



OXFORD REAL FARMING CONFERENCE 2026

FARMER PERSPECTIVES:

Pathways to Healing People and Planet

Date: January 9th, 2026

Time: 9:00–10:20am GMT

Location: Catholic Chaplaincy, Newman Room

Session Overview

There is growing awareness of the connection between personal wellbeing, planetary health and the current food system. The impact of climate change, along with the significant rise in diet-related conditions, has highlighted the urgent need to shift how food is produced. This panel will explore the diverse perspectives of farmers from Ireland to Zambia who transitioned to agroecological, regenerative practices through a shift in mindset. Learn how they tapped into farming as a spiritual practice to support the healing and wellbeing of the land, their crops, and their communities.

About Shumei International

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 avoids the use of any fertilizers, chemicals, pesticides, or additives. Prioritizing harmony with nature and natural living seeds, Natural Agriculture encourages communities to reconnect with nature and regenerate the land.

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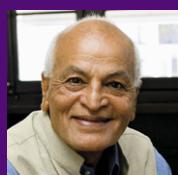
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Moderator



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Special Guest

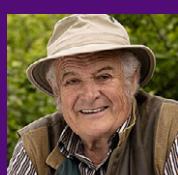


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