 1904. The aim was to prove that small-scale agriculture can indeed be environmentally aware, promote biodiversity and remain viable in the modern world.

Ian Wilkinson
Ian is co-founder of FarmED, a regenerative, agroecological demonstration farm and education centre, providing learning spaces and events that inspire, educate and connect people to build sustainable farming and food systems that nourish people and regenerate the planet. Thirty-five years ago he joined Cotswold Seeds, becoming MD in 1998.

Jackie Kearney
Jackie is a researcher, network facilitator and project coordinator whose work focuses on localised climate resilience, ecosystem restoration and forced migration. More specifically my work focuses on harnessing and strengthening the power of grassroots networks to advocate for a shift towards more equitable approaches to disaster, displacement and development.

Jackie Thoms
Jackie is co-founder of Fraendi: a group of consultants and facilitators walking alongside people and organisations to move towards more regenerative and life sustaining systems.
She hosts and facilitates collective strategy-making processes, multi-stakeholder conversations and developmental coaching for individuals and teams across sectors including climate science, agriculture and commercial sectors.

Jacopo Bosio
Jacopo worked as a farmer on small organic farms for 5 years. In 2020 he started working for Retebio, an agricultural cooperative in Italy that supports the exchange of products among producers. Two years ago they started their first European collaboration, Jacopo manages the warehouse and foreign relations.

Jade Bashford
Jade works for the Real Farming Trust on national programmes of delivery and research work to address social justice and agroecology. She has worked on food systems change for thirty years for the Soil Association, for other NGOs and community groups and in the private sector. She is interested in models for community control and engagement.

Jaimini Patel
Jaimini is artist in residence at Begbroke Innovation District, working on a regenerative and collaborative project with community groups, researchers, and creative practitioners. The material will be grown on-site to establish a materials library for creative experimentation within a building that will eventually grow.

Jake Richardson
Jake is a PhD student researching the political economy of food systems at the Royal Veterinary College, London

James Atherton
James is a queer, vegan permaculture designer, with a background in climate activism, film and the arts. James was a founding member of Re-Alliance, a network of regenerative practitioners with a focus on influencing the humanitarian and development sectors with regenerative change. James also works on the coordination team of the Lush Spring Prize, a biennial award focussed on celebrating eco-social regeneration, and Regenerosity.

James Binning
James is a founding member of the interdisciplinary design practice Assemble and a Professor of Practice in the School of Architecture and the Built Environment at the EPFL in Lausanne.

James Robinson
James farms 300 acres of organic land in Cumbria with his family. The farm is home to 250 head of organic Dairy Shorthorn cattle and the land is made up of a mix of pasture and meadow, interspersed with a range of habitats, such as hay meadows, wetland and ancient hedgerows and woodland.
The family won the 2022 FWAG Silver Lapwing Award in recognition of their commitment to farm conservation.

James Scrivens
Head grower and land manager at Coed Talylan, James has been cultivating mushrooms and exploring the potential of applied Mycology for over 10 years. He teaches the popular mushroom cultivation course at Coed Talylan and drives the Farming with Fungi and Refungium project.

James Shorten
James is a geographer and planner with a longstanding interest in the connections between land and community. He has had a varied career as an academic, working for a large consultancy company, and since 2008 in companies and social enterprises of his own.

Jane Cooper
Jane moved to Orkney and got her first Boreray sheep in 2013. In 2017 Jane found she was custodian of the last 'Lost Flock' of Boreray sheep. To secure their future Jane established more flocks with a community working together to develop sustainable and profitable products for everyone involved.

Jane Powell
Jane is an education consultant and editor who has worked in public engagement with food and farming in Wales since 2000. In 2015, she co-founded the Wales Food Manifesto, and in 2019 began the Wales Real Food and Farming Conference, to develop citizen engagement in the food system.

Jane Ricketts Hein
With a background in social research, and a passion for her native rural Wales, wildlife and culture, Jane established Cynidr Consulting to provide affordable research services that make food, farming and the environment genuinely sustainable. She has helped with every single Wales Real Food and Farming Conference.

Jayne Lyons
Jayne is the Secretary with Homoeopathy at Wellie Level (HAWL) teaching the responsible use of homeopathy to farmers and smallholders. Jayne served as a Logistic Officer in the British Army for 20years before graduating from the Welsh School of Homeopathy as a registered Homeopath with a successful practice in Wales.

Jennifer Hunter
Jennifer of Fernhill Farm and Fernhill Fibre is a regenerative livestock farmer repositioning wool in society after a decade of adding value to wool, commissioning yarns, felts and

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fabrics for local businesses, whilst training the next generation of future textile enthusiasts - hosting events and providing educational experiences to local communities

Jenny Mackewn
Jenny is a creative catalyst, designer and convenor of programmes in Embodied Systemic approaches to Living, Leading, Facilitating and Coaching. She explains how we learn through our bodies and intuitions as well as through our heads and invites us to create a simple systemic map of our lives to better care for the Earth

Jerry Alford
Jerry is the Soil Association Senior Farming Advisor and has experience in arable and mixed farming having run the family farm in Devon for 25 years. 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 Knights
Jess is a freelance illustrator working in mixed media - paints, pens, pastels, collage and digital, to create textural illustrations and murals in a unique style. Her mission is to connect people through a unique illustration style and ideas. Diagnosed with an autoimmune condition in her early 20s, she has a particular interest in health and well-being which has extended to her personal and professional illustration practice.

Jesse Noon
Jesse (they/them) is a member of Myco Manchester, an urban mushroom farm. Jesse is a trained ecologist and environmental scientist, with activist interests in land justice, prison abolition and co-operative development

Jessica Milgroom
Jessica's (she/her) research focuses on settler colonial studies, specifically gastrocolonialism in the USA, as well as 'development'-forced land dispossession globally. She explores what decolonial and feminist perspectives reveal for collective construction of powerful, generative narratives. Jessica works at the Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience at Coventry University (UK).

Jessica Stokes
We need a humane and sustainable food system fast. Farmer-led research and innovation, where farmers play the central role in the generation of knowledge is a crucial part of that transition. We need processes which mobilise communities of practice which provide belonging, autonomy, empowerment and sharing of expertise. Jessica brings experience from a number of UK and EU projects featuring a farmer-led approach, such as PATHWAYS for sustainable food.

Jez Westgarth
Jez is Assistant Director Operations at the National Trust in Cumbria and North Lancashire. He was previously the Trust's Future Farming Programme Manager, after working at the Environment Agency, and is passionate about the natural environment, innovation, engagement and strategy that make a real difference. The National Trust is one of the key landowners in the Lake District area, with 90 farms and 20% of all the land in the Lake District National Park, including 18000ha Common Land.

Jimmy Woodrow
Jimmy is the Executive Director of Pasture for Life, a non-profit that champions the restorative power of grazing animals on pasture. Pasture for Life helps livestock farmers transition to profitable, agroecological farming practices through evidence-building, peer-peer knowledge exchange and better routes to market and has a certification that verified 100% pasture-fed meat, milk and fibre.

Jo Hunt
Jo is a crofter at Knockfarrel, near Dingwall. Over the past 11 years Jo has transitioned 45 acres of seasonal grazing land into a large market garden feeding 200 local families; and created a productive woodland, orchard and soil carbon store

Jo Kamal
Jo (they/them) works within the Landworkers' Alliance Campaigns team on food sovereignty movement building, working to embed an intersectional and radical lens within the agroecology movement. They are also a food grower at a market garden in North London. Jo has a background in decolonial research and organising towards racial justice. In their spare time, they are a folk herbalist with a rootedness in liberatory healing practice.

Jo Riggall
Jo is the Grassland Advocacy Officer at Plantlife. Having spent time in the Civil Service within three government departments, she's now working to influence policy across agriculture, planning, nature and climate. She tries to escape to visit hay meadows in the Yorkshire Dales as much as possible.

Joanna Bowen
Joanna is a founder and director of Groundswell Festival and is now working towards starting Groundschool, offering learning opportunities on farm in Weston, Hertfordshire. She has worked as an actor, director and teacher and has initiated community theatre projects and festivals. She started and programmed Fireside Storytelling Festival and has written plays and poetry.

John Atkinson
John is chairman of the Rare Breeds Survival Trust and is on the board of the Federation of Commoners. His family have been upland farmers in the Coniston area of the Lake District for over six hundred years. The traditional mixed farm he runs with his partner Maria Benjamin has many rare and native breeds, all of which John believes have an important role to play in a sustainable future for food, farming and the environment.

John Harold
Farm Partnership Officer at Plantlife.

Johnnie Balfour
I champion the restorative power of grazing on pasture in my role as chair of Pasture For Life and as managing partner at Balbirnie Home Farms with a herd of 200 suckler cows.

John Pawsey
John is a farmer and owner of Shimpling Park Farms Limited. The farm grows a range of crops as well as a breeding flock of sheep. He converted the farm to organic production in 1999 and since then has improved the farm's soils and increased biodiversity alongside profitable food production.

John Powell
John is Head of Agriculture Sectors

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Team in Defra. He joined MAFF in 1983 and from 1999- 2017 was an advisor to over 15 EU candidate countries on their EU accession preparations on agriculture. Re-joining DEFRA in 2017, he has worked on future farming policy, EU Exit, and ELMs.

Jono Hughes
Jono was trained by a retiring couple in 2013, then worked at Tyddyn Teg (the co-op that adopted their veg business) until moving to Gwent in 2022 to establish a new farm. Besides ecological horticulture, his interests include institutional development and food system history, open-source technology, and teaching.

Jonty Brunyee
Jonty is an organic and pasture fed farmer in the Cotswolds, and a champion of regenerative agriculture and agroecology. He is also an experienced educator having been a programme leader at FarmED and the Royal Agricultural University, and a mentor and consultant. He is a co-founder of the Emergent Generation regenerative youth network and the North East Cotswolds Farmer Cluster.

Josephine Marchandise
Josephine is a chef, fermenter and grower. As head of the creative and regenerative kitchen at OmVed Gardens, she works symbiotically with their rewilded urban gardens to create nutritious and healing food with an emphasis on fermentation. She is involved with various community and school projects, as well as the UN World Food Programme and Chefs Manifesto.

Joshua Dugdale
Landowner and Organic Farmer based in West Berkshire.

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

Julia Aglionby
Julia is a Land Agent, Professor of Practice at Cumbria University and the Lib Dem Parliamentary Candidate for Penrith & Solway. Specialising in common and uplands Julia was on the Board of Natural England and chaired the Uplands Alliance. At home Julia is Trustee of Susan's Farm; a care farm.

Julia Cooper
Julie is a soil scientist and Head of Research at the Organic Research Centre. She has expertise in soil carbon and nitrogen cycling in agricultural systems and uses a range of field-based and modelling approaches to optimise crop rotation design for supply of nutrients to crops while minimising negative environmental impacts.

Julia Kirby-Smith
Julia runs Better Food Traders, a UK-wide network for retailers who sell locally-grown, planet-friendly food, including shops, markets, veg box schemes, food hubs and wholesalers. The network supports and promotes ethical food retailers so they can flourish, scale up and scale out.

Julia Wright
Julia 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.

Julie Baber
Julie has a small farm in her native Somerset where she raises traditional breed sheep for wool, slow grown hogget, and conservation grazing. She also writes freelance articles for the Sustainable Food Trust and others

Julie Bellemann
Julie is a Sheffield-based gardener and conservationist. She is one third of workers' co-operative Sheffield Fruit Trees, established in 2018. SFT cultivate a wide variety of fruit trees and other perennial edible plants, specialising in trees suitable for a Northern climate and fruit varieties unique to Sheffield

Julie Brown
Julie is Director of Growing Communities: a London-based social enterprise. Their box scheme, farmers' market, urban farms, wholesale arm and Better Food Traders network, work to transform food and farming through farmer-focused trade. Julie is active in the Bridging the Gap programme, LEAP investment committee and Farming the Future.

Juliet Millican
Juliet is coordinator of Re-Alliance, a UK-registered NGO supporting regenerative approaches to disaster, displacement and development. She has a doctorate in education and peacebuilding and works at the intersection between social equity and environmental regeneration and the triple nexus of humanitarian response, development and peacebuilding.

Justine Lee
Justine founded Ossian knitwear in 2016, based on a career in the fashion industry designing knitwear and a Masters degree in textile design. Ossian knitwear uses wool from regenerative farmers in the UK, focusing on British native sheep breeds.

Jyoti Fernandes
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.

Kai Heron
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.

Karl Williams
Coming from a farming family Karl has over 38 years of agricultural experience, working on, and managing livestock operations in the UK. Since 2007 Karl has worked for the sustainability consultancy business FAI Farms, supporting clients to define and deliver against their sustainability commitments, and working with farmers to support a transition to regenerative practices.

Kate Bradshaw

Kate Bowman
Kate is passionate about collective hands-on making with community, and the process of connecting people, place and process through craft. She works with natural materials and methods,

including a community printing press- Press Press Press- that celebrates heritage craft and land processes through sustainable printmaking practice.

Kate Hughes
An award-winning journalist and bestselling author, Kate farms on Exmoor. A mixed hill farm, the 450 acre agroecological holding includes 150 acres of new broadleaf woodland and 150 acres of agroforestry - pasture and arable - through which pigs, chickens and a Red Devon beef herd graze on rotation with heritage and population grains.

Katherine Wall
Katherine is an organiser in the land justice movement. She is currently working on a PhD exploring what happens when we do racial justice work in the land justice movement, seeking to understand how emotions shape this work and are shaped by it. Katherine also works for Resource Justice - supporting people with access to wealth, power and land to redistribute it to social movements.

Katie Allen
Katie is a farmer running a Pasture for Life certified livestock system under organic conversion. In 2021, she launched a knitwear collection handmade using the fleeces from her flock. Her work has won multiple awards and achieved South West England Fibreshed accreditation and has graced the catwalk at London Fashion Week 2023. Katie is in the process of establishing a market-garden scale dye garden at the farm alongside a community dye kitchen.

Katie Driver
Katie is a member of the Penpont Project's Youth Leadership Group and has been helping guide the project partnership's work to restore bio-cultural diversity on-site for the past 4 years.

Katie Hastings
Katie is the Wales Coordinator for the Gaia Foundation's Seed Sovereignty Programme. Working alongside farmers, growers and seed activists, Katie is reviving the culture around seed. Along with her team and allies, she is cultivating the conditions for the Seed Sovereignty movement to flourish.

Katie Palmer
Katie heads up Food Sense Wales, she is a founding Member of the Veg Power Board, sits on the Inner Council for the Conscious Food Systems Alliance and is a founding member of Food Policy Alliance Cymru.

Katie Pollitt
Katie is an urban grower for a community garden in Nottingham.

Katie Revell
Katie is a Glasgow-based audio producer with a particular interest in food, farming and relationships to land. She's a co-producer of Farmerama Radio, a podcast sharing the voices of regenerative and agroecological farmers in the UK and beyond.

Katie-Jo Luxton
Katie-Jo is the Global Conservation Director for the RSPB, leading the charities' mission to save species, protect habitats and restore landscapes to help end the nature and climate emergency, in the UK and internationally, with the Birdlife Partnership.

Kelly Parsons
Kelly is a Research Associate in the MRC Epidemiology Unit at the University of Cambridge. Her research area is the intersection of food systems and policy, with a particular focus on policy processes and governance structures, and efforts to achieve more connected policymaking on food. She has a PhD in food policy and a Masters in food and nutrition policy, from the Centre for Food Policy at City, University of London.

Kyle Lischak
Kyle is an internationally qualified and experienced lawyer with over twenty years of experience in the private, non-profit and government sectors. He is currently the Head of UK at the environmental law NGO ClientEarth, where he pursues a special focus on promoting more sustainable agricultural practices in the UK. Prior to ClientEarth, Kyle held legal positions at the Met Office and Natural England.

Kylie Magner
Kylie is the Managing Director of Magners Farm. Originally from Australia, Kylie is self-confessed soil nerd. Kylie is determined to provide nutritionally dense food with high welfare that has a positive impact environmentally and socially. Magners Farm formed in 2017. They produce pasture range eggs, grow vegetables and keep heritage Oxford Sandy and Black pigs, cattle and sheep to enhance and invigorate soil health. Kylie is the mum to four children aged 22, 19, 18 and 15.

Laura Higham
Laura is the founder and a director of Vet Sustain, a social enterprise working to enable and inspire veterinary professionals to drive sustainability through their work. She is a veterinary consultant at FAI, promoting animal welfare and responsible antibiotic use in food supply chains, and is currently completing a PhD at The Global Academy for Agriculture and Food Systems at Edinburgh University.

Lawrence Woodward
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 including Beyond GM and Whole Health Agriculture. He was awarded an OBE in 2001 for services to organic farming.

Leah Harris
Leah is an organic farmer on a 220-acre mixed farm in Devon. The farm raises beef and lamb on pasture and grows vegetables as members of the South Devon Organic Co-operative. Leah's approach is to build a sustainable system of farming inspired by and working with nature. The farm's key focuses are reducing tillage within vegetable production, circular composting systems and building resilient business communities.

Lesley Mitchell
Lesley is Policy Director for the Sustainable Food Trust. Her work focuses on sustainable food and farming, leading major collaborations on regenerative agriculture and future of healthy, affordable food for all. She has worked to influence major corporates, international institutions, NGOs and food innovators to support a just transition to a regenerative future.

Leticija Petrovic
Leticija is a Local Food Policy Lead at the Food Foundation. She works with local authorities, cities and universities on development and implementation of local food action plans and strategies. Specifically looking at Food Sourcing and the role of local food hubs in supporting food system transformation.

Liba Ravindran
Liba is a spoken word poet, community organiser and social justice activist from Sri Lankan Tamil heritage. Liba founded the Anti-Oppression Circle, an intersectional justice network led by BIPOC in the UK. He has facilitated groups, meetings, spaces and developed workshops around liberation and anti-oppression practices for grassroots activist spaces.

Lindsay Whistance
Lindsay is a Senior Livestock Researcher at the Organic Research Centre focusing on how farming systems can offer farmed animals a 'life worth living'. This includes enriched landscapes which offer valid choices to fulfil animals' wants and needs, offering some autonomy from the human and respecting their fundamental role in ecological systems.

Lisa Houston
Lisa is a Director of Lauriston Farm in Edinburgh, a new 100-acre urban farm and one of the development manager at Granton Community Gardeners. She is also a seed-saver, grower, community worker and earthen builder.

Liz Bowles
Liz is the Chief Executive of the Farm Carbon Toolkit. Her career spans roles with ADAS, English Food and Farming Partnerships and most recently the Soil Association, where for nine years she led all the farming-facing work which the organisation delivered. Liz has a specialist knowledge of farming within a climate change context.

Liz Rothschild
Liz Rothschild is the co-founder of Westmill Woodland Burial Ground CIC which is part of a family of social enterprises on the farm. Liz is a theatre performer, celebrant, death educator and burial ground manager. She curates the festival of living and dying in Oxford – the Kicking the Bucket Festival. She is passionate about reconnecting death to life and making the work she does relational rather than transactional.

Lizzie Dyer
Lizzie is originally from a mixed farm in North Somerset and now lives in Cricklade and runs Just Kidding, Cotswold Kid Meat with their partner Jamie. Lizzie is also the project manager for Feeding Gloucestershire and has served as deputy vice chair of Gloucestershire NFU.

Loa Niumeitolu
Loa is a Tongan poet, community organizer and farmer. As an educator and organizer, she has worked with(in) prisoner groups and co-founded the Two Spirit Takataapui LGBTQ indigenous support groups: One Love Oceania, Oyate Tupu'anga, and Spirit Root Medicine People.

Lord Deben
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.

Loretta Bosence
Loretta is a landscape architect and co-founder of Local Works Studio. She works with diverse construction professionals, tradespeople and local communities to design and build low-carbon public realm and landscape projects that prioritise human relationships and support the sustainable use of local resources.

Lucinda Lewis
Lucinda is a farmer, farmer's wife/ mother, farm adviser for The Wye and Usk Foundation, chief cook, cleaner and bottle washer, somewhat lower in the farm pecking order than the really useless sheepdog.

Lucy Aphramor
Lucy is a radical dietitian and performance poet. They are passionate about finding ways to talk about food and flourishing that are grounded in inter-connection and promote social change. Lucy is a researcher at Coventry University(CAWR), co-director of Trans Nutrition Academy and co-founder of World Critical Dietetics.

Lucy Beattie
Lucy is a farmer based in the NW Highlands of Scotland and a PhD student at the University of the West of Scotland. Before UWS she worked in rural community development for the Scottish Crofting Federation. Her research interest focuses on the intersection between teaching, research, and public engagement in STEM.

Lucy Ford
Lucy is a part-time academic in International Relations. She also works part-time as psychotherapist and is weaving the ecopsychological dimensions into her research in the field of global political ecology.

Lucy Michaels
Lucy is a Leicester-based interdisciplinary scholar, activist, gardener and mother. She has a doctorate in Desert Studies and held a recent fellowship at Warwick University exploring human-soil relationships. She is currently a Research Fellow at University of Hertfordshire working on UK food systems transformation, focused on UK pulses.

Luke Daniels
Born in South Oxfordshire, Luke is a BBC award-winning folk multi-instrumentalist, soloist and former Riverdance band member. His recent compositions explore the role of musician-as-science-communicator. He is currently working with the Highlands and Islands climate change community researcher network project in Orkney with acclaimed trad fiddle player Jennifer Wrigley.

Lydia Collas
Lydia is a Senior Policy Analyst at the environmental think tank and charity Green Alliance. Lydia's work considers

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the changes needed within farming and land use to maintain food production, restore nature and meet net zero. Lydia has a PhD in Conservation Science from the University of Cambridge.

Lydia Smith
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.

Lynne Davis
Lynne's work focuses on scaling short food supply networks through collaborative infrastructure. She is a pioneer of novel short food chain models, founder of Dean Forest Food Hub, Street Goat, Open Food Network UK and most recently the Food Data Collaboration. Lynne is also chair of the Ecological Land Cooperative.

Lynsey Kelleher
Lynsey volunteers with the Network of Stroud Hubs (NoSH) and is the Chair of their local hub in Uplands. Lynsey has worked, spoken out and advocated for people experiencing food poverty since having a spell of first-hand experience post-pandemic.

Manchán Magan
Manchán writes occasionally for The Irish Times, and presents the Almanac of Ireland podcast for RTÉ. He has made dozens of documentaries on issues of world culture for TG4, RTÉ, and Travel Channel. His best-selling books include Thirty-Two Words For Field and Listen to the Land Speak.

Mandy Barber
Mandy owns a business and experimental growing space called Incredible Vegetables. Mandy is passionate about sustainable food crops that have built-in resilience, as well as wild edibles that have the potential to become future staple foods. Incredible Vegetables aims to create a diverse reserve of useful perennial edible plants, as well as supplying perennial vegetable seeds and plants to small-scale growers and agroforestry projects.

Maria Benjamin
Maria runs ethical businesses utilising farm commodities from her partner's farm in the Lake District. Including The Soap Dairy, utilising their Jersey cow milk, Lake District Tweed, using wool sourced from within the different Lake District valleys and The Wool Library, bringing farming closer to fashion.

Marianne Fisher
Marianne is Sustainable Food Projects Manager at Monmouthshire County Council. She coordinates Monmouthshire Food Partnership and is also currently managing projects on regenerative agriculture and local food enterprise. Alongside her work, she is studying for a Masters in Rural Estate and Land Management at Harper Adams.

Marina O'Connell
Marina is a biodynamic grower, and farm designer based at the Apricot Centre in Devon. She published the book Designing Regenerative Food Systems in 2022. She is very busy training the next generation of regenerative farmers and growers at level 2,3 and 4.

Mark Hunter
As the Strategic Lead of Food and Facilities, I oversee the daily operations, including catering across our schools, early years establishments, and community food services. As a continuous development initiative, I lead our Community and Dignified food program within the local authority. Close links with Ayrshire Food and Drink, we support and develop sustainable best practice shaping local procurement within the local authority.

Maria Rodale
Maria is the author of Love, Nature, Magic and Co-Chair of the Rodale Institute.

Mark Simmonds
Mark is a professional co-operative and community business development worker, who also specialises in fruit tree growing and associated training.

Martin Lines
Martin is a farmer and contractor in South Cambridgeshire, growing mainly arable crops on a regenerative system on his family farm and rented land. He has a special interest in farm conservation management and has Countryside Stewardship schemes on his home farm and land he rents and manages. He also supports the delivery of Stewardship schemes for many other farmers. Martin is also the CEO of the Nature Friendly Farming Network.

Martyn Bragg
Martyn is a Farmer and Grower on a family 150-acre farm near Exeter. Set up Shillingford Organics in 2005 to sell our veg and fruit locally through a box scheme, online shop, farmers markets, and supplying other box schemes and independent shops in the area.

Matt Pitts
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 Smee
Matt works for the Organic Research Centre, focusing his time on the Agricology website and sharing knowledge within the farming community about agroecological practices. Prior to his role at the ORC Matt spent thirteen years building and running organic market gardens in the northwest of England.

Meerabi Chunduru
Meerabi Chunduru is a natural farmer in Andhra Pradesh. She joined the Women's Self-Help Group in her village in early 2000. She is a master trainer with the AP Community-Managed Natural Farming. Her model using 30 types of seeds helps with cyclones and other disasters, reduce water usage, improve yields and health.

Megan Perry
Megan is Head of Policy and Campaigns for the Sustainable Food Trust. She leads the SFT's campaign for small abattoirs and sits on the Abattoir Sector Group and the Defra Small Abattoir Working Group. She is interested in relocalising food systems, local supply chain infrastructure, the role of livestock and government policy.

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She lives on her family's Somerset farm where they rear native breed sheep, producing wool as a primary product. She is learning to spin and weave wool.

Michael Lee
Michael is an expert in sustainable livestock systems, defining their role in securing global food security at the same time as protecting environmental health (livestock's role in human and planetary health). He is Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Harper Adams University, England's Premier specialist agriculture and land use University.

Michael Stoate
Fifth-generation miller based at Cann Mills, near Shaftesbury in Dorset.

Michel Pimbert
Michel is the Director of the Centre for Agroecology and Food Security (CAFS) 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. He was recently nominated as member of the High Level Panel of Experts of the Committee on World Food Security of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

Mikaela Loach
Mikaela is the best-selling author of It's Not That Radical: Climate Action To Transform Our World, a climate justice activist, co-host of The YIKES Podcast, writer and former medical student based in Brighton. In 2021, she was one of three claimants on the "Paid To Pollute" case who took the UK government to court over the huge public payments they give to fossil fuel companies every year.

Mike Davies
Mike is a chef, food writer and owner of The Camberwell Arms and Frank's Cafe.

Mike Roberts
Mike and his son Sam manage 150 beef cattle at Blable Farm near Wadebridge. The 350 acres of grassland are being improved through optimising herbal leys on their clayey loam soil. They question every part of their system to improve the product quality of their meat box scheme.

Mill Dessent
Mill is an assistant grower on a market garden in south Wales and also works for a community development charity. They have been an active member of SALT (the grassroots trade union for land-based workers) for the past year.

Million Belay
Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA) General Coordinator. Million has been working for over two decades on intergenerational learning of bio-cultural diversity, agriculture, the rights of local communities to seed and food sovereignty and forest issues. He has a PhD in environmental learning, an MSc in tourism and conservation, and a BSc in Biology, and is a member of the International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (IPES-Food).

Miriam Rose
Miriam is a global solidarity activist and researcher on the mining and metals industry as a core member of Foil Vedanta, and also manages Hardwick Estate in Oxfordshire which is owned by her family. Miriam and her brother have pioneered the Estate's transition from private ownership becoming England's first community-run Estate.

Miss Divine
My name is Miss Divine. I am a Environmental Community Engagement Consultant,DJ, music artist manager, compère and radio broadcast journalist from Bristol UK. With the use of my platforms, I am able to collaborate with community leaders and organisations within Bristol to actively highlight some of the environmental work being done locally and globally through the mediums of art, culture, music, community gardens and recycling.

Molly Shelton
Molly is a climate justice organiser, filmmaker, writer and researcher working on degrowth, abolition, ecofeminism and ecosocialism. She organises with Green New Deal Rising, Stop Rosebank, Right To Roam and This Is Rigged. Molly holds a First Class MA specialising in Climate Justice from the University of Edinburgh.

Mona Bani
Mona is a grassroots organiser, consultant & media producer, working in particular with marginalised youth and refugees.

Morgan Ody
Morgan is a peasant farmer in Brittany, France. She grows vegetables for a CSA. She is a member of Confédération Paysanne, a member of the coordinating committee of ECVC and the general coordinator of La Via Campesina.

Naglaa Mohamed Hassan Ahmed
Projects Manager in Heliopolis University and Biodynamic Federation International ART committee. Working over 20 years in rural areas with farmers and in agriculture business development. Supporting ESG practices within activities and social inclusion. My career enhanced my capacity building to serve different groups of people and youth.

Naomi Terry
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.

Natasha Pencil
Natasha is the founder of Black Farmers Market CIC tackling British agriculture's race problem, the power of growing your own and battling gentrification. She is an entrepreneur running a Caribbean sauce business called Taino and also a philosophist. In her day role she works for Children in Need and has experience working in the government administration industry and sales and non for profit; fundraising and coaching.

Nathalie Markiefka
Nathalie is an eco-coach, educator and artist that connects ecology, art and contemplative practices. Her focus is on cultivating nurturing environments for conscious change, fostering a vision of a thriving Earth. She currently serves as training coordinator at

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URGENCI CSA Network and resides on Jednoro ec farm near Prague.

Nathan Einbinder
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 fifteen years.

Nathan Morris

Nell Benney
Nell is a PhD student at Lancaster University looking at labour conditions on agroecological farms in the UK. Prior to this research she was a farmworker on organic and biodynamic farms, participating in a FarmStart incubator project. She is a co-ordinating member of the grassroots trade union Solidarity Across Land Trades (SALT).

Nettie Wiebe
Nettie is a member of the IPES-Food panel and has combined activism and political engagement with academia and food production throughout her life. She is an organic farmer in Saskatchewan, Canada, Professor Emerita at St. Andrew's College, University Saskatchewan, and has served in elected leadership positions of the National Farmers Union (NFU) for ten years.

Nick Chappell
Nick is a hydrologist at Lancaster University (UK). He has 30 years of research experience on hydrology and water quality within temperate woodlands and tropical rainforests. Over the last 7 years, he has focused on quantifying the effectiveness of nature-based solutions for flood mitigation with partners including the Woodland Trust.

Nick Jacobs
Nick is the director of IPES-Food. He is a specialist in agri-food, trade and development policy, with a background in media, communications and political research.

Nick Jarvis
Nick is a forestry/agroforestry consultant and co-founder of Working Woodlands Cornwall CIC. He is passionate about increasing access to land-based careers and developing deeper connections with the land.

Nicki J Carter

Niels Corfield
Niels is an independent farming advisor and trainer. He works with producers and landowners to implement regenerative systems, across all farming types. He has carried out soil and pasture monitoring work on over 150 farms across the UK. His passion is enabling farmers to create low-input, profitable operations that are nature-friendly and productive.

Nikki Yoxall
Nikki is Head of Research at Pasture for Life, and a first-generation farmer based in NE Scotland, where she co-runs 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. Nikki is currently undertaking a PhD in Agroecological Transitions and has interests in Holistic Management, agroforestry, and connecting folk with their food.

Nina Isabella Moeller
Nina is currently Associate Professor at the Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience (Coventry) and the University of Southern Denmark, and works above all on food systems transformation. Nina has worked in Latin America and Europe– as a consultant to indigenous federations, NGOs and the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization.

Nina Pullman
Nina is a journalist, producer and editor specialising in food, farming and supply chains. She began working on trade magazines before setting up and editing Wicked Leeks, a pioneering magazine that joins the dots between the joy of food, its origins and impact, published by veg box company Riverford. She now works as a producer on Radio 4's The Food Programme, investigating all aspects of food through the medium of broadcast.

Ninian Stuart
Ninian is the landowner at Falkland Estate, Scotland. Transitioning private estate into community stewardship with a focus on regenerative placemaking, agriculture, forestry and wellbeing. Founded Falkland Stewardship Trust, Fife Employment Access Trust and 1000 huts campaign. Passionate about reconnecting people to the land that feeds, clothes and shelters us.

No Borders in Climate Justice
No Borders in Climate Justice is a collective of activists who have been involved in climate justice, migrant justice and abolitionist struggles. Many of us have also been active in growing spaces and the land justice movement. We host workshops and events with the aim of bringing a migrant justice lens to climate and land justice movements and connecting these struggles so that we can support each other and create shared demands.

Olive Ceesay
Olive is a community organiser and facilitator at Feedback with a background in co-creation processes. In this role, she works with a range of stakeholders building an eco-system of cross-sector partnerships that focus on exploring areas of food and racial justice such as reparations, community-led food systems, migrant justice and land justice.

Olivia Nelson
Having worked for the National Trust and the Organic Research Centre, Olivia is now Advocacy Officer for the Floodplain Meadow Partnership. Alongside a focus on policy issues including agricultural funding reform, water quality, flooding and nature recovery, she has run several creative projects engaging people with this wonderful habitat.

Owen Shiers
Owen Shiers is a West Walian folk singer, composer and social historian whose work seeks to give a modern voice to Ceredigion's rich yet neglected cultural heritage. His folk music project 'Cynefin' (pr. kuh-neh-vin) has received critical acclaim - and he also tours with the Welsh land rights show 'Gafael Tir'. When he's not rummaging around in libraries and archives, or exploring the county he grows heritage Welsh oats as a part of the Llafur Ni grain collective.

Pàdruig Morrison
Pàdruig is a musician and crofter from Grimsay, Outer Hebrides. He took over the family croft at a young

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age and has continued to develop through the making of haylage and the reintroduction of cattle to the croft (after a 50-year absence). He keeps small traditional cattle along with pedigree Hebridean sheep, Blackface sheep, hens, and ducks. Pàdruig is a director of the Scottish Crofting Federation and has a huge passion for traditional crofting practices, as well as for the Gaelic culture and language. Pàdruig has just completed a PhD in Composition.

Pascal Hennen
"We have shops in Liège, but it's the farming project that drives us! Pascal used to work for a supermarket chain. The working conditions and stress forced them to leave this environment. Together with the city of Liège, producers and local residents, he founded the 'Les Petits Producteurs' cooperative; local shops with healthy food that respects the environment and producers.

Patrick Barker
Patrick is a farmer and conservationist. His 545ha family farm is a LEAF Demonstration Farm and has completed a 6-year programme as the AHDB Strategic Farm for the East. They are past winners of the Farmers Weekly Countryside Farmer of the Year and FWAG's Silver Lapwing award. Conservation is integral to the farm, they have a Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier scheme and Patrick's ethos is to farm in modern, productive ways while having a farm full of wildlife.

Patrick Gillett
Patrick helped to co-found Hempen in 2015 so that he could help build resilient rural communities that could help weather the social, financial, ecological, spiritual and health crises of our times. His background in community building and grassroots activism has helped Hempen to navigate the legal, political and financial challenges faced by the hemp industry, the agricultural sector and SMEs in recent years.

Patrick MacManaway
Patrick is a third-generation practitioner of psychic and healing arts. Past president of the British Society of Dowsers, with a degree in Medicine and clients in the US, UK and Australia, he has been working as a land whisperer since 1994, with domestic, commercial and agricultural clients.

Paula Gioia
Paula is a peasant farmer in a community farm in Germany and member of the Arbeitsgemeinschaft bäuerliche Landwirtschaft (AbL). Currently they facilitate the small holder farmers constituency in the Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples Mechanism (CSIPM) for relations with the Committee of World Food Security (CFS) and are also member of the Facilitation Committee of the International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty (IPC). Since 2015 Paula has been playing an active role in shaping the food sovereignty movement at European and global level.

Pavel Cenkl
Pavel Cenkl is Founder and Director of the Regenerative Learning Network and was most recently Head of Schumacher College and Director of Learning at Dartington Trust in Devon, England. Pavel has written and presented widely in the areas of curriculum design and pedagogy, global learning networks, environmental humanities and philosophy and has co-developed programmes in ecology, humanities, and sustainable and regenerative food and farming.

Pearl Costello
Pearl works for Food Sense Wales, leading the Food Cardiff partnership and supporting national work to influence how food is produced and consumed in Wales. She previously led sustainability initiatives at the Royal Agricultural University and the NUS.

Perle Wong
Perle founded Vegecoopia in 2023, a platform that matches Hong Kong migrant growers with green space, provides support for them and curates cross-cultural food events. Back in Hong Kong, she established a university student-owned cooperative, connecting urban farming with people's everyday life, and addressing environmental justice and food sovereignty.

Peter Brooks
Peter is an investigative researcher who uncovers spatial violence using multimedia and architectural techniques. His practice looks at multispecies health, tying together environmental violence, animal rights, and public health. Peter's current focus is on factory farming and nutrient pollution, with previous investigations into advertising and deep sea mining.

Peter Gregory
Peter is a semi-retired veterinary surgeon from West Wales. He has been practising homeopathy for nearly 40 years. He teaches homeopathy to vets around the world and is a member of the teaching staff at Homoeopathy at Wellie Level. He is author of 'Homeopathy for Animals'.

Peter Leeson
Peter trained as a Surveyor and worked on urban projects in London and Manchester before realising that the natural world was his thing. Peter has been at the Woodland Trust 30 years most recently working with farmers and landowners on agroforestry. Peter's podcast "Tree Amble" is all about positive land management, people and wildlife.

Peter Lefort
Peter is a facilitator, coach and trainer. He has supported hundreds of individuals and organisations to develop new patterns to support their resilience. He also runs the Green Futures Network at the University of Exeter and is a Director of the Cornwall Food Partnership.

Peter Plate
Peter worked for 27 years in farm practice, since 1994 in the UK. Special interest in organic farming. Joined the Royal Veterinary College in 2017 at their extension service in Dorset in a position which covers teaching, research and advisory work. Peter's main research interests are mastitis, calves and antimicrobial resistance.

Peter Quigley
Peter is the head of Sustainable Composites group within the Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Centre in Belfast, the regional Centre of Excellence for innovative composites manufacturing RandT. Peter has a keen interest in natural fibre composites, helping to bring together the major players in a future natural fibre supply chain in Northern Ireland, whilst developing an in-depth understanding of both the market pull and manufacturing technologies using hemp and flax based bio-composites.

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Phil Carson
Phil is the NFFN policy lead, supporting farmer members to have their voices heard in key policy discussions. Prior to joining the network, Phil was a senior policy officer with the RSPB and before this, he worked as an environmental advisor to farmers in County Down, Northern Ireland.

Phil Scott
Phil is Head of Purpose & Sustainability for Lake District Farmers and has worked in the meat industry for 8 years. Working in collaboration with Lancaster University, Phil is the business lead on a Knowledge Transfer Partnership project called 'Towards net-zero meat production'.

Rachael Forster
Rachael supports a variety of community, educational and commercial food projects at Tamar Grow Local CIC including Tamar Valley Food Hubs, the Good Food Loop, honey and apple juicing co-ops and support for new entrants into farming with Mill Lane Acres Farmstart and a land matching pilot.

Rachel Fleming
Rachel is a founder of Animate Earth Collective, providing education and events that remember and restore our intimate relationship with the land. Originally an ecologist and government advisor, she has been curating and directing in this area for the last 12 years.

Rachel Jones
Rachel is a Sustainability Strategist and a Grower. She leads Sustain's work on Local Food, working alongside The Landworker's Alliance to coordinate a sector-wide Growth Plan. She previously spent 10 years at Sustainable Development Agency, Futerra and also works at Sitopia Farm - having been Farm Manager in 2022 and now working to grow sales through business development and marketing.

Rachel Phillips
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
Rachel is a PhD candidate investigating the intersections of Black and Jewish political radicalism on land. Her research focuses in particular on how discourses of racial justice and diaspora provide a means for a radical politics of co-liberation and anti-racist, de-colonial land practices.

Rading' Nyamwaya Obyerodhyambo
Rading' Nyamwaya, a journalist and a Digital and Sustainable communication Strategist and regenerative farmer from Kenya (East Africa). I am also a member of Barbet's Duet - an amazing collective of like-minded individuals that have banded together over the last 10 years for the mutual love of regeneration and restoration of the worlds natural environment through knowledge exchange and learning. I am also a student of the world.

Rashka Mistry
For 10 years Raksha has successfully managed Food for Life in Leicestershire. The programme, funded by Leicestershire County Council is changing the culture of food in schools, extending to the wider community and generating the largest concentration of Food for Life gold and silver awards in the country.

Rebecca Laughton
Rebecca has been combining practical work as an organic grower and farmer, with research and campaigning for over twenty years. She is the Horticulture Campaigns Co-ordinator at Landworkers' Alliance, and facilitator of a Defra Horticulture ELMS Test and Trial, Growing the Goods .

Rebecca Mayhew
Rebecca is a Farmer and Farm Shop owner in Norfolk running a 100% Pasture Fed cow with calf dairy and suckler herd on 500 acres with her husband Stuart, and two children Isobel and Jack.

Rebecca Swinn
Rebecca manages the Soil Association's Innovative Farmers programme. She works with farmers, advisors, researchers and the industry to develop and share results from farmer-led trials on sustainable and higher-welfare farming practices. Rebecca's background includes environmental reporting, organic certification, social housing food projects and an MSc in Environment and Development.

Rebecca Tully
Rebecca is founder of Kids Kitchen Collective (from-scratch, savoury, family food), lives/works a mixed collective farm and coordinates Herefordshire Food Alliance. This year the Alliance forged diverse partnerships towards sustainable food -including between farmers of many kinds, citizen scientists, consumers – bringing farming methods into both river pollution and food conversations.

Rhoda Meek
Rhoda is a digital consultant and crofter in the Isle of Tiree. She wears many hats including; Chair of Tiree Trust, owner of Tiree Tea and founder of Isle Develop CIC. She runs 6 Luing cows and 80 Hebrideans / HebTex crosses, producing knitting yarn, tweed and mutton.

Rhys Evans
Rhys works with the NFFN as Cymru Sustainable Farming Lead, and helps run the family farm in North Wales. They have a flock of Welsh Mountain sheep and pedigree Welsh Black cattle. Rhys is eager to demonstrate how nature and farming can, and must, go hand in hand.

Richard Gantlett
Richard farms at Yatesbury in Wiltshire, on silty clay loam soil over lower chalk. Diverse leys of 23 species are used to grow the soil life, together with an Aberdeen Angus suckler herd. Rotationally grazing, with silvopastoral agroforestry is a critical element of cattle welfare. The farm is around 640ha also growing cereal crops.

Richard Lee, Southwark Community Planning Network
The Southwark Planning Network (SPN) is a self managed informal network of active citizens. Local people from all over the borough are members. They are residents or run a small local business in Southwark. Recently some members participated as commissioners in the Southwark Land Commission.

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Richie Walsh
Richie is the Lowlands Scotland Coordinator for the Gaia Foundation's Seed Sovereignty Programme.
He has an academic background in amenity horticulture, market gardening and plant conservation, and works professionally in the field of horticultural therapy. He has a passion for community food growing and over the last decade he has set up and run community gardens in Dublin, Amsterdam and Glasgow.

Rob Booth
Rob is a doctoral researcher at the University of Birmingham exploring agricultural transformation change in England. He also writes and teaches on questions of land use, agricultural policy and social transformation.

Robert Barbour
Robert is a researcher at the Sustainable Food Trust, working on a range of topics, including the SFT's recent modelling of the land use and food production impacts of a UK-wide transition to regenerative, agroecological farming practices. He comes from a hill farming family in Highland Perthshire.

Robert Fraser
Robert is an Executive Director of the Real Farming Trust and is passionate about supporting people to develop a resilient, agroecological farming system which treats people, animals and nature with dignity, and has justice at its heart. Much of Robert's time is spent exploring and developing novel ways to support food and farming businesses, both in terms of financial support and business mentoring. Robert is also a livestock farmer so has a broad and deep understanding of the sector and the challenges it faces.

Rochelle Diver
Rochelle, Anishinaabe, is a citizen of Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe, an Indigenous Nation in Northern Minnesota. The Anishinaabe are water bearers, freshwater fishers, small-scale farmers, hunters and traditional stewards of the Great Lakes of the US and Canada. She is the UN Environmental Treaties Coordinator at the International Indian Treaty Council where her work focuses on the interconnectedness between food sovereignty, environmental toxics and the holistic health of Indigenous Peoples and future generations.

Rosie Boycott
Rosie was made a crossbench peer in 2018. She is currently Chair of Feeding Britain and Veg Power as well as a Trustee of the Food Foundation and a patron of Sustain, the alliance for better food and farming. She is a founding member of Peers for the Planet and formerly held the post of Chair of the London Food Board while editing, writing and campaigning on food issues.

Rosie Bristow
Rosie is the co-founder of Fantasy Fibre Mill, a new flax processing mill at Phantassie Farm in Scotland. She recently graduated from Heriot-Watt uni with an MSc in Fashion and Textiles, where her dissertation focused on connecting regenerative agriculture to ethical fashion.

Rosie Inman-Cook
For nearly a quarter of a century Rosie has been working around death. Firstly as a natural burial ground operator and now as a funeral helpline manager for the Natural Death Centre charity. She answers calls on every imaginable subject, from, "Can I be buried with my dog?" to advising funeral directors wanting to green their businesses. Rosie manages the Association of Natural Burial Grounds and guides landowners moving into the sector. She is also consulted by organisations globally looking to follow the UK's lead on natural burial.

Rosie Kindersley
Rosie is part of a family-run, mixed organic farm which has been certified organic since 1997. Sheepdrove is a diversified farm and home to an events venue powered by renewable energy that hosts weddings, conferences, and celebrations of life. In 2016 Sheepdrove began welcoming natural burials in a native woodland.

Rosina Al-Shaater
Rosina is an environmental community engagement consultant, workshop facilitator, researcher, radio presenter (Ujima Radio) and creative. Her career in environmentalism formally began as a Black and Green Ambassador. She specialises in intersectional climate justice, nature connection, and intergenerational and intercultural healing through community arts, multimedia storytelling and skill exchange.

Rosy Benson
Rosy runs Field Bakery on Gothelney Farm in Somerset. A Baker and Sourdough teacher for 10 years. She is committed to creating meaningful work that nourishes her community and inspires agency as a baker. An advocate of sourdough fermentation using freshly stone milled flour on her 40 inch New American Stone Mill she works together with Fred the farmer at Gothelney to bring visibility to a diversified local South West Grain Network.

Ruby Makepeace Somerville
Ruby Makepeace coordinates Lewes District Food Partnership and Fitzjohns Food Bank in East Sussex. She recently coordinated a project called 'Feeling the Pinch' which amplified the voices of residents experiencing food insecurity and challenged misconceptions around food poverty. She is passionate about dignity, agency and choice in food support.

Ruth Bergan
Ruth is Head of Policy and Advocacy at Transform Trade, who work with partners in the global south to ensure trade works for everyone. Ruth has worked on trade policy for over ten years, including recent research on the impact of trade rules for agriculture systems.

Ruth Galpine
Ruth is Associate Director for Healthy and Sustainable Diets at the Soil Association. Ruth runs Soil Association's food programmes including Food for Life which works with caterers to procure and serve healthy and sustainable food, and with schools and early years settings to give children a lifelong love of and understanding of good food; and Sustainable Food Places which drives local food system transformation, nationally.

Ruth Hancock
Ruth is an Agroecological Farmer from East Devon UK. A Coordinating Group member of The Landworkers Alliance. Since 2017 has hosted five Farm Hacks for Women and non Binary Landworkers, at her farm, where she also runs seasonal traineeships and short courses.

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Ruth Levene
Ruth is an artist creating collective participatory research projects exploring hidden infrastructures that have disconnected us from our food, water and land. Resurrecting, experimenting and creating spaces for practising what has gone missing. Wheat-based projects include The Field of Wheat (2013-2016) and Sheffield Wheat Experiment (2020 – Present).

Ruth Segal
Ruth leads CAFOD's policy and advocacy work on food systems, building advocacy strategies rooted in the experiences of CAFOD's partner organisations in the Global South. She has a background in international development, academia, UK-focused policy bodies and food activism in her local community.

Ruth Westcott
Ruth campaigns for good food to be included in local and national policy and action on climate change, including for public sector food that reflects a planetary health diet. Ruth created Planning for the Planet, a campaign to halt pollution from factory farms through planning.

Sally Davies
Sally is a Welsh hill farmer who raises sheep and cows at Penpont and elsewhere in the Brecon Beacons area.

Sam Caraway
Sam is Project Manager for Our Common Cause with the Foundation for Common Land. This National Lottery Heritage Fund funded project is working to conserve and enhance the heritage of Commons and Commoning in upland England. Throughout Sam's career in conservation and land management he has realised that lasting positive change is only possible when people come together to find shared solutions to the issues they face.

Sam Hayward
Sam is a campaigns officer in the Food for the Planet team at Sustain. He works alongside local government to develop better food and farming policy. Recently, he has been focused on the role that factory farming has played in the UK river pollution crisis.

Samantha Kenyon
Sam farms lowland fertile floodplain and ancient steep woodland on the banks of the River Elwy in North Wales. She believes that a biodiverse and regenerative approach to farming is key to mitigating the effects of the climate crisis and works year-round for soil resilience, reduced erosion, and increased carbon sequestration.

Sam Lee
Folksinger, songwriter, author, song collector, conservationist, and founder of The Nest Collective Sam connects British folksong with nature awareness in projects like his Singing With Nightingales concerts and nature pilgrimages. Through his music, writing, and public platforms Sam's creativity campaigns for a renewed love of nature through the arts

Samson Hart
Samson is a food grower, land-tender, writer and earth-based facilitator/ educator, currently living and tending land in South Devon. He is a creative associate at gentle/radical, and co-founder of Miknaf Ha'aretz, a CIC/ collective building earth-based, radical, diasporist jewish community in the UK.

Sandra Salazar
Sandra is a horticulturist/farmer and founder of GoGrowWithLove C.I.C, an indigenous melanin rich women-led organisation. Sandra teaches food growing and land/food sovereignty to children and families in nurseries, schools, and community projects and is 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.

Sara Grady
Sara is a co-founder of British Pasture Leather, the first supply of leather that is traceable to regenerative farms in the UK. Her work focuses on creating food and fibre systems that are beneficial to people, animals, land, and nature. She has provided strategic planning, program design and creative direction to various food/farming initiatives.

Sara Moon
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 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 Beddington
Sarah is a British visual artist and filmmaker based in London. Her debut feature documentary, Fadia's Tree (2022), uses the aerial perspective of millions of migrating birds from which to look at the 75 year old Palestinian refugee situation and was nominated for a British Independent Film Award. Sarah is now working on her second feature, On Common Land, that looks at upland farming in the Lake District at a time of climate-accelerated change.

Sarah Langford
Sarah is a writer and criminal barrister. She manages her family's Suffolk organic farm and is the author of the bestselling In Your Defence (pub. 2018) and Rooted (pub. 2022) which describes her journey into farming and the stories of the farmers she learned from.

Sarah Pullen
Sarah leads the Food System Team at Birmingham City Council and develops strong city-wide partnerships to deliver the co-produced Birmingham Food System Strategy. Using her skills and experience in behavioural science and food systems, she overcomes barriers and generates innovative solutions to tackle the biggest challenges we face.

Sarah Williams
Sarah is Programmes Director for Sustain having joined in in 2009 to run Capital Growth campaign, which supported 2,012 new community food growing gardens in London. Sarah has developed several new programmes Growing Health and more recently Bridging the Gap. She also oversees Sustain's Local Action theme which includes Sustainable Food Places, and food growing programmes, as well as skills work on Food Learning Forum and represents Sustain on the London Food Board.

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Satish Kumar
Satish is the Founder of Schumacher College. He was Editor of Resurgence magazine for 40 years. A former Jain monk, Satish Kumar went on an international pilgrimage for peace walking 8000 miles from New Delhi to Moscow, Paris, London and Washington. Satish is a lifelong activist in the cause of environmental sustainability, social justice and world peace. He is the recipient of Goi Peace Prize 2022.

Seb Mayfield
Seb is head of growth at Ooooby and co-founder and director of Hampshire Veg Box. In 2016 Seb co-founded the Independent Food Aid Network which currently represents more than 550 independent food aid providers across the UK.

Selma James
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. She is the author of Our Time Is Now: Sex, Race, Class, and Caring for People and Planet.

Shalmali Guttal
Shalmali is a member of the IPES-Food panel and the Executive Director of Focus on the Global South. For over twenty-five years, her research and writing has concerned economic and social development in Asia. The central themes of her work are community resources rights, women's rights, food sovereignty, agrarian reform, and democratization of governance.

Shamila Rathnasooriya
Manager: Programs and Operations at Movement for Land and Agricultural Reform (MONLAR) in Kandy, Sri Lanka.

Shea Buckland-Jones
Shea is Head of Policy and Advocacy at WWF Cymru. Shea has worked in the environment sector for nearly 15 years, which includes his time leading the Re-energising Wales project at the Instituite of Welsh Affairs. Shea is passionate about nature, food and farming, having grown up in Cwmaman where his grandparents farmed.

Shinya Imahashi
Shinyai 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.

Silas Hedley-Lawrence
Silas is FAI's Farm Manager, overseeing the commercial farming enterprise and coordinating the farm with its research obligations. Silas has eight years of experience managing farms regeneratively, with an emphasis on organic year-round grazing systems. With ties to New Zealand through his family dairy farm and kiwi fruit orchards, he maintains an emphasis on lean, profitable farming systems that also deliver on increasing biodiversity and soil health gains.

Silvia Quarta
Silvia has been the coordinator of Camp Altiplano, the first Ecosystem Restoration Community, since 2019. With experience in dryland restoration and a master's degree in Environmental Sciences, she now manages the 5-hectare experimental plot at La Junquera farm and coordinates reforestation efforts with volunteers.

Simona Valuckaite
Simona, Lithuanian by heritage and heart, journeyed from English philology to holistic medicine to fashion PR, before finding her calling running operations at DIRT Charity, striving to safeguard Earth's soils, rekindling her innate love for nature and fulfilling her desire to contribute positively to the planet.

Simon Fairlie
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 coeditor 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

Sofía Monsalve Suárez
Sofía is a member of the IPES-Food panel, and the Secretary General of FIAN International. She has extensive advocacy experience in the UN human rights system, FAO and the UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS) contributing to the development of human rights standard setting.

Sofia Parente
Sofia provides strategic oversight, programme and staff management to local action projects and campaigns at Sustain. She grew up on a farm in the north west of Portugal and has a degree in Agronomy from the Technical University of Lisbon.

Sofie Quist
Sofie is a researcher and PhD candidate at the Arctic University of Norway, where her work focuses on ocean law and food sovereignty. She is also involved with the Troms community farm, growing herbs and vegetables in a short season under the midnight sun.

SongSoo Kim
SongSoo is the Head of Sourcing and Development at Super8 Restaurants (Kiln, Smoking Goat, Brat, Mountain). Previously working as a chef, and on farms in South Korea, India, and the United States. She is an advocate for farms and farmers and believes that cooking and the idea of deliciousness originate from being a steward of our ecology. This year she has won The Campaigner of the Year award given by Code Hospitality Annual Hospitality's Women of the Year List.

Sophie Gregory
First generation organic dairy farmer from Dorset Devon board. Passionate about getting the next generation into farming as well as shouting about the positive message of dairy farming. Recently awarded a Nuffield scholarship to investigate "the future of the organic dairy industry".

Sophie Wilson
Sophie is a partner at CW Farm Vets, a newly established farm vet practice in Oxforshire. Alongside this, she farms at home in a family partnership. The farm is organic, predominantly dairy and using mob grazing, herbal leys and bale grazing to build a resilient farming system.

Steph Wetherell
Steph works with new entrant farmers in Bristol, supporting them to access training, land and markets. In 2023, she undertook a Churchill Fellowship to New Zealand to explore Share Farming as a model.

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Stephanie Roels
Stephanie is a social-artistic worker and a chef. In Antwerp, she is the frontrunner of different projects on sustainable food, public space and social food justice. She is always on the lookout for fair products that connect.

Stephen Hill
Stephen is a butcher and abattoir owner at Perry's of Eccleshall in Staffordshire.

Stephen Ware
Stephen is a farmer at MM & JE Ware & Sons.

Steve Chamberlain
Following 11 years as a marketing professional Steve pursued a long-standing ambition to run his own business in Cornwall, utilising many skills developed in his previous career to transform Nancarrow, a 100-acre Soil Association-certified organic farm, into a successful destination with converted barns, shepherd huts and wedding and events spaces.

Steven Jacobs
Steve has been working in food and farming for 30+ years and is co-founder of UK Grain Lab and director of OFandG's National Organic Conference, now in its 17th year. Steve chairs the IFOAM Organics Europe Comms Hub, deputy co-chair for the Welsh Organic Forum, and works with the Welsh Grain Forum, Wales Real Food and Farming Conference, West Midlands Grain Network and the Shropshire Good Food Partnership. Real sustainable development requires a shift away from the current exploitative economic models.

Sue Hayman
Sue is a Shadow Minister for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in the House of Lords. She was Member of Parliament for Workington from 2015 to 2019 and served as Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs from 2017 to 2019. Since November 2021 she has been President of the Rare Breeds Survival Trust. A former Cumbria county councillor, Sue lives with her husband on a smallholding in rural West Cumbria.

Sue Pritchard
Sue is Chief Executive of the Food, Farming and Countryside Commission and leads the organisation in its mission to bring people together to act on the climate, nature and health crises, through fair and sustainable food systems, and a just transition for rural communities. She is also a Trustee of CoFarm Foundation, an independent Governor at Royal Agricultural University, and a farmer based in Wales.

Summer Islam
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.

Suzy Russell
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.

Swati Renduchintala
Swati Renduchintala is a development professional working in sustainable food systems, climate change and scale thinking. She is an Associate Scientist with World Agroforestry Centre, and programme manager for Andhra Pradesh community-managed natural farming, overseeing its national and international partnerships.

Tara Wight
Tara is a scientist and activist working on agroecological transitions and land justice in Scotland. She coordinates the Agroecology Research Collaboration and works in advocacy for the Landworkers' Alliance. She has a background in crop science and is currently facilitating a farmer-led research project investigating the holistic benefits of agroecological practices.

Theona Morrison
Theona is a Crofter, Scottish Rural Action Chair and Director of CoDeL a social enterprise which focuses on young adults and their contribution to rural and island communities. A member of the Scottish Food Coalition led the development of curriculum materials in crofting, local food production and community land ownership. She lives in the Outer Hebrides of Scotland, a crofting and Gaelic speaking community. She sees the 'indigenous knowledge of crofting as key for the future.

Thin Lei Win
Thin is an award-winning multimedia journalist specialising in food and climate issues. She is Lead Reporter for the Food Systems Newsroom of Lighthouse Reports, a collaborative European news outlet, curates her newsletter Thin Ink and was an international correspondent for over a decade.

Thomas Gent
Thomas is a 4th generation on his family farm in South Lincolnshire. We have been farming regeneratively for 15 years. I am also the founder of the Gentle Farming brand and the UK Market Lead for Agreena.

Tim Crabtree
Tim is Director of Wessex Community Assets, which provides support around housing, energy and bioregional resources. He coordinates the Raise the Roof project, linking construction of affordable housing with use of local natural materials, such as timber, hemp and clay. Tim is also a part-time researcher at Plymouth University.

Tim Parton
Tim is a Farm Manager in South Staffordshire where he farms in the heartbeat of Mother Nature using biology and nutrition to eliminate a lot of synthetic inputs such as fungicides, insecticides, growth regulators, seed treatments and pre-emergence herbicides, while still achieving high yields, soil always being at the centre of any decision.

Tom Adams
Tom manages an organic fruit tree nursery in Shropshire using regenerative methods in an agroforestry system. He specialises in hard to find heritage apple varieties from the English/Welsh borderlands and is building a collection of local varieties from all over the country, helping to protect plant biodiversity and ensure this living heritage continues to be enjoyed for generations to come.

SPEAKER BIOS

Tom Carman
Tom is Consultancy 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. Tom's work supports the development of new models of land management for local authorities, developers and communities. He is a specialist in land, food and farming, fundraising and governance.

Tom Hartley
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 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.

Tom Venner Woodcock
Tom is a hemp and soil health enthusiast. When he's not advising farmers on how to grow hemp, he is making 'living soil' substrates for a tree growing project funded by the Forestry Commission.

Tom Wakeford
An action researcher, writer and recovering scientist, Tom has worked on issues including climate justice, anti-racism and people's alternatives to scientism. His books include Science for the Earth, Liaisons of Life and Participatory Action Research. He works with Feedback on Seeding Reparations and is co-host of the Bullshit Futures podcast.

Tony Gent
Born in a family of 1st generation farming on a small holding of 20 acres. Have wide experience of multi-generation family business and the importance of growing shared responsibility, particularly as the oncoming generations develop ideas. Always had a deep interest in technical innovation, particularly regarding soil health and sustainability.

Vanessa Barker
Vanessa is CEO of Papillon Bleu, a company pioneering regenerative agriculture in textiles to replenish lives, land and species. Growing regenerative cotton in India directly with tribal farmers in partnership with Raddis Cotton and hemp in the UK to seed a Bio-regional value chain contributing to re-shoring a hemp textile industry. To start a regeneration movement of farmers, greener textiles, brands and consumers - restoring the environment and promoting biodiversity.

Vicki Hird
Vicki is Strategic Lead on Agriculture at The Wildlife Trusts, a published author, entomologist and independent consultant. She is an experienced and award-winning campaigner, lobbyist, researcher, writer and strategist working for the past 33 years on food, farming and environmental issues and solutions, at a global, EU and national level.

Vijay Kumar
Vihay is Executive Vice Chairman of Rythu Sadhikara Samstha Andhra Pradesh (a government organisation for farmers' empowerment). As CEO for the Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty, he implemented a state wide programme of poverty eradication based on women's self-help groups, enabling the largest transition to agroecology in the world.

Wendy Barrie
Wendy is a cook, campaigner, author, and Founder of the award-winning Scottish Food Guide. She is co-author of "Meadows: The Swedish Farmer and The Scottish Cook and Leader of Scotland's SF Ark of Taste. She is the Co-founder Scottish Bread Championship and an IGCAT Global Expert, speaking internationally on food tourism, and biodiversity.

Will Caldwell
Will and Charlotte Caldwell run Stream Farm, a small-scale organic farm in Somerset. To enable 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.

Will White
Will is Sustainable farming Coordinator at Sustain. He has a background in implementing Agroecological farming methods and managing vineyards. Will has also previously worked on issues surrounding food poverty, having coordinated food bank campaigns in Bristol and Manchester. Will is a dedicated advocate for nature friendly farming and fairness across the entirety of the food supply chain.

William Milliken
William was trained in natural sciences and has over 30 years of experience in multi-disciplinary research and scientific leadership. He has worked at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew since 2004. His research has focused primarily on the interface between biodiversity, livelihoods and ecosystem services, overseas and in the UK.

Yali Banton-Heath
Yali is the Campaigns Communications Coordinator at the Landworkers' Alliance and has previously written freelance on topics of food policy, neoliberalism and land justice.

Yanniek Schoonhoven
Yanniek is a farmer at La Junquera regenerative organic farm in the South of Spain, in a semi-arid environment with harsh conditions. Yanniek is also the founder of the Regeneration Academy, an educational centre focused on sharing knowledge on regenerative farming and sustainable development.

Yuli Somme
Using carefully sourced regional wool Yuli makes felt cocoon-like shrouds for coffin-free, ecological funerals. There is a circularity in the work that reflects the cycle of life: sheep may graze a natural space that is used for burial, and their wool is used to bury our dead.

YuWing Wong
YuWing founded Hong Kong AuLaw Organic Farm in 2010, and also co-founded Hong Kong Organic Farmers Association, Hong Kong Organic Association and AuLaw Organic Commons, to promote sustainable organic agriculture and the city's food self-sufficiency. In June 2022, he established AuLaw Organic Farm UK C.I.C. based in New Malden.

Zosia Walczak
Zosia is a Senior Manager at Growing Communities, primarily focused on sales, distribution and tech. She previously worked at OrganicLea and trained and worked as a grower, and prior to that headed up a digital agency building and managing tech for film studios

EXHIBITORS

IN-PERSON EXHIBITORS

In St Aldates Church:

The **Biodynamic Association (BDA) @BiodynamicUK** promotes and supports regenerative biodynamic farming and gardening. This is a method of caring for soil, plant and animal life such that a farm becomes a whole integrated living ecosystem that is sustainable and full of vitality and diversity at every level. The BDA has a stand with books, articles, leaflets, info on trainings, open pollinated seeds, land succession questions and what the biodynamic approach does for your soil and potentially your soul. **(Also visit our online exhibit!)**

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.

The **Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Network @CSANetwork** is a multi-stakeholder cooperative for CSA farms across the UK with over 200 member farms. We are the only organisation in the UK dedicated to promoting and supporting the UK CSA movement. We do this through a programme of strategic mentoring, training, events, networking, advocacy and communication all aimed at achieving a CSA in every neighbourhood.

FarmED @RealFarmED is a not-for-profit demonstration farm in the heart of the Cotswolds, with a multi-award-winning eco conference centre and cafe and 107 acres showcasing regenerative farming, agroecology and farming with nature - including a heritage orchard, eight year crop rotation and mob-grazed herbal leys, natural flood management scheme for landscape recovery, micro dairy, CSA Kitchen Garden, apiary and heritage wheat - with a mission to encourage the transition to these agricultural models. **(Also visit our online exhibit!)**

The **Nature Friendly Farming Network (NFFN) @NFFNUK** is led by farmers who have come together to champion a way of farming that is sustainable and good for nature. The NFFN seeks to unite farmers across the UK who have a sustainable outlook and to secure positive changes in policy, including how farming is supported by the public. The NFFN promotes knowledge exchange and collaborative working to achieve substantial and sustainable change for the future.

Ooooby (Out of Our Own Backyards) @oooooby offers an easy way for farmers and food producers to earn good money by selling direct to local households and businesses. We provide software and support to sell online and deliver to homes. Our mission is to put 'small-scale and ecologically-sound' back at the heart of our food system. **(Also visit our online exhibit!)**

Whole Health Agriculture @WholeHealth_Ag is a small not-for-profit organisation dedicated to helping farmers discover and adopt salutogenic, planet-friendly solutions to farm health problems. We run programmes of investigation and education to evaluate, showcase and teach practices that reduce synthetic chemicals and antibiotics that are having catastrophic effects on our soil and water, on nature, and on our collective health. Our online learning centre is unique in teaching farmers natural livestock health solutions: learning.wholehealthag.org

In the Story Museum:

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

The **Woodland Trust @WoodlandTrust** was founded in 1972 and is the largest woodland conservation charity and a leading voice in bringing the UK's trees and woodlands to the attention of Government, landowners and the public. With a supporter base of half a million they were the first and remain the most significant contributor to woodland protection, restoration and creation in the UK.

In the Oxford Town Hall:

Chelsea Green Publishing @chelseagreen was founded in 1984 and is a leading publisher of books on the politics and practice of sustainable living, with offices in London and Vermont. We publish authors who bring in-depth, practical knowledge to life and give readers hands-on information related to organic farming and gardening, ecology and the environment, healthy food, sustainable economics and health and wellness. **(Also visit our online exhibit!)**

The **Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)** stall will provide information on farming reforms, as well as an opportunity to contribute to schemes and grants which will impact upon the sector in the future.

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.

The **Landworkers' Alliance @LandworkersUK** is a grassroots union of farmers, foresters and land-based workers in the UK and part of the global peasant movement for food sovereignty, La Via Campesina.

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.

Pasture for Life @PastureForLife champions the restorative power of grazing animals on pasture. 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. We are a diverse movement, from farmers to artisans, working across every step of this process. Find out how you can buy certified 100% pasture fed products, become a supporter or member, or get certified.

Regenerate Outcomes @RegenerateOutco supports farms to transition to regenerative agriculture. Farms receive one-on-one bespoke mentoring from a team of leading regenerative farmers and soil scientists at Understanding Ag - led by Gabe Brown, Dr Allen Williams and Shane New. At the same time, we monitor and verify the positive environmental impacts from regenerative farming to generate additional revenue streams for farm businesses.

The **RSPB @FairtoNature** is the largest nature conservation charity in the UK, and our RSPB Fair to Nature certification scheme is helping to make space on farms for birds, bees, butterflies, wildflowers, and so much more. Focussing on biodiversity and using a proven approach, we work with the farmers who grow our food and the businesses who sell it to restore balance to farmland and protect wildlife.

The **Soil Association @SoilAssociation** 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 their business to organic standards and provide an organic licence to sell their 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.

ONLINE EXHIBITORS

Agricology @agricology is an independent knowledge platform supporting all farmers and growers to transition to more sustainable and resilient farming systems. It is a free platform, open to everyone, and was set up in response to the increasing challenges of declining soil fertility, climate change, declining biodiversity and the need to rethink the way we tend the land.

Be The Earth is a family foundation supporting groups and individuals to develop regenerative economies that prioritise the flourishing of all life on Earth. We use financial and non-financial capital to support food producers, environmentalists, community leaders, wellbeing practitioners, indigenous people and women, to grow post-capitalist modes of production and ways of being that enhance individual, collective, and planetary wellbeing. Our work is always trust-based and collaborative.

The **Conscious Food Systems Alliance (CoFSA)**, convened by UNDP, is a movement of food, agriculture, and consciousness practitioners united around a common goal: to support people from across food and agriculture systems to cultivate the inner capacities that activate systemic change and regeneration. CoFSA has started to frame a new narrative on food systems transformation highlighting the role of consciousness, with a growing global community.

Organic Herb Trading Ltd has provided herbs, spices and botanicals with integrity - since 1982. For more than 40 years we have grown, sourced and supplied the UK's largest range of high-quality botanicals for a diverse range of customers across sectors including food and beverage, skincare and cosmetics, and medicines.

Shumei International @shumeiintl is a non-governmental organisation headquartered in Japan, based on the philosophy of Mokichi Okada, who developed Natural Agriculture. With a goal to promote a deeper understanding of our interconnectedness with the natural world and with each other, Shumei works to share knowledge about the Natural Agriculture approach to farming, which regenerates the land, water and soil. Natural Agriculture also cultivates a renewed appreciation of beauty and living in harmony with nature.

TABLE @tabledebates recognises our food system is in crisis: it contributes to global heating and biodiversity loss while leaving billions malnourished and impoverished. At TABLE, we believe that progress on these problems will only be possible if we can talk openly about our hopes and fears, our values, and the scientific evidence underlying our proposed solutions. We explore the data, the biases and beliefs behind food-systems debates in order to provide stakeholders with the tools for better dialogue.

WWOOF @wwoofuk stands for World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms. WWOOF UK seeks to enrich lives by reconnecting people with the land, their food and each other. We link farmers, gardeners and smallholders with volunteers who want to learn about growing and low-impact living. You can join our membership as a host (£35pa) or volunteer 'WWOOFer' (£25pa) by signing up on our website.

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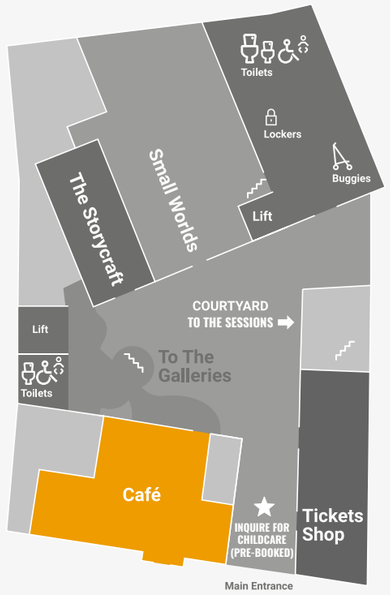
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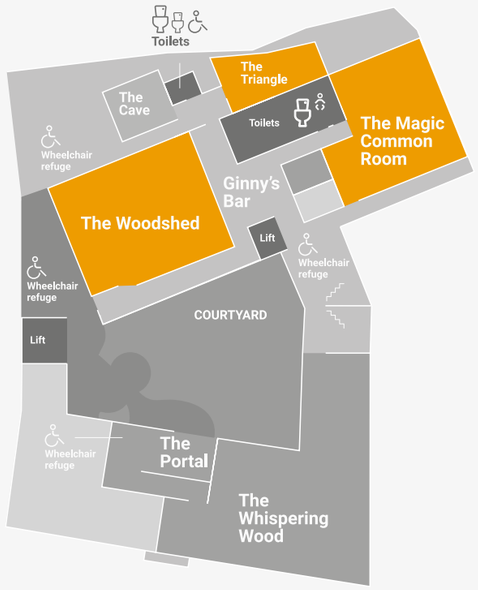
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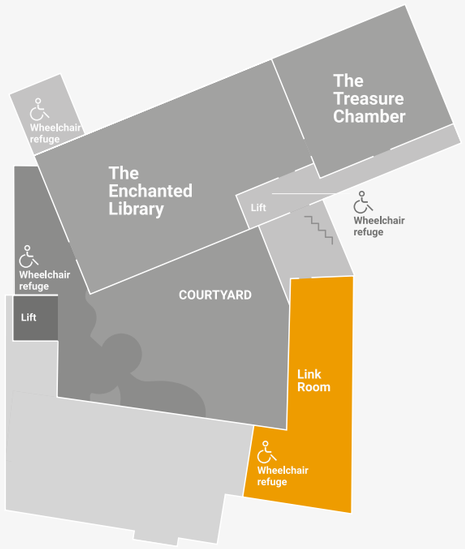
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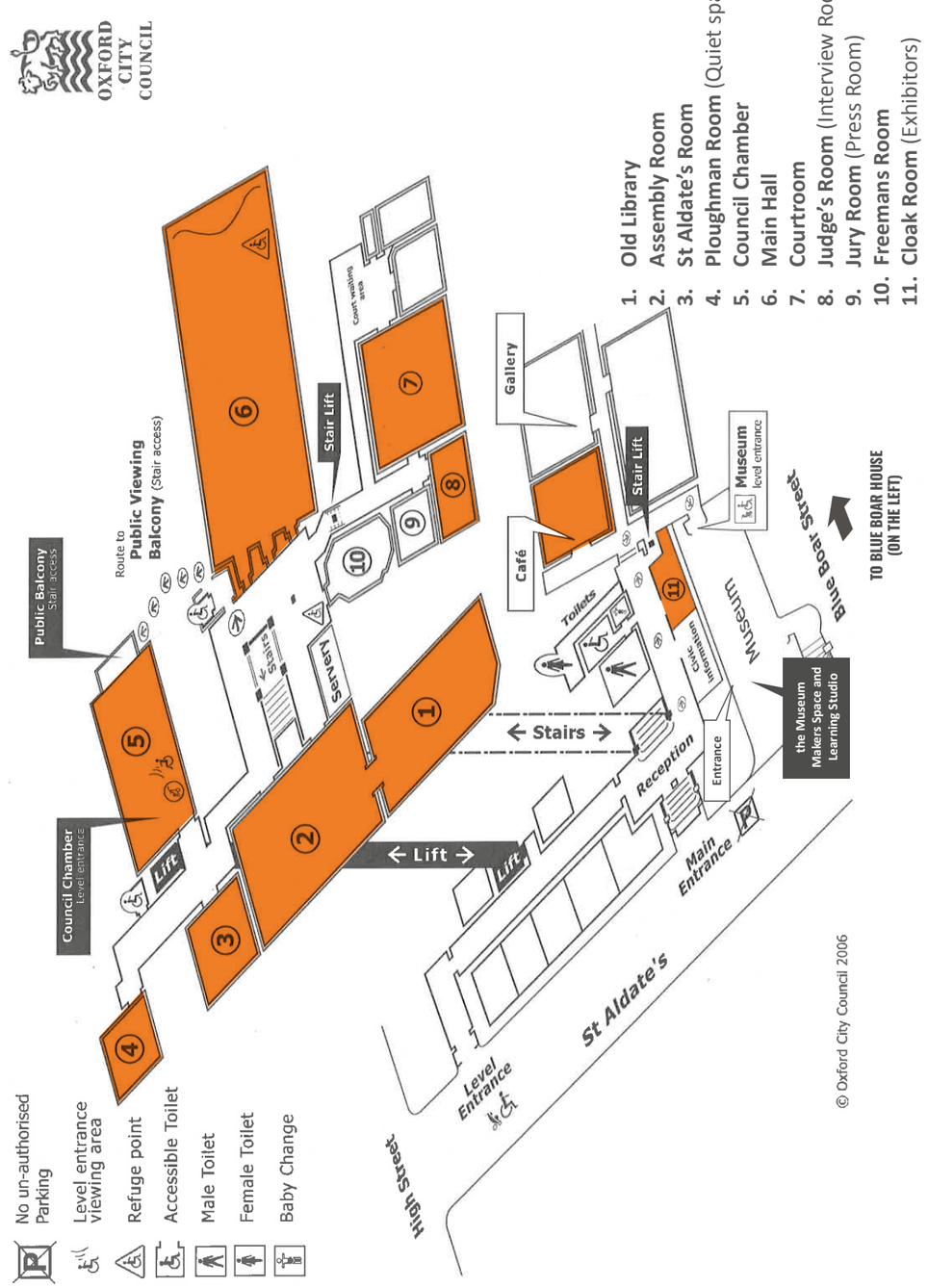
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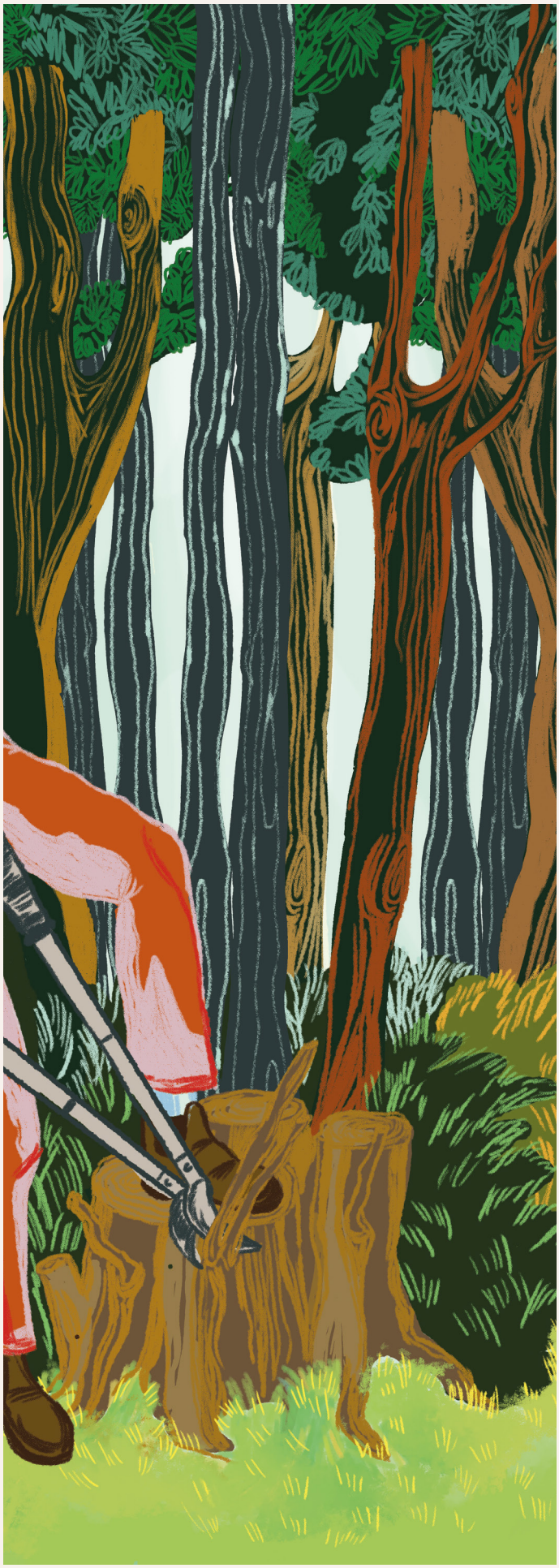
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