

WELCOME TO THE 16TH OXFORD REAL FARMING CONFERENCE!

This year we have a programme bursting with life as new people and organisations join us and new concerns call out to be raised. Yet the basic message of the conference remains: the message that challenged us to start doing something in the first place. That it is eminently possible to feed everyone well, without destroying the biosphere, and without cruelty, if only we farm, and support those who farm, with those aims in mind.

I remember in the early days as we grew to need more than one venue, one of our team had the great idea that we should gradually take over all of Oxford, so that along with the OFC, for two whole days Oxford became one big farming gathering.

Well in a sense we're moving towards that vision. We have now added more venues to those we had last year, making nine in total. And our new venues are more spacious, and in a cluster around the Town Hall, where the farming sessions and the food and entertainment are concentrated. And I'm assured as indeed this programme illustrates (see map) that the maximum distance between any two venues is six minutes walk, with most being within a couple of minutes of each other.

So there we have it. A growing movement for change that extends a warm welcome for all. One that offers us all hope and indeed not a little inspiration at the start of this new year.

Ruth West, Co-Founder, Oxford Real Farming Conference

WHAT TO EXPECT AT ORFC 2025

The ORFC is the annual gathering of the UK's real food and farming movement. As always, the conference is **programmed by you**, brought together from hundreds of brilliant proposals we receive in response to our open Call for Submissions with the help of our programme partners. We're committed to exploring the most urgent, innovative and illuminating topics this movement is interested in.

2025 will be **our most interactive ORFC ever!** With plenty of workshops inviting us all to share our ideas, concerns, and learn from each other. While we're taking a break from sticking our hands into the soil this week, we'll be filling up on practical take-home advice to apply on the farm. And we'll also be exploring some of the most challenging issues from climate change and farming's reliance on fossil fuels, to fighting for land justice, anti-fascism, and anti-imperialism in our food systems. We're looking forward to deepening our approach to Listening to the Land too, where we'll be exploring connections with place, land-based rituals, and

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moving towards more-than-human perspectives as stewards of landscapes. You can find out more about our different programme streams on page 4.

EVER-GROWING

You heard it from Ruth, we've taken over all of central Oxford at last! We've got our new Speakers' Hall at Wesley Memorial Church, alongside sessions across 18 other spaces. Everything is within a few minutes walk, and we've created a handy fold-out map to help you find your way around. We've listened to you and found more large session venues for this year, with ten rooms where more than a hundred people can gather at a time. If you have a particular session you really want to join, though, leave plenty of time to get there. Sessions will always fill up, but come with an open mind: if you can't get into one room, head to another and be prepared to learn something unexpected!

GOING LIVE

Because we want our online audience to be able to join in as much of the fun as possible, we've expanded our livestream offering too: we're now streaming from **six rooms** at the conference this year.

ALWAYS INCLUSIVE

The conference is for everyone. It is a collective space for sharing and being with one another in a respectful way, whilst also recognising that people come from unique backgrounds and are affected differently and to varying degrees by structural oppression.

During sessions, feel free to make yourself quietly comfortable as you need, or to take yourself out of a session if you need a break. Find more details on accessibility, quiet spaces, and our nursing room on pages 4 - 5. Send feedback to info@orfc.org.uk or via the delegate survey sent after the conference.

OUR PARTNERS, FUNDERS AND SPONSORS

We are fortunate to work with the following **programme partners** in 2025: Animate Earth, Conscious Food Systems Alliance (CoFSA), Emergent Generation, La Via Campesina, Landworkers' Alliance, Pasture for Life, Shared Assets, Seeding Reparations, Soil Association, Solidarity Across Land Trades (SALT), and Sustain. Thank you to our **funders and sponsors**: A Team Foundation, Be the Earth Foundation, Cotswold Seeds, Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, FarmED, Farming the Future, Growing Good, Organic Herb Trading, Necessity, Riverford, Sheepdrove Trust, and Triodos. Also, our thanks to all our **supporters** who purchased supporter tickets this year, helping to make the conference more affordable for all.

We are grateful to work with the following media partners: Farmerama Radio, the Feminist Food Journal, Fuel to Fork Podcast and Rooted Magazine. Also, we're

pleased to partner with Good Food Oxfordshire to bring together a delicious array of lunch and dinner options from local food vendors.

THE CONFERENCE TEAM

The ORFC is brought together by our talented team, which includes: Andy Dibben (Farm Practice Advisor), Brittany Oakes (Operations Manager), Caitlin Osborne (Event Coordinator), Carla Sarrouy Kay (Programme Coordinator), Dora Taylor (Justice Programme Coordinator), Felix Hewitt (Communications Coordinator), Francesca Price (Executive Director), Hester van Hensbergen (Conference Manager), Lucy Harding (Communications Manager), and Ruth West (Co-Founder and Advisor).

The team has been joined for the in-person conference by Ben Brown, Emilia Jane Wolfe, Emma Burnett, Irma Allen, and Jade Neville (Venue Coordinators); Han Smith (Conference Assistant); Peter Lefort (Tech Support Lead); Dan Hussey, Henry Owen, and Marta Lomza (Tech Support); Jonny Tomlinson (Stage Manager); Sarah Weber (Well-being Coordinator); Brett Price (ORFC Videographer); Hugh Warwick and Ella Brolly (ORFC Photographers).

For our online conference, the team is joined by Helen Freudenberg (Operations Coordinator), Lucy Fisher (Conference Assistant), and Erin Maguire (Tech Support).

The ORFC is made possible with the incredible support of our in-person and online volunteers. Please treat them with respect and thank them for their work.

The ORFC is a programme of the **Real Farming Trust**, a charity that connects and supports people trying to transform our food system from the grassroots up. To find out about the rest of our work, visit realfarming.org.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

REGISTRATION AND MORE

When you arrive in Oxford, you'll need to register and pick up your lanyard and badge. For **Registration**, head to the **Speakers' Hall** at **Wesley Memorial Church**, conveniently located on the way from the train station to the town centre. We will be open from 5.30 to 9pm on Wednesday, and from 8am onwards on Thursday. If you're arriving on Wednesday, once you've registered, head straight over to the **Main Hall** at the **Town Hall** for dinner, drinks, music and a chance to meet our exhibitors, from 6 till 10pm.

On Thursday morning, we'll be gathering for our **Opening Plenary** in the **Main Hall**, with inspiring words from movement leaders and the brilliant Hot Poets, before diving into **the sessions**.

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Here are a few of the themes you'll find in our programming as you explore:

FARM PRACTICE: There'll be lots of great take-home advice, deep dives into the success and challenges of individual farms, and practical discussions on topics such as natural flood management, activating soil enzymes, pest control, and biodiversity and livestock. You'll find these sessions throughout the conference, but start with checking out what's on in the **Assembly Room, Council Chamber, Court Room, and St Aldate's Room in the Town Hall**. The farm practice strand is organised in collaboration with the Soil Association and Pasture for Life.

FOOD AND FARM POLICY: For everyone impassioned by the politics of food and farming, we've selected a brilliant series of policy focused sessions with Sustain and the Soil Association. What are the practical political tools that can be used to achieve transformation? Come along to sessions **in the Cheng Building and Speaker's Hall** looking at all facets of the just transition: from creative ways to fund it, to moving beyond intensive livestock; and for discussions on public farmland, pesticide policies, ecocide law, agri-misinformation in elections, ELMs, and more.

JUSTICE STRAND: The Justice Strand, hosted by Solidarity Across Land Trades (SALT), Shared Assets and Seeding Reparations, invites those from marginal perspectives to connect, share knowledge and empower each other. Sessions centre on equity, solidarity and collaboration, and explore topics such as: land access, reparations, abolition, health justice, racial justice, queer liberation, neurodiversity, alternative economies, migration, workers' rights and anti-oppression. Justice Strand sessions are held across multiple spaces in the **Story Museum, Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, and Town Hall**.

LANDWORKERS ALLIANCE AND LA VIA CAMPESINA: La Via Campesina (LVC) is a global grassroots 'movement of movements' representing over 200 million peasants, farmers, pastoralists, fisherfolk and Indigenous people across 81 different countries. The Landworkers' Alliance is a member organisation of LVC, and works to build the movement for agroecology and food sovereignty across all four nations of the UK. This year, the LWA x LVC programme, held across spaces in the **Story Museum and Town Hall**, will bring together landworkers, young people, trade unionists, and activists from the UK and internationally to explore what it means to be a social movement and why building a social movement is key to achieving agroecology.

LISTENING TO THE LAND: this strand explores what it means to have a more reciprocal relationship with Nature and how a heart-based approach to our work might support and progress the transformation of our food and farming system.

Working with partners, the Conscious Food Systems Alliance (CoFSA) and Animate Earth, you will find various sessions seeded through the programme that explore traditional or indigenous knowledge systems, farming practices based on an intuitive relationship with the land to establish a more embodied connection to landscape. Alongside talks, there will be opportunities for delegates to talk about their experience of this connection and to meet others who share similar belief systems.

YOUTH: In partnership with Emergent Generation, La Via Campesina, and FLAME, we're hosting youth-oriented sessions across the conference this year. On Thursday, head to **the Hall** at the United Reform Church for discussion of youth movement collaboration, intergenerational discussions, art exhibitions, and relaxed networking. Later, there'll be a relaxed roundtable on inspiring more youth to join activist movements in **the Blue Room** at the Tavern, before an evening drinks at **the café in the Cheng Building** where newcomers passionate about the politics and practice of food and farming will have a chance to meet movement leaders.

PLUS SOCIALS AND ENTERTAINMENT: We've got plenty of social opportunities in the programme this year - from landmatching lunchtime gatherings to evening socials for our LGBTQIA+ community, food and farming newcomers, and journalists. We're excited to be hosting wonderful poetry and storytelling performances in the evenings, and in the Main Hall, we're looking forward to dancing to Don Kipper and Songs from the Porch.

BOOKS: Mostly Books, from Abingdon, will be hosting our bookshop in the Main Hall this year, with a wide selection of books from our conference speakers and on relevant topics. They'll be hosting some book signings too, keep an eye out for the timings on the blackboard.

AND LOTS MORE: The best way to find out what we've got to offer is by digging into the programme schedule yourself. Finding everything listed on pages 6 - 28. Then look up the speakers and facilitators on pages 30 - 55.

When it comes to getting to sessions, please be aware that space in each of the rooms is limited. If you are keen to see a particular session, we recommend you get there early to secure a seat. We have around 150 sessions programmed across our nineteen spaces.

Use the fold-out map, or ask us: if you don't know how to get to your next session or would like some help navigating the programme, ask one of our volunteers in the orange tops.

ACCESSIBILITY

A large print version of the full programme can be viewed at registration in Wesley Memorial Methodist Church and at the info desk in the Town Hall, and a large print version of the conference schedule can be found posted in the Main Hall of the Town Hall.

All venues are fully accessible, except for the Blue Room in St Aldate's Tavern, which unfortunately does not have lift access. Hearing loops are available in the Main Hall, Assembly Room and Old Library (Town Hall), Speakers Hall (Wesley Memorial Church), Cheng Building and Ship Street (Jesus College), The Sanctuary (St Columba's) and in the Woodshed (Story Museum).

We'll be reserving a few **accessible seats** in each session space for those with accessibility needs. If that's you, please feel free to make your way to one of the reserved seats. If these seats aren't filled by the start of the session, they will be released for use by all delegates.

We welcome JAM (Just a Minute) card holders. To find out more, see www.jamcard.org.

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

QUIET ROOM

If you need space to get away from the crowds and recharge in silence, a quiet room is available in the Plowman Room of the Town Hall. Please respect this as a space for peaceful relaxation. If you'd like somewhere to relax, work, or chat with friends, you can head to the café area on the Second Floor of the Cheng Building.

NURSING ROOM

The Triangle Room in the Story Museum is available for anyone who needs to care for the needs of a child or baby.

CLOAK ROOM

We have unticketed, unsupervised cloak rooms available in the foyer of the Cheng Building and in Ship Street. Belongings are left in these rooms at your own risk and **must be collected by 5:30pm on Friday**.

On Thursday evening, there will be hangers in the Assembly Room at the Town Hall where you are free to leave your coats or bags at your own risk. Please collect them before you leave the Town Hall **by 9.45pm on Thursday night**.

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 water 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.

LUNCHES AND DINNERS

Thanks to Good Food Oxfordshire, we've got a wonderful selection of local food stalls in the Main Hall at the Town Hall. Lunch will be available from 12.30 to 1.45pm on Thursday and Friday, and dinners from 6 to 9pm on Wednesday, and 5:30 to 9pm on Thursday.

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

Ellie's Kitchen: Greek savoury pies with winter organic salad and tzatziki- authentically traditional, homemade, seasonal and organic.

Organic Deli: lunch boxes containing organic salads, mixed grains, fresh vegetables and vegetarian curry.

Real Catering Oxford: banh mi baguettes with slow roast pork or teriyaki mushrooms, pickled vegetables, and spicy mayo; hearty minestrone with sourdough and pesto.

Vaults & Garden Café: delicious organic dishes made fresh daily, with vegetarian and vegan options.

In addition, there are ticketed sit-down dinners on Thursday night at the Old Fire Station and Chickpea. 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 also cafés downstairs at the Town Hall and off the courtyard of the Story Museum. Present your conference badge for 10% off your food and drink order.

TEA AND COFFEE

Tea and coffee are available free of charge in the Main Hall and in the foyer of the Cheng Building, 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 Wesley Memorial Church and in the Town Hall. Keep them with you at all times!

BAR

Join us at the Old Tree Brewery bar on Wednesday and Thursday night in the Main Hall for delicious beers, wine, and kombucha from Old Tree Brewery, a social enterprise micro-fermentary using traditional brewing techniques. On Thursday night, the bar in the foyer of the Story Museum will be open for those attending evening sessions and socials.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO

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

Sessions in the Speakers' Hall at Wesley Memorial Church; 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 keep your phones on silent during the conference. We'd love to see your highlights from the conference on social media - please post using #ORFC25. Connect with us on Instagram (@oxfordrealfarmingconference), X (@ORFC), Facebook and LinkedIn (/OxfordRealFarmingConference).

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESS

The press room is the Jury Room in the Town Hall. There are additional quiet spaces for interviews in the Cheng Building. Your press contact throughout the conference is Lucy Harding (press@orfc.org.uk), who will be available to help set up interviews or find quiet places to record. All press and comms professionals are welcome to join us for the ORFC Media Drinks in the Blue Room at 6pm on Thursday. There will be free drinks for those who get there first!

WHAT'S NEXT? WE'LL SEE YOU IN THE FIELD

After the success of ORFC in the Field at Comrie Croft in the Scottish Highlands last October, we are delighted to be launching a full annual programme, with four

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immersive, practical on-farm events each year! Our In the Fields will be hosted in partnership with agroecological farms across the UK, with workshops on heritage grains, livestock and landscape interactions, peri-urban farming, food politics, flower growing, and much more. We're showcasing the best agroecological practice and empowering each other with the skills, vision, confidence and commitment we need to transform the food system. Keep your eye on our website - orfc.org.uk - for exciting announcements coming soon.

Wednesday 8th January

5.30pm – 9pm

Wesley Memorial Methodist Church

SPEAKERS' HALL

Registration

Registration will be open from 5.30 to 9pm on Wednesday. You'll need to check in and pick up your lanyard and badge before joining the other arrivals in the Town Hall.

Town Hall

MAIN HALL

Food, Drinks, and Music

Join us in the Main Hall from 6pm for delicious local food and drinks from Old Tree Brewery. Meet fellow attendees, chat with the exhibitors, and browse the bookshop before the conference gets into full swing.

Thursday 9th January

8am

Wesley Memorial Methodist Church

SPEAKERS' HALL

REGISTRATION

Register and pick up your lanyard from the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church anytime from 8am. You'll need to do this before you can head to your first session.

9.30am – 10.30am

Town Hall

MAIN HALL

OPENING PLENARY

Gather in the Main Hall as we open the 16th Oxford Real Farming Conference together! We'll be hearing land songs from harpist Siwan Clark, gaining inspiration from movement leaders, and finishing with some lyrical treats from the wonderful Hot Poets. The opening plenary will also be available to watch via screens in the Assembly Room and the Old Library.

11am – 12.30pm

Wesley Memorial Methodist Church

SPEAKERS' HALL

FARMING TODAY FOR TOMORROW'S CLIMATE: PRACTICAL GLOBAL SOLUTIONS

Speakers: Meshark Sikuku, Rafael Pflücker, Perrine Bulgheroni

Chair: Guy Singh-Watson, Harriet Bell

Speakers from three continents individually share their experience facilitating farm clusters to practically deliver more regenerative practices on farm – reflecting on commonalities around good facilitation as well as differences in practice. In the second half of the session Guy Watson leads the panel in a collective discussion on which practices might be suitable to transfer across continents to support climate adaptation as weather patterns shift.

Town Hall

ASSEMBLY ROOM

DOING DAIRY DIFFERENTLY

Speakers: Phyllida Warmington, Oliver Chedgey, Anna Bowen, Hallam Duckworth

Chair: Sara Hall

Dairy is increasingly challenged for its environmental impact and its ongoing social licence with consumers. More and more farmers in the UK and further afield are exploring ways to do dairy differently, whether that's enabling cow/calf contact, share milking with calves, integrating into arable systems or finding alternative routes to market that create stronger connections between the farm and the consumer. We will hear from farmers who are exploring these varied

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approaches and have been adjusting their systems to meet the complex demands put on them, environmentally, financially and socially.

Town Hall

OLD LIBRARY

RE-ROOTING AGROECOLOGY AS A SOCIAL MOVEMENT

Speakers: Rebecca Laughton, Edwin Brooks, Michel Pimbert, Anuka De Silva

Chair: Jo Kamal

The use of agroecology as an 'umbrella term' for sustainable farming is leaving it vulnerable to cooption. As the term appears more and more in government policy, public discourse and even the PR of agrifood giants, there is a growing urgency to understand and defend agroecology as a social movement with strong political and social roots. This panel discussion will hear from farmers, activists and academics who are building a social movement for agroecology, to discuss the risks of cooption and to explore what must be done to re-affirm agroecology as a truly grassroots and liberatory project for transforming our food and land-use systems.

Town Hall

COUNCIL CHAMBER

LOW-COST INTERVENTIONS TO BENEFIT ANIMALS, ENVIRONMENT, AND FARMERS

Speakers: David Carruth, Annie Rayner, Clare Hill

Chair: Lindsay Duncan

The average British farmer is in a lose-lose-lose situation, where they damage the environment, create awful lives for animals, and lose money. This session will explore case studies of low-input win-win-win interventions, where animal welfare, profitability, and the land are improved together. Using the examples of mob grazing for chickens and pigs, and developing animal-based income streams for single-use woodland, this panel will explore how new management styles can give animals a life worth living, regenerating the land, and creating new income streams, without necessarily requiring large capital investment.

Town Hall

COURT ROOM

INCREASING HOME-GROWN PROTEIN IN AN ORGANIC FARMING SYSTEM

Speakers: Tom Gregory, Mike Mallett, Erin Matlock

Chair: Jerry Alford

In this session, you'll hear from two farmers about their experience of reducing organic soya in animal feed by incorporating home-grown or UK-produced legumes into their dairy and poultry systems. We'll cover topics from the use of clover-rich herbal leys and intercropping to sharing strategies for poultry diets, growing pulses and how to select the right crops for your system.

Town Hall
ST ALDATE'S ROOM

GRAIN SUPPLY CHAIN COLLABORATION THROUGH ON-FARM RESEARCH

Speakers: Rufus Pawsey, Mark Lea, Steven McAllister, Catherine Howarth

Chair: Andrew Trump

Over the last few years, a collection of stakeholders in the organic grain sector have collaborated to run on-farm variety trials, helping select the most appropriate varieties for organic farming, as well as the highest quality varieties for the oat miller. Research is funded through a research levy paid by the farmers and the miller for mutually beneficial collaboration. Breeders and researchers also take part, adding value to the initiative in terms of varietal selection and data collection. The community approach is paramount, and also shows larger scale grain supply chains can be hugely beneficial, not least in providing healthy, affordable food. This is an innovative model that others could follow.

Museum of Oxford
MUSEUM MAKERS SPACE

WORKSHOP: ADDING FLOWERS TO YOUR FARM: INCREASING PROFITS AND POLLINATORS

Facilitators: Roisin Taylor, Olivia Wilson, Zanna Hoskins, Hannah Lamb, Calixta Killander

As farms need to diversify to secure their future, growing and selling flowers can offer agroecological businesses a viable complement to their existing production. Hear from Hannah Lamb, Yorkshire Edible Flowers, and Calixta Killander, Flourish, about growing flowers and foliage alongside fruit and veg, and from Zanna Hoskins, Spindle, about farm diversification into foliage cropping. The workshop covers how these farms started growing flowers and foliage, the biodiversity benefits of these crops, and the benefits to the farm of an expanded customer base, as well as providing top tips on how to make growing flowers work for you.

Museum of Oxford
LEARNING STUDIO

WORKSHOP: MAKING ORGANIC WORK FOR SMALL-SCALE PRODUCERS

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Facilitator: Sam Packer

Organic unites a diverse international community around principles of health, ecology, fairness and care. Organic production standards seek to put these principles into practice. Standards and certification provide a level of assurance to producers and consumers but maintaining integrity and certifying these practices can carry costs that small-scale producers often can't meet. We need to unblock this challenge so farmers at the heart of the movement can access the market, whilst upholding the principles and integrity that underpins organic claims. This workshop investigates the factors that must be balanced, asking participants to co-create solutions to make organic accessible for all.

Blue Boar House
INTER-VARSITY ROOM

WORKSHOP: LAND REFORM AND ACCESSING LAND FOR AGRICULTURE

Facilitators: Tara Wight, Josh Doble

Landownership patterns around the UK are markedly concentrated, with too few people owning too much land. In this session we will look at the different routes to accessing land for agriculture across England, Scotland and Wales, exploring what we can learn from each context and how we might be able to forge more equitable and diverse landownership models.

St Columba's United Reformed Church
SANCTUARY

RITUALS FOR THE LAND

Speakers: Manchán Magan, Angharad Wynne, Hop, Eddie Rixon

Chair: Rachel Fleming

Not so many generations ago our farming communities would practise land-based rituals and ceremonies to ensure productive harvests and good relations between places, people and the powers of nature. These days we are left only with scattered fragments of what these might have been, when and why they were done. In this session we explore and remember some of the fragments of farming ritual that are still available to us, looking at the consequences of abandoning them and the ways in which we might recover them for contemporary times.

St Columba's United Reformed Church
HALL

WORKSHOP: INTERGENERATIONAL LEARNING AND CAMPAIGNING ON GENETIC MODIFICATION

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Facilitators: Leonie Nimmo, Gerald Miles, Boglárka Bozsogi, Tom Wakeford

The session will bring together an intergenerational mix of participants in an interactive workshop to discuss campaigns against genetic modification. It will include archive photos and footage of demonstrations, blockades and GM crops being pulled up. It will explore questions including: what ignited fires of resistance then, and what has changed? What can the food activists of today learn from the campaigners of yesterday? Are concerns about GM a thing of the past too, or should we be mobilising again against a new wave of GM?

Story Museum

THE WOODSHED

ROOTS OF RESISTANCE: FARMING IN PALESTINE

Speakers: Lina Isma'il, George McAllister, Cathi Pawson

Chair: Muna Dajani

Under military occupation, Palestinian farmers face intensifying and catastrophic challenges across the territory. The Israeli military assault has weaponised hunger, systematically targeted food and water infrastructure, destroyed farmland and contaminated soils in Gaza. In the West Bank, land confiscations, settler attacks and restrictions on movement and trade have all accelerated at an unprecedented rate. This session discusses Palestine's embattled food and farming heritage, with food sovereignty activist Lina Isma'il from the West Bank, George McAllister who works on action-research in Gaza, Cathi Pawson, co-founder of Zaytoun, and chaired by Palestinian scholar-activist Muna Dajani. The panel ends by asking, what does radical solidarity look like from within the food sovereignty movement.

Story Museum

THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM

WORKSHOP: WORKERS' RIGHTS AND RACIAL JUSTICE ACROSS LAND TRADES

Facilitators: Solidarity Across Land Trades (SALT), Land In Our Names (LION)

Between 2020-2023, LION and Ubele released the Rootz into Food Growing and Jumping Fences reports, describing BPOC workers' experiences of discrimination, oppressive workplace cultures, low/no pay, lack of access to land, and isolation in the UK's agroecology sector. This led to the mobilisation of a group of workers to form a new Trade Union branch aiming to build collective power to challenge oppression and increase accountability in our workplaces. Drawing on evidence gathered by LION and SALT's workers' enquiry, this workshop will examine the fundamental interconnection between workers' struggles and racial inequity, inviting you to reflect and co-create strategies for transformative justice in your workplaces.

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Story Museum

THE LINK ROOM

WORKSHOP: EMBODIMENT IN THE LAND: PRACTISING RECIPROCITY

Facilitator: Amy Dakin Harris

Join Amy as she shares gentle movement practices that help us 'meet' and nurture exchange with the land that we work with. With the aim of expanding 'regenerative' practices into the life of the landworker, Amy has been drawing on her training in somatic movement to devise simple exercises that support us in attuning to presence, for listening and conversing with the landscape of our own bodies, as well as other beings' bodies (human/more-than-human). There will be invitations to move, witness, and give/receive light touch, with the choice to opt-out or adapt. All bodies and experiences are welcome.

Cheng Building

DIGITAL HUB

MAKING PUBLIC FARMLAND WORK FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST

Speakers: Gary Mitchell, Mazarine Girardin, Kim Graham, Alice Martin-Prével, Matthieu de Cointet

Chair: Laura Stratford

New alliances are emerging between local governments and civil society to protect farmland and promote the development of agroecology in Europe. This session will be an opportunity to learn how local authorities can establish strategies to enhance regenerative use of public farmland and deliver public services from agriculture. We will dive into concrete examples of local government-led projects (Paris, France and Powys, Wales) and learn about the challenges they must meet to work on land they own, as well as the results they have been able to achieve with the support of civil society and local communities.

Cheng Building

SEMINAR ROOM

SYSTEMS THINKING: EXPLORING THE BENEFITS AND BARRIERS TO WHOLE FARM APPROACHES

Speakers: John Seed, Rhodri Lloyd-Williams, Rachel Phillips, Hannah Blitzer

Chair: David McKay

Across the UK, farmers, growers and crofters are navigating an increasingly challenging environment, with complex and often conflicting demands on land use - from food production to wildlife restoration, climate adaptation, and more. A 'whole farm approach' is often recommended to help maximise the

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multifunctionality of agricultural land, but what does that look like on-farm, and how can it be better supported by agricultural policy? In this session, we identify key characteristics of whole farm planning, hear from farmers who have started putting this approach into practice, and explore how policymakers across the devolved nations could support more farms to follow suit.

Ship Street

LECTURE THEATRE

BRIDGING THE RURAL-URBAN DIVIDE: BUILDING COMMON GROUND

Speakers: Anna Jones, Dee Woods, Jade Bashford, Liis Nukis

Chair: Bonnie VandeSteege

There is no doubt that there is a rural-urban divide, expressed in terms of culture, life experiences, perceptions, or political outlook. However, if we are to create a just, sustainable and secure food system then we need food growers in rural areas to find common cause with those who buy the food, most of whom live in urban areas. This session will look at initiatives which are helping to overcome the divide, thus contributing to a united food movement with growers and eaters, rural and urban residents coming together in a shared understanding.

1pm – 1.45pm

Wesley Memorial Methodist Church

SPEAKERS' HALL

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE FUNGAL KIND

Speaker: Richard Fortey

Chair: Vicki Hird

Join Richard Fortey, scientist, writer and TV presenter, as he explains the vital but neglected role of fungi in the environment as nature's recyclers and unseen collaborators. Without their fungal partners trees could not flourish, nor nutrients return to the soil. Although some regard fungi as almost 'alien' they are a biological kingdom on a par with those of plants and animals, vital to the maintenance of a healthy ecology. Through his encounters with remarkable mushrooms, Richard Fortey explores the beauty and complexity of the mycological kingdom, with examples drawn from a lifetime of fungal exploration. Fungal biodiversity probably exceeds that of plants and animals combined, but only now are we getting serious about protecting their richness in the wild environment.

Town Hall

ASSEMBLY ROOM

FARM DEEP DIVE: OUR JOURNEY INTO NATURE FRIENDLY LIVESTOCK FARMING

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Speaker: Florence Mannerings

Chair: Claire Whittle

Join Nature Friendly Farming Network's Farming Champion Florence Mannerings to hear about her journey into nature friendly farming at Chilton Farm in Kent. Florence will explain how she and her family turned an intensive farm that was in a very poor state into a thriving dairy business where food production and nature work together. The talk will cover conservation grazing on a variety of landscapes, how hedgerow planting and pasture creation are improving resilience to climate change and the importance of enterprise stacking, including holiday accommodation on site and a mobile milk vending machine. There will be a Q&A.

Town Hall

OLD LIBRARY

SETTING UP A TOOL LIBRARY FOR SMALL-SCALE HORTICULTURE

Speakers: Augusta Lewis, Steve Morris

Chair: Alison Sheffield

By sharing the story of our first year operating Carmarthenshire's Tool Library for Small-Scale Growers, our challenges as well as our successes, we hope to inspire other tool libraries. We'll discuss how and why the initiative was funded and our co-design process, as well as exploring some of the practicalities of selecting tools, managing hires, lease agreements, membership options, maintenance and insurance. Whilst we certainly don't have all the answers, there'll be plenty of time to ask questions of the panel and session participants, so others can build on existing experience.

Town Hall

COUNCIL CHAMBER

FARM DEEP DIVE: SHARING LESSONS FROM KINDLING FARM'S FIRST YEAR

Speakers: Helen Woodcock, Chris Walsh

After a decade of searching and a community shares campaign that raised over £1 million, this 800+ member coop purchased a 78 acre farm just outside Liverpool in 2023 to grow organic fruit and veg. Helen and Chris will be presenting this inspiring story and sharing lessons and mistakes made in their first year. The session will focus on the very practical steps being taken right at the start of transforming a conventional farm into an agroforestry pioneer, as well as the personal adjustments those new to farming may need to make.

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COURT ROOM

BATS ON YOUR FARM: BOOSTING BIODIVERSITY AND BENEFITS

Speaker: Danielle Smith

Join us to learn about our work with farmers on the transformative potential of welcoming bats and other wildlife onto your farm. Discover how the Bat Conservation Trust's Connecting People and Landscapes in a Changing Climate Project is not only promoting biodiversity but also supporting regenerative farming practices, training a new generation of conservationists and engaging local communities. We are supporting the transition to a more nature friendly, vibrant, and sustainable farming landscape in Devon that will be more resilient to climate change.

Town Hall
ST ALDATE'S ROOM

TREE FODDER – WHAT, WHY AND HOW

Speakers: Lindsay Whistance

Chair: Matt Smee

The practice of making tree hay predates the making of hay from herb and flower rich meadows and has been used for over three millenia. In Europe and modern farming landscapes the practice has fallen out of favour, however the fodder can provide a vital source of feed and nutrients, add resilience to farm systems and provide a supplementary feed source. Join us for this session to learn all about the benefits, challenges and considerations related to the process of adopting tree fodder on farms.

Museum of Oxford
MUSEUM MAKERS SPACE

WORKSHOP: INCREASE NITROGEN ON FARM WITH STRAW ONLY COMPOST

Facilitators: Daniel Tyrkiel, Adam Swan

Double the nitrogen in the starting straw with this simple static composting strategy. We'll teach you how to capture atmospheric nitrogen in ambient conditions using wheat or barley straw with naturally occurring nitrogen-fixing bacteria. By stacking several bales on each other, ideal conditions for cellulose decomposition and feeding of nitrogen-fixing bacteria are created. The result is a low cost method for increasing the supply of nitrogen on-farm. This method can provide a minimum of 20% of all nitrogen necessary for an intensive wheat crop.

Blue Boar House

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INTER-VARSITY ROOM

THE GREAT BIG LUNCHTIME LANDMATCH – FOR GROWERS AND LANDHOLDERS

Facilitators: Olivia Wilson, Roisin Taylor, Rachael Forster

Are you a grower without land? Are you a farmer with parcels of land that are difficult to access with machinery or unsuitable to work in your current model? Verde Flower Co, Wetherly and the LandMatch England working group will offer a guided networking session for ORFC delegates. This session will be of particular interest to new entrants into farming looking for space to put down roots for a new enterprise and landholders who can help kick-start new food, flower and farming based businesses. As we seek a better balance between our businesses and the land, why not join us to explore whether you are the perfect match for a grower or land holder in your area?

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SANCTUARY

ANY HUMAN POWER – THROUGH TO A FUTURE WE'D BE PROUD TO LEAVE BEHIND

Speaker: Manda Scott

Manda Scott will explore dreams, visions and life-changing questions that drew her to write Any Human Power, her first novel in the new Thrutopian genre. What does it take to be a good-enough ancestor? How can we construct a flourishing future from the ashes of modernity – and do this peacefully, in time, in a way that brings a critical mass of the world with us? We live in a complex world, and there is no one-hit answer. We need complex responses built on a new set of values. Working out what these new values are, and how they might replace the narratives of scarcity, separation and powerlessness that define the death cult of predatory capitalism is the most urgent work of this moment. Any Human Power is a 'seismic, visionary' novel, but it's only one map amongst many. There will be others. Together, we will explore what these might be.

St Columba's United Reformed Church

HALL

YOUTH NETWORKING AND EXHIBITION

Hosted by GM Freeze and Emergent Generation

Come and meet like-minded young people during this relaxed networking session, whilst enjoying a double bill exhibition with (1) Polly Meyrick's portraits of young people involved in the How Farming Can Cool the Planet project – a collaboration between FLAME, SOS-UK and NFYFC gathering views, experiences and ideas for the future of farming; and (2) GM Freeze's exhibition on Vintage Seeds of Resistance: Defending Land and Food from GMOs. These exhibitions will be on display in this room throughout the whole day.

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St Aldate's Tavern

THE BLUE ROOM

REMEMBERING TO USE OUR HANDS TO MAKE THINGS

Speaker: Nick Kary

Chair: Rosie Baldwin

While whittling on the shaving horse Nick will discuss the nature of the human and the impelling need we have to make. Nick will seek to set this in a historical context so as to understand how we have arrived in a place of profound separation from the daily relationship between our hands and making things. In a time when the farming community and many others are asking about their relationship to the land and the natural environment, it is poignant to reconsider how we balance the relationship between our hand and our autonomy and an increasingly technological world. Nick will also read an extract or two from his book, *Material: The Art of Handcrafting Beautiful Objects in a Digital Age*.

Story Museum

THE WOODSHED

FARMERS — SAVING MORE LIVES THAN PHARMA

Speaker: Jenny Goodman

Join Jenny Goodman, doctor and author of *Getting Healthy in Toxic Times*, for a lunchtime talk to hear her prescriptions for healing your body and the planet. Pesticides and synthetic fertilisers began as weapons of war, and as they travel from factory to soil to crops to food to people, they wreak havoc on all living cells. Jenny has seen the damage in her clinic, with diseases linked to these pollutants. But if dominant forms of medicine and agriculture have become wedded to the chemical industry, both also contain rebellious, visionary minorities determined to work with Nature, not against her. Jenny believes every farmer who transitions to organic methods is saving lives. Come along to hear how.

Story Museum

THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM

LANDWORKERS' ALLIANCE MEET-UP

Hosted by the Landworkers' Alliance

Are you an LWA Member who's keen to meet other LWA folk? Or maybe you're thinking of joining the LWA and eager to find out more. Join us for a relaxed meet-up to chat, make friends, and share lunch with LWA members from across the UK. Please bring your own lunch!

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THE LINK ROOM

HOW TO SELL YOUR PRODUCE DIRECTLY TO A LOCALISED MARKET

Speaker: Rose Davis

Chair: Jess Abis

For many small-scale, localised, and regenerative food producers, profitability can feel like an uphill battle. Direct-to-consumer sales offer the best chance for profitability – but how do you get there when marketing feels like another full-time job? The Nest, a non-profit creative and marketing incubator for agroecological producers, is here to support the transition to a localised, agroecological food system. In this live session, marketing expert Rose Davis and producers from The Nest will share simple, strategic ways to market your business on a tight budget and limited time. Join us to discover how marketing can become a powerful tool to support the success of your direct-to-consumer business, and to book a free 30-minute session during our 1:1 Storytelling Surgery.

Cheng Building

DIGITAL HUB

CULLING COWS AND EATING INSECTS? UNPICKING FOOD AND FARMING MISINFORMATION

Speakers: Clare Carlile, Paul R Price

Chair: Hazel Healy

Over the past year, sustainable agriculture was subject to intense political debate – as well as manipulation, with misleading narratives spread by everyone from farmer-influencers on YouTube and the far right, to agri-industry and governments. In this panel we share insights from DeSmog's 2024 investigations into agri-misinformation with a focus on the UK, Ireland and EU elections. The session will seek to explore: how do falsehoods start, who is behind them and what are the impacts? And ask, what other motivations might drive some of the new self-declared allies of farmers?

Ship Street

LECTURE THEATRE

SUSTAINABLE MEAT: MINIMISE TRANSPORT, SLAUGHTER HUMANELY, STAY PROFITABLE

Speakers: Marianne Landzettel, Amy Quirk, Megan Perry

The decreasing number of small abattoirs negatively impacts animal welfare and reduces opportunities for direct marketing. This session gives an update on the

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current situation. Marianne Landzettel's book, *The Sustainable Meat Challenge – How to graze cattle, slaughter humanely and stay profitable*, shows solutions from the EU and the US: from farmer owned small abattoirs and on-farm slaughter to slaughter boxes and new ways of value adding through processing and branding. The presenters are working to develop a prototype small sheep mobile slaughter unit in the UK (similar to a US model), which would benefit in particular upland and hill farmers.

2pm – 3.30pm

Wesley Memorial Methodist Church

SPEAKERS' HALL

INDIE FOOD RETAIL: CHALLENGES, LEARNINGS AND SUCCESS STORIES

Speakers: Phil Haughton, Dan Monks, Josh Smith

Chair: Julia Kirby-Smith

Diverse types of food retail are a vital part of creating a better food system - one that is fairer to farmers, better for the environment, and that connects local people to local food. But in a sector that has experienced a turbulent 12 months, it can be difficult for these businesses to flourish. We'll hear from three sustainable food retailers - the iconic Manchester grocery store Unicorn; the Norfolk market garden and delivery business Goodery; and Bristol's independent shop chain Better Food - about the challenges they face, how they make it work, and what they are hopeful about in the year to come.

Town Hall

MAIN HALL

SEED SWAP WITH THE SEED SOVEREIGNTY PROGRAMME

Facilitators: Katie Hastings, Randa Toko

A food revolution starts with seed! Join the Gaia Foundation's Seed Sovereignty Programme for ORFC's first ever seed swap! Bring your seeds to swap and your seed stories to tell. Regionally adapted, locally grown, rare, unique and well loved seeds welcome. Packets will be provided.

Town Hall

ASSEMBLY ROOM

ENHANCING BIOLOGICAL PEST CONTROL: THE FOOD SPRAY APPROACH

Speakers: Stephanie Williamson, Atalo Belay

Chair: Vicki Hird

Discover the innovative food spray method attracting beneficial insects to combat insect pests. Produced on farm from maize and brewers yeast, more than 16,000 farmers in Benin and Ethiopia used this method to manage cotton and vegetable pests without insecticides in 2024. Meanwhile the method has been exported to India, where trials are underway by 16 organisations that support almost one million smallholder farmers. In this session, experts from the UK and Ethiopia will present the food spray approach, share their experiences of adapting it to different crops and discuss opportunities for UK farmers.

Town Hall
OLD LIBRARY

GROWING THE RAINBOW: LGBTQ+ PERSPECTIVES IN LANDWORK

Speakers: Ali Taherzadeh, Umulkhayr Mohamed, Anna Barrett, Ben Andrews, Shane Holland

Chair: Vera Zakharov

Join our panel and discussion on the role of LGBTQ+ identities and experiences in the food and farming system. We will explore reasons for centring identity, gender and orientation in landwork, the challenges faced by LGBTQ+ workers, the gifts diverse perspectives bring, and the value of affinity groups and allyship within and across communities of identity in our movement. Panellists from Teasel Coop, Agrespect, Landworkers' Alliance Out on the Land and Cultivating Justice, as well as the Slow Food LGBTQ2S+ collective will share their stories and reflections, alongside a wider audience discussion. Everyone is welcome, including our straight and cis allies.

Town Hall
COUNCIL CHAMBER

ECONOMICS OF SUSTAINABLE HORTICULTURE: CAN IT BE PROFITABLE?

Speakers: Calixta Killander, Martyn Bragg, Ashley Wheeler

Chair: Kate Collyns

Sustainable fruit and veg production has been through somewhat of a renaissance in the last ten years, with a huge wave of passionate new entrants joining the industry. However, making the finances work is hard for even the most experienced growers. This session will look closely at the reality of making a living from sustainable horticulture, the speakers have a wealth of experience to share. They will look at both what has and hasn't worked for their businesses as well as routes to market, crop range, diversification of income, scale of production and more.

Town Hall
COURT ROOM

ACTIVATING ENZYMES IN ORGANIC, BIODYNAMIC SOILS – SOME SCIENCE

Speakers: Richard Gantlett, Rafael Pflücker, Laura Wallwork, Dave Morris

Chair: Gabriel Kaye

A presentation of scientific research, including the most recent, on soil enzymes and plant growth. As science and the soil sciences take us into the ever smaller and more diverse intricate aspects of nature, soil health and the universe, we explore the work of enzymes. To take the example of compost teas and biodynamic preparations: science can show us how to help nature with micro biology, fungal activity and natural enzymes that feed our soils and plants. The more we discover the more we realise how complex our universe and ecosystem is and how much we do not yet understand; and we come closer to discovering what the healing power of nature can do when we help.

Town Hall
ST ALDATE'S ROOM

THE FUTURE FOR SUSTAINABLE FARMING – MAXIMUM SUSTAINABLE OUTPUT

Speakers: Nic Renison, Johnnie Balfour, Chris Clark

Chair: Barnaby Coupe

More and more farmers are discovering that farming with nature can not only help restore lost wildlife and habitats but can also help farms to become more environmentally sustainable, more resilient to unbudgeted events, and more profitable. The path to this better future is encapsulated in the concept of maximum sustainable output (MSO). The principles behind MSO have been set out in *Less is More* published by the RSPB et al, *Farming at The Sweet Spot* published by The Wildlife Trusts and Nature Friendly Farming, and the latest 5M Books publication *The Profitable Farm – Balancing Business, Nature and Energy through MSO*.

Museum of Oxford
MUSEUM MAKERS SPACE

WORKSHOP: FARMS AND KITCHENS – FORGING CONNECTIONS BETWEEN FOOD CITIZENSHIP HUBS

Speakers: Adam Payne, Dee Butterly, Helen Graham, Franco Fubini

Chair: Clementine Hain-Cole

This workshop will provide food citizens with the space and opportunity to discuss and determine practical ways in which kitchens and farms can work together more closely to drive food system change. Drawing on the experience of

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our farmer, supply chain and chef panellists as well as the participants, we will engage in the collaborative creation of a toolkit that proposes practical solutions to enable wider access to agroecologically grown produce.

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LEARNING STUDIO

WORKSHOP: KNOWLEDGE IS POWER: HOW FARM CLUSTERS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

Facilitators: Abi Mordin, Judith Hutchison, Tim Barnes, Heather Close, Evi Landay

Join this intimate interactive session and workshop with members of the Propagate Regenerative Farming Network, to work through: how and why to set up a farmer led cluster group, the difference it makes to farmers on the ground, and how to be empowered to advocate for changes locally, regionally and nationally. Using the South West Scotland group as a living example, we'll cover everything from building friendships to talking to politicians and influencing policy. And we'll make it fun! Please be aware that space is limited in this session, so please arrive early to ensure a spot.

Blue Boar House

INTER-VARSITY ROOM

TRANSFORMING LAND RELATIONS: THE KEY TO AGROECOLOGICAL CHANGE

Speakers: Olivia Oldham-Dorrington, Alex Heffron, Roz Corbett, Elise Wach, Abel Pearson

Chair: Bonnie VandeSteege

Land and property relations determine who lives where, who produces what, and who benefits from land use, with major ecological and social consequences. The food movement desires transformation – this requires a deep change in land relations. But the way property is currently organised in the UK makes this extremely difficult. Private and corporate owners hold vast (and growing) amounts of power over land use; while many aspiring and existing agroecological farmers and urban consumers are united by their landlessness. This session explains why revolutionising land relations is necessary, and provides some ideas for ways forward.

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SANCTUARY

FUNGI: WEB OF LIFE SCREENING AND Q&A

Speakers: Tasha Elena Stevens-Vallecillo, Ben Grass

Chair: Francesca Price

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Join us for a screening of *Fungi: Web of Life*, a 40-minute immersive documentary following British biologist, Merlin Sheldrake, on a quest along the forest floor to find the precious blue mushroom in Tasmania's ancient Tarkine rainforest. The film raises questions of what we – as human beings – can learn from the wonderful fungal kingdom of life. We'll be looking at these questions and more in a discussion with Tasha Elena Stevens-Vallecillo, a medicinal mushroom grower and Ben Grass, founder of Grass and Co, after the film.

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HALL

WORKSHOP: AGROECOLOGICAL YOUTH MOVEMENTS – LET'S CONNECT!

Facilitators: Boglárka Bozsogi, Giacomo Ranalli

This workshop facilitated by Emergent Generation aims to connect food and farming youth movements in the UK and Europe promoting agroecology. We invite youth under 35 engaged in food and farming action to map our activities, identify synergies, pinpoint gaps, and find opportunities to collaborate – turning ideas into action, setting plans in motion. Whether you are a representative of an organisation or simply curious, this is a space for young people to discuss the challenges and rewards of network building, explore ways to achieve greater impact and reach, voice our needs, and connect with others on a regenerative journey.

St Aldate's Tavern
THE BLUE ROOM

DISOBEDIENT AND CONVIVIAL APPROACHES TO TRANSFORMATION

Speakers: Michel Pimbert, Sagari R Ramdas, Alejandro Argumedo, Nina Isabella Moeller, Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend, Dee Woods

Chair: Colin Anderson

In this session, we will explore how practices of disobedience and conviviality bring new worlds into being through agroecology and food sovereignty. How can disobedience positively disrupt the status quo and challenge business-as-usual? How does conviviality foster solidarity, care, and right relationships in our work? The panel will include activists, researchers and organisers who have collaborated with avant-gardist action researcher Michel Pimbert. We will reflect on a body of work that has been fueled by disobedience and conviviality to inspire and influence change.

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THE WOODSHED

ACROSS THE WATER: FOOD STORIES FROM NORTHERN IRELAND

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Speakers: Cormac Dolan, Helen Keys

Chair: Beth Bell

There is lots of great practice in farming and food ‘across the water’ in Northern Ireland that is orienting us all towards a better food future. Exploring the intersecting roles of land, enterprise and community, we’ll look at opportunities, challenges and shared learning that we can take from Northern Ireland and germinate across the UK. With Carrick Greengrocers, Nature Friendly Farming Network, GrowIN and Belfast Food Partnership.

Story Museum

THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM

WORKSHOP: GROWING THE LOCAL FOOD SECTOR: WHAT NEXT?

Facilitator: Peter Samsom

The Local Food Growth Plan is reaching its final stages following interviews, workshops and research. The plan, by LWA, Sustain, Pasture for Life, SFT, Better Food Traders and FFCC, aims to both attract investment and stimulate activity, creating substantial growth in the local food sector. In this workshop following quick-fire presentations, participants will review areas for action on the themes of infrastructure, citizen demand, the public plate, collaboration, and policy, looking at opportunities, priorities and how they could be involved. This is a chance to shape the final stage of the plan and help translate it into action.

Story Museum

THE LINK ROOM

FARMWORKER STRUGGLES IN BRITAIN: VOICES FROM THE FRONTLINE

Speakers: Catherine McAndrew, Valeria Ragni

Chair: Tara Wight

The Seasonal Worker Scheme governs the arrival of up to 47,000 migrant farm workers to the UK each year. As part of this scheme, workers are tied to their recruiter and must pay up front for visas and flights. These features are a major driver of debt bondage and forced labour. In this session, we will be joined by the Landworkers’ Alliance, the Worker Support Centre, and former farm workers to explore the harsh reality of working in the UK’s horticultural supply chains and to discuss how to hold the supermarkets profiting from this situation to account.

Cheng Building

DIGITAL HUB

DEFRA Q&A – THE FUTURE OF UK FARMING UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL LAND MANAGEMENT

Speaker: Jonathan Baker

Chair: Tom Lancaster

The Government's Environmental Land Management (ELM) schemes represent one of the most progressive farming policies in Europe. With 70% of UK land farmed, the ELM schemes aim to use this vast resource to deliver public goods that restore nature, mitigate climate change, and support resilient food production. This session will explore the future direction of ELMs with Jonathan Baker, Deputy Director of Environmental Land Management Schemes at DEFRA and include an in-depth Q&A, offering attendees the opportunity to engage directly and pose questions about the schemes to Jonathan.

Cheng Building
SEMINAR ROOM

HOW TO DIVIDE PROFIT IN A MULTI-STAKEHOLDER COOPERATIVE?

Speakers: Mathias Van Steenberghe, Walter Pirri, Esther Hoedemakers

Chair: Cid Van Veerdegem

The Food Hub is a Belgian cooperative wholesaler that works with small-scale, organic producers from Southern Europe. They are a multi-stakeholder coop, so both suppliers (farmers) and customers (shops) are shareholders. In a traditional model, those two have conflicting interests, but The Food Hub have facilitated a model to divide profits by working with a ristorno policy: this shares profits based on the associate's transactions with the cooperative. But how do you create a fair division between the different shareholders? This promises to be an interesting discussion!

Ship Street
LECTURE THEATRE

CULTURED MEAT – GAMECHANGER? DISRUPTION? OR JUST HOT AIR?

Speakers: Jonty Brunyee, Andrew Court, Pat Thomas

Chair: Lisa Morgans

Right now, policymakers are deciding whether cultured meat could help the UK meet our climate targets. But what would it mean for UK farmers? Competing on price and further consolidation of power and profit? Or could it mean new markets or earning a premium for 'the real stuff'? Before decisions are made that will have far-reaching impacts on our food system, it is time to join the debate. In this

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session, hear from farmers who took part in a two-year study modelling a future with cultured meat, and then have your say.

4pm – 5.30pm

Wesley Memorial Methodist Church
SPEAKERS' HALL

WHAT DOES AN ANTI-FASCIST FARMING MOVEMENT LOOK LIKE?

Speakers: Alex Heffron, Tom Wakeford, Sagari R Ramdas

Chair: Sophia Doyle

The recent wave of farming protests that have swept parts of Europe have shown clearly how the discontents of a segment of farmers are increasingly expressed within a reactionary, right-wing rhetoric. At the same time, both white supremacist violence against migrant, racialised, and Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities, and state repression against popular protest, dissent and solidarity are escalating. How can those of us who want to develop an alternative to the imperialist, exploitative food system ensure that our movements remain clearly aligned against reactionary, nationalist and eco-fascist tendencies? What does a progressive, left-wing, explicitly anti-fascist farming politics look like?

Town Hall
ASSEMBLY ROOM

GRAZING FOR GOOD? LIVESTOCK AND BIODIVERSITY IN THE UK

Speakers: Robert Barbour, Teleri Fielden, Jo Riggall, Molly Biddell

Chair: Patrick Holden

The separation and intensification of grassland and arable production, and the consequent loss of traditional mixed farming systems has represented one of the biggest drivers of biodiversity loss in the UK over the last century. However, well-managed grazing is key for a wide variety of habitats and species, many of which are endangered. This session will look at some of the ways in which grazing animals can support nature recovery in the UK: by improving biodiversity outcomes in our farmed landscape, maintaining the condition of semi-natural habitats; and by helping in the delivery of ecological restoration projects.

Town Hall
OLD LIBRARY

WHY AGRARIAN REFORM IS NOT OUTDATED

Speakers: Anuka De Silva, Carson Kiburo, Tara Wight, Paola Laini

Chair: Edu H. Nualart

Land grabbing isn't just a phenomenon that takes place in the Global South; it is very much a reality in Europe, too. Land prices are growing, companies from outside the agricultural sector are investing in land, and energy production as well as carbon offsetting schemes are competing with food production. Young people and new entrants struggle to access land, while farmers approaching retirement are structurally obliged to shut up shop. Frustratingly, the UK government remains committed to investing in the capitalist global land agenda, but other countries are joining with civil society to call for a new multilateral International Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (ICARRD), to take place soon and to be organised by the FAO. It is time to (re-)open the discussion of what agrarian reform could also mean in the UK and European contexts. The session aims to look into successful examples of agrarian reform programmes and to develop ideas and demands for the run-up to a new ICARRD.

Town Hall

COUNCIL CHAMBER

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT: CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES AND SYNERGIES

Speakers: Rosemary Collier, Andy Dibben, Tom Pope

Chair: Rebecca Bragg

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a “decision support system for the selection and use of pest control tactics, singly or harmoniously coordinated into a management strategy” (Kogan, 1998). In this session, two applied biologists will provide their latest practical recommendations for managing a selection of pest insect species, and a grower will describe their experience of using IPM strategies. The session will finish with a discussion on identifying and overcoming barriers to effective IPM. This is a knowledge exchange session that we hope will be beneficial for every kind of grower (arable and horticultural alike).

Town Hall

COURT ROOM

VETERAN TREES: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Speakers: James Robinson, Jules Acton, Louise Hackett

Discover the fascinating characteristics of veteran trees and why they are important for biodiversity. Step back in time to learn about the past management of trees we see on farms; the stories they can tell us about our culture and history through time and their sense of place as boundary trees, landscape markers, fragments of lost hedgerows, ancient wood pasture, or woodland. Hear from a farmer about the importance of veteran trees on their farm for wildlife, and the

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importance of selecting veterans of the future and planning for the next generation.

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ST ALDATE'S ROOM

MANAGING SUCCESSION IN A MULTI-GENERATIONAL FAMILY FARMING BUSINESS

Speakers: Steph Ackrill, Ian Boyd, Matt Lobley

Chair: Russ Carrington

Imagine a farming world where family succession is easily discussed and talked about without emotion or taboo, and where business control and management responsibilities smoothly transition from one generation to the next. Unfortunately today succession in family farming businesses is one of the biggest barriers to progress. It is also a major source of poor mental health, anxiety and stress – so much so that it causes some businesses, or the people that run them, to cease, collapse or go bankrupt. Come and hear more about this topic and how one family has been successfully tackling succession head-on.

Museum of Oxford
MUSEUM MAKERS SPACE

LEARNINGS FROM PATHWAYS TO LAND FOR BPOC

Speakers: Jo Kamal, Pauline Shakespeare

Chair: Nicola Scott

This panel will focus on learnings from Stir to Action's project, Pathways to Land: Exploring financing for BPOC farmers to gain land security in England. Our panel will include project partners as well as project participants. It will draw upon ideas and perspectives from BPOC landworkers and community food organisers about the barriers to accessing land and finance for farming they have faced. It will also explore tangible steps that emerged from our two forums with them, funders, and farming specialists, about what can be done to facilitate greater land security for BPOC landworkers.

Museum of Oxford
LEARNING STUDIO

WORKSHOP: SMALL-SCALE NATURAL FLOOD MANAGEMENT FOR YOUR LAND

Facilitator: Tom Johnstone

A practical session for land owners, land managers and project leads on how you can slow the flow across your land cheaply, easily and to benefit your system and communities downstream.

Blue Boar House
INTER-VARSITY ROOM

CONNECTING THE FARM: LAND, ACCESS AND RESPONSE-ABILITY

Speakers: Debra Willoughby, Sarah Langford, Romilly Swann, Guy Thallon

Chair: Amy-Jane Beer

The panel is made up of members of the Access Friendly Farmers and Landowners working group convened by Right to Roam as part of our effort to understand the challenges, risks and opportunities of increased public access to or across farmland. The four panellists farm in different ways, all care deeply about land and nature, and have experience of dealing with the public on land they care for. We'll discuss some of the frequently raised concerns and explore some of the benefits of recentring land and farming in the cultural and recreational life of the nation.

St Columba's United Reformed Church
SANCTUARY

NURTURING THE LIFE FORCE IN SEED, SOIL AND PLANTS

Speakers: Shinya Imahashi, Matthew Adams, Jana Rock

Chair: Ben Raskin

This panel will explore how we can recognize and nurture the innate life force in seed, soil and plants to advance human and planetary health. Panellists will provide perspectives on how growing practices and the consciousness of the farmer can lead to greater resilience, nutrition, and flavour in food. The panel will discuss ways to assess nutrient density, the importance of food vitality and community engagement, and how our relationship with nature nurtures mind, body and spirit.

St Columba's United Reformed Church
HALL

WORKSHOP: COLLABORATIVE LANDSCAPE INITIATIVES BY UPLAND FARMERS

Facilitators: Julia Aglionby, Jane Lane

Come and explore collaborative approaches by small-scale upland farmers to deliver at a landscape scale for food and nature as well as climate, flood mitigation and access in England's Uplands. With facilitation from representatives from farmer clusters, common land projects and landscape

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recovery projects we invite you to join in, share and learn about how small-scale farmers benefit from working together. Chaired by Julia Aglionby from Our Upland Commons with input from Jane Lane from the Orton Fells Cluster, the Central Dartmoor Landscape Farmer Cluster and the Resilient Glenderamackin Landscape Recovery project.

St Aldate's Tavern

THE BLUE ROOM

FROM DISCONNECTION TO LIBERATION: COMMUNICATION TO INSPIRE YOUTH

Facilitator: Margarita Barcena Lujambio, Umulkhayr Mohamed

An invitation to youth at ORFC! This interactive roundtable will explore how we can use communications to bring younger generations in urban settings into existing movements – particularly food sovereignty as a roadmap toward environmental justice and collective liberation. Given the widespread confusion and lack of hope, especially in industrial and urban areas across the world, it's crucial for youth and those in urban settings who feel isolated or hopeless to know that Indigenous communities and movements all over the world have been and are organising and that there are so many things to build up from.

Story Museum

THE WOODSHED

COMMUNITY, FOOD, LAND, NATURE; LOCAL AND GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

Speakers: Samwel Nangiria Taresero, JC Niala, Atenchong Talleh Nkobou, James Norman

Chair: Ollie Douglas

From community allotments and farms of the UK to the grasslands of Maasai homeland, access to land, or exclusion from it, determines how communities function, how we produce food, eat, and our ability to situate ourselves in nature. This panel explores the intersection of land rights, nature, community, and food. We explore how traditional Maasai cultural resources have been used to resist enclosure of shared land, how perspectives from the global south might help shape community land management in Scotland, how allotments serve as mechanisms for providing utopic city spaces, and how English farming has an important role to play.

Story Museum

THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM

WORKSHOP: CULTIVATING LONG-TERM SOLIDARITY WITH FARMERS IN PALESTINE

Facilitators: Sara Moon, Samson Hart, Edwin Brooks, Leonie Nimmo

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Join this action-oriented workshop to explore how members of the UK agroecology movement can cultivate long-term solidarity with farmers and food producers in Palestine who face ongoing violence, murder, aggression and confiscation of their lands at the hands of Israeli occupying forces; a degree of devastation which UN human rights experts have amounted to a genocide. The workshop will begin with pre-recorded messages from farmers bringing in the 2024 olive harvest, followed by an introduction to the LWA Palestine Solidarity Twinning Project (a collaboration with the Palestinian Union of Agricultural Workers' Committees), and a facilitated discussion to explore what we can do on a personal, farm, and movement-wide level to offer meaningful solidarity and support to land-based communities in Palestine.

Story Museum

THE LINK ROOM

WORKSHOP: ANTI-OPPRESSION CIRCLE: RETRACING THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR ANCESTORS

Facilitators: Liba Ravindran, Loa Niumeitolu

This is a workshop for people to reconnect with the land. We begin with honouring the Indigenous people and land we are on. Everyone introduces themselves. Participants share their stories about how their families and ancestors dealt with challenging and difficult systemic situations in their lives. Participants will share oral and written stories that illustrate actions of anti-oppression and justice that are rooted in their ancestral lines, whether genealogical, cultural or other forms that fought oppression and brought justice. This circle also employs somatic exercises to allow the participants to feel into the power of their ancestors and their experiences.

Cheng Building

DIGITAL HUB

ENSURING A JUST TRANSITION FROM INTENSIVE LIVESTOCK

Speakers: Laura Stratford, Jake Richardson, Lídia Cabral, Amro Hussain

Chair: Ruth Westcott

Our climate, nature, animal rights and health emergencies require transitioning out of intensive livestock systems to agroecology. How can we ensure this transition addresses power imbalances, tackles injustice and provides the necessary protections to those most affected in such a transition? Join us as we delve into diverse perspectives including worker solidarity and just rewilding. This session will challenge us to think about how justice can be embedded in agricultural, nature, climate and planning policy, ensuring a transition leaves no one behind.

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SEMINAR ROOM

WORKSHOP: REAL VOICES ON THE RIGHT TO FOOD

Facilitators: Beth Bell, Kay Johnson, Dee Woods, Pete Ritchie

Current industrial food systems prioritise profit, leave people hungry and damage the ecosystems on which life relies. Food sovereignty and the right to food can be transformational, putting people and ecological resilience, instead of profit, at the centre of food systems. However, it's not a right to just any food, but a right to nutrient-rich food, grown in harmony with the planet and animals, by people who are fairly paid and cared for. This workshop will unlock the tangible actions we need in different parts of the food system to make the right to food a reality, for everyone, forever.

Ship Street
LECTURE THEATRE

HOW SHOULD WE UNDERSTAND BIODIVERSITY IN POLYCULTURES?

Speakers: Alfie Gathorne-Hardy, Daisy Martinez, Beth Nicholls, Barbara Smith

Chair: Ulrich Schmutz

Received wisdom tells us that polycultures, a farming technique that involves growing multiple crops in the same area, can be excellent for biodiversity by enhancing the number of wild species that occupy the land. However, biodiversity is not 'one thing' – we don't yet know 'what' biodiversity polycultures can support – common species? Rare species? How do pests and beneficial species trade off in polycultures? Is there any benefit of polycultures for biodiversity in the surrounding landscape? And importantly – what should we be aiming for? This panel brings together four people working on biodiversity in polycultures to openly discuss with you all the key question: what biodiversity do we actually want?

6pm – 7.30pm

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SACRED PLANT CIRCLE WITH MUGWORT (ARTEMISIA VULGARIS)

Facilitators: Hop, Seiel Sun

We invite you to join fellow farmers and landworkers in ceremony to meet in a safe and sacred space with Mugwort (*Artemisia vulgaris*.) Mugwort is a powerful plant ally of the Wise Isles (UK) it can be worked with as a tincture, balm, sacred smoke or infusion. Mugwort is a protector and keeper of the liminal and dream spaces. We will sit in circle together, incorporating meditation, movement, music/song and drinking an infusion of mugwort. Please bring a sacred/special object with

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you to create a collective altar together. The spaces in the session will be prioritised for those who identify as part of the LGBTQIA+ community.

St Aldate's Tavern
THE BLUE ROOM
ORFC MEDIA DRINKS

Hosted by the Agroecology Comms Network (ACN)

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!

Story Museum
THE WOODSHED
FROM UBUNTU TO KAPWA: EARTH WISDOM AND REGENERATIVE DESIGN IN FOOD SYSTEMS

Speakers: Sonita Mbah, Konkankoh Joshua, Mamerto Lagitan Tindongan, Margarita O. Zethelius, Abuela Daira Quinoñes

Chair: Sarah Queblatin

What can we learn from communities already facing the polycrisis from the frontlines of climate emergency, conflict, and historical colonisation? How might Indigenous wisdom and traditional ecological knowledge from these places at the edges offer critical and vital ways of addressing the polycrisis we are facing in the world today? What deeper design principles and practices can their experiences enhance the growing call for regenerative cultures in transforming food systems? Join us in this discussion with earth wisdom keepers and regenerative designers from Cameroon, Colombia, and the Philippines sharing ancestral wisdom along with the struggles of grassroots communities in relationship with their land.

Story Museum
THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM
WORKSHOP: LEARNING TO CONNECT WITH THE OCEAN

Facilitators: Sofie Elise Quist, Margherita Paola Poto, Laura Vita, Diana Garduño Jiménez

The Ocean sustains all life but is often absent from our thinking about food and agriculture. This workshop allows participants to foster a deeper connection with the seas and engage in the wonders of ocean literacy through storytelling, games,

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and reflexive activities. We start with storytelling about (re)connecting with the sea through food. Then participants will be divided into groups to join in immersive activities developed by the Ocean Incubator Network to explore the role of the Ocean in food systems from our different standpoints. The workshop ends with a reflexive walk, and an invitation to implement care for the Ocean in our own spheres of influence.

Story Museum

THE LINK ROOM

WORKSHOP: COMMONING, QUEERING AND CHERISHING COMPOST

Facilitators: ffin Jordão, Steph Robinson

Conferences can be chaotic places. Retreat to the calm of compost, to clarify, ferment and cherish all that you have heard and felt. Plunge your digits into our hand-made compost remedy as we gently explore soil care practices crumble by crumble. What rot-epiphanies do you want to share? What poetry will you whisper or write to the dark matter? Sit, listen, talk, move as we embrace the discarded, make space for letting go and celebrate transformation. This is a drop in session, open to everyone, running from 6 - 9:30 pm in the Link Room.

Cheng Building

DIGITAL HUB

TIPPING POINTS: FOLK MUSIC PERFORMANCE AND TALK

Performers: Luke Daniels, Sara Daniels, Andy Neal

Chair: Lucy Beattie

Tipping Points is where science and folk music intertwine to explore climate communication. Led by Dr Lucy Beattie, Luke Daniels, Sara Daniels and Professor Andy Neal (Rothamsted Research). Merging original compositions for melodeon, guitar, and voice with storytelling, this offers a unique perspective on the interactions between science, society, and the environment. From the Neolithic to the present, the performance travels through the landscapes of the British Isles, drawing on English and Scottish traditional music. Experience and participate with the music behind the lived stories of farmers and fisherfolk to discover how our past can inspire a sustainable future.

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CHENG CAFE

FARMING FUTURES — A NETWORKING HOUR FOR EMERGING LEADERS AND SECTOR SUPPORTERS

Hosted by Sustain, Emergent Generation, Soil Association and Roots to Work

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This session aims to provide an informal, inclusive, and engaging networking opportunity for anyone who is passionate about – or curious about – the politics and practice of food and farming. The event is aimed at fostering intergenerational cohesion by welcoming those newer to the movement and those established in it. Come along to meet new people, share ideas and opportunities, and build new connections. Please note that this event is in the café on the second floor of the Cheng Building, you will need to take the lift or stairs up.

8pm – 9.30pm

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SANCTUARY

TÁIN: TRADITIONAL STORYTELLING

Performers: Mark Borthwick, David Hughes

A covetous Queen, an untamable beast, and two lovers trapped on opposite sides of the war. Based on the epic ancient Irish myth of the Táin Bó Cúailnge, TÁIN is a storytelling show about blood magic, tradition, and land ruination in the mythic age of Ireland. Set against a backdrop of shadow, and scored with a fusion of traditional and electronic music, TÁIN puts new meat on ancient bones, exploring masculinity, inheritance, and right relationship with the land.

Story Museum

THE WOODSHED

WE FEED THE UK WITH POETRY

Performers: Dizraeli, Testament, Abby Oliveira, Liv Torc

Hot Poets Dizraeli, Testament, Abby Oliveira and Liv Torc are four of the incredible poets working on We Feed The UK, a major arts project coordinated by The Gaia Foundation, pairing award-winning photographers and spoken word artists to tell the stories of the UK's most inspiring regenerative farmers and food producers. They will be sharing a medley of these groundbreaking poems as part of the ORFC's opening plenary in the Town Hall, as well as hosting and performing a full length Hot Poets show in the evening here at the Woodshed.

Story Museum

THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM

LGBTQAI+ SOCIAL

Hosted by Out On The Land (Landworkers' Alliance)

Drop in and join us for an informal evening social. This is a welcoming space, where you can feel comfortable turning up on your own or with friends, and our craft table offers an easy way to meet new people without the pressure! So come

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and hang out, grab a drink, get to know other LGBTQAI+ landworkers, and digest the first day of the conference!

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Friday 10th January

8am – 8.30am

Town Hall

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MEDITATION FOR FARMERS

To meditate is to pay attention and be present in the here and now. During this meditation, led by Mick McEvoy, 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 with gratitude.

9am – 10.30am

Wesley Memorial Methodist Church

SPEAKERS' HALL

IS A FOSSIL FREE FOOD SYSTEM POSSIBLE?

Speakers: Helen Browning, Christine Delivanis, Emile Frison

Chair: Matthew Kessler

Food and fossil fuels are more intertwined than we think – 15% of global fossil fuel use happens in our food systems. This panel addresses the critical challenge of breaking food systems' reliance on fossil fuels and navigating a just transition to fossil-free food systems. We'll explore the challenges, opportunities, and trade-offs

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across the supply chain. Join us as we identify both the low-hanging fruits and the toughest obstacles in phasing out fossil fuels for a fair, sustainable food future. This session will be recorded as part of a bonus episode of the Fuel to Fork podcast, so bring your big questions!

Town Hall

MAIN HALL

WORKSHOP: WORKING WITH WOOL: DEMONSTRATION AND SKILL SHARING

Facilitators: Megan Perry, Julie Baber, Jen Hunter, Sofie Keller, Ria Burns

This workshop will showcase the beauty and versatility of wool – introducing you to new skills and highlighting the role of wool in sustainable livestock systems. This is an informal drop-in space where you can handle different types of fleece and learn about different ways to process and use wool. Try your hand at a range of wool-based skills such as carding, spinning, weaving, knitting, felting and more. All abilities welcome!

Town Hall

ASSEMBLY ROOM

CAN FARMED SALMON EVER BE SUSTAINABLE?

Speakers: Corin Smith, Rachel Mulrenan, Caroline Bennett, Francois Beyers

Chair: Gina Lovett

Often touted as an environmentally-friendly alternative to other forms of protein, in reality, industrial salmon farming wreaks havoc on the surrounding marine environment, has severe costs for the planet in terms of resources used, and facilitates the suffering of millions of fish. These issues apply to all types of farmed salmon, be it welfare assured, certified 'organic', sustainable, fresh or smoked. How do we tackle these issues and make a shift towards more responsible fish production?

Town Hall

OLD LIBRARY

SMASH IMPERIALISM! FOR A NEW TRADE FRAMEWORK BASED ON SOLIDARITY!

Speakers: Anuka De Silva, Edu H. Nualart, Carson Kiburo

Chair: Sophia Doyle

How does imperialism affect our food systems? How is all this directly linked with European public policies and free trade agreements? How does imperialism affect rural and indigenous youth? What can we do to change the neo-colonial domination of the north towards the south? How do we fight and how do we resist

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it? Young members from La Via Campesina and the International Indian Treaty will be addressing the intersection between imperialism and agroindustry, and presenting the alternatives that the food sovereignty movement is advocating.

Town Hall

COUNCIL CHAMBER

ULTRA-PROCESSED FOODS: TOWARDS AN AGROECOLOGICAL SOLUTION

Speakers: Harriet Bell, Mhairi Brown, George Young

Chair: Rob Percival

In the past year concern about ultra-processed foods (UPF) has entered the mainstream consciousness. A growing body of research has linked UPF to poor health and environmental outcomes, and governments are asking how they should respond. This session will explore the agroecological solution to the UPF challenge. If our industrial food system is oriented towards ultra-processing, undermining public and planetary health, can we create the conditions for a grassroots agroecological alternative, ensuring everyone can access and enjoy a diet based around whole and minimally processed foods?

Town Hall

COURT ROOM

PROGRESS TOWARDS A PEAT-FREE HORTICULTURAL SYSTEM

Speakers: Francis Rayns, Audrey Litterick, Emma Restorick, Sebastian Kipp

Chair: Mary Dimambro

We remain reliant on peat in horticulture despite the urgency to transition away from its use. Whilst some crops are now commonly sown into peat-free modules, many seedlings are grown in blocks that contain a large proportion of peat. This session will showcase the effort that is being made at multiple scales to remove peat from seedling blocks. It is vital that we keep driving progress towards removing peat from our growing systems and this session will provide a platform for constructive discussion and further collaboration.

Town Hall

ST ALDATE'S ROOM

RADICAL HONESTY IN ACTION: PAVING THE WAY FOR FOOD AND RACIAL JUSTICE

Speakers: Roshni Shah, Nicola Scott, Dawn Dublin

Chair: Idman Abdurahaman

The sustainable food movement faces a critical question: are we truly advancing a just food system? Marginalised communities, particularly Black and people of colour (BPOC), bear the brunt of global food and climate injustices but remain underrepresented in decision-making. Inspired by Eating Better's Nourishing Justice guide, this panel explores the essential steps for meaningful change, highlighting radical honesty as key to moving beyond Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) towards real social justice. We will discuss tangible actions to create a fair and sustainable food system, building on the momentum of the BLM movement to drive systemic change.

Museum of Oxford

MUSEUM MAKERS SPACE

WORKSHOP: NEXT STEPS IN BUILDING A NEW CEREAL SEED SYSTEM

Facilitators: Hattie Hammans, Josiah Meldrum, Steven Jacobs

The current seed system emerged in the 20th century to protect farmers from disreputable merchants, to recognise and protect the efforts of plant breeders, and to drive innovation. Over time, legislation and regulation emerged to codify and protect it. Today that seed system is failing to serve farming, milling, baking and eating preferences for organic-agroecosystems. It appears slow to respond to climate change, biodiversity loss, resource constraints and diet-related ill-health and seems out of step with many farmers' desire to do things differently. In this workshop, we will co-design an alternative seed system - one that's adaptive, resilient and scale-appropriate.

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LEARNING STUDIO

THE NEST 1:1 STORYTELLING SURGERY

Facilitators: Joel Davies, Alice Lengereau, Rose Davis

Are you an agroecological producer looking to grow your business but on a tight budget and limited time? Come and book a free 30-minute session with our brand experts, Alice and Joel, and marketing expert, Rose Davis. In your 1:1 session, our team will be on hand to troubleshoot all questions on branding, marketing and storytelling. The Nest is a non-profit creative and marketing incubator for agroecological producers. We are here to accelerate the transition to a localised food system by supporting producers across the UK to sell and market their produce.

Blue Boar House

INTER-VARSITY ROOM

WORKSHOP: BEYOND THE TECH DIVIDE: RETHINKING INNOVATION FOR AGROECOLOGY

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Facilitators: Chantal Wei-Ying Clément, Pat Thomas, Ayma Mason, Lawrence Woodward, Saskia Colombant, Robbie Blake, Inès Tielas da Silva

Join IPES-Food and A Bigger Conversation for an interactive workshop exploring technological innovation in agroecology. This is an opportunity to help reframe and reclaim the innovation narrative, redefining technology in service of dignity, justice and resilience in food systems. Through small group discussions we will explore the elements of innovations that support diverse, sustainable production systems. We will collectively discuss real-world examples to understand tech and innovation, reflecting on benefits and trade-offs of various approaches and exploring ways to empower communities in shaping innovation pathways. Come ready to participate actively and share your insights!

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SANCTUARY

CREATING NEW CROFTS: A PATHWAY TOWARDS LAND JUSTICE?

Speakers: Miranda Geelhoed, Agnes Rennie, Rosemary Champion, Jamie McIntyre

Chair: Donna Smith

Crofting holds great potential to increase access to land at a time of overheating land markets. Historically, crofting was introduced to keep families on the land from which they had previously been cleared. These days, more than ever, we need people taking stewardship over the land collaboratively, in ways mutually beneficial for human communities and nature. Creating new crofts can facilitate exactly this. In principle, nothing prevents us from establishing thousands of new crofts across Scotland. The panel builds on previous ORFC events on crofting and explores the possibilities as well as the political and legal stumbling blocks along the way.

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HALL

WORKSHOP: AGROECOLOGY ASSESSMENT TOOLS: MEASURING AND IMPLEMENTING THE TRANSITION

Facilitators: Boglárka Bozsogi, Lili Balogh, Rémi Cluset, Vincent Dauby

How do we prove that agroecology works? Amidst the call for more evidence on the benefits of agroecological practices, assessment tools evaluate progress on the ground and help farmers, advisors, policymakers, and researchers collect impact data. How do we build simple yet contextual tools? How can we aggregate and share this knowledge to foster the transition? Experiences from two indicator systems, OASIS by Agroecology Europe and TAPE by FAO, will ignite interactive discussions on creating collaborative ecosystems of practice to measure agroecological performance, create narratives of change, and use the evidence to bolster implementation for the food and farming system transition.

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Story Museum
 THE WOODSHED
TRAUMA AND THE LAND

Speakers: Patrick MacManaway, Colin Campbell, Jill Purce

Chair: Rachel Fleming

What is the relationship between people and places when it comes to trauma? Can the land become traumatised and if so how can this happen? What impact might this have on food production, on animal health and on the humans, farms and communities that live there? How might such trauma be resolved and is this something in which we can all be involved? And can the land help to heal human trauma and grief? We look at different perspectives on how this reciprocal relationship might operate.

Story Museum
 THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM
WORKSHOP: REPARATIONS – LEARNING FROM EXAMPLES EXISTING WITHIN MODERNITY

Facilitators: Saurabh Arora, Tatiana Garavito, Natalie Larney

Meaningful reparations are not simply about redistributing wealth within the same system but about dismantling that system entirely. They involve repairing the profound social and ecological harm caused by European colonialism and its aftermath, and co-creating systems rooted in justice, liberation, and care. This open session will explore lived examples of reparative practices that challenge the status quo. It will be interactive, with contributions based on lived experiences of reparative practices welcomed from all participants.

Story Museum
 THE LINK ROOM
WORKSHOP: AVOIDING BURNOUT AND LOOKING AFTER YOUR HEALTH

Facilitators: Becca Stevenson, Ruth Hancock, Ben Raskin

How to look after our health, mental and physical, in the farming sector. Ideas to build resilience. How to cope with illness. A space for people to share the tough times and what helps get them through. How to transition out of the sector if your health won't allow you to farm and the challenges that come with that. A workshop to share and support others.

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DIGITAL HUB

AGROECOLOGY ACROSS THE FOUR NATIONS: UNITY AND DIVERGENCE IN APPROACHES

Speakers: Alex Mackaness, Gian Marco Currado, Jill Montgomery, George Burgess

Chair: Jenna Hegarty

As the new Labour government emphasises a renewed commitment to better cooperation between the devolved nations, this session aims to foster dialogue on emerging farming policies across the UK. The event will bring together policymakers, NGOs and think tanks from England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland to outline each nation's current vision for food and farming, and to discuss how governments are working to produce good food, restore nature, and tackle climate change. Panellists will explore the areas of unity and divergence in these national approaches, and outline the areas for potential collaboration to support the agroecological movement across the country.

Cheng Building

SEMINAR ROOM

WORKSHOP: LOCAL POWERS AND LEVERS DRIVING AGROECOLOGY

Speakers: Mark Walton, Henri Greig, Charlotte Molyneux

Chair: Sarah Williams

The session will look at local powers and levers driving the adoption of agroecological practices and the role of food partnerships in this context. The session will offer participants an overview of the role that local authorities can play to support the agricultural sector including examples from Devon County Council, farmers, policy experts and food partnerships. This is a workshop-style session where there will be opportunities to exchange ideas, ask questions and contribute to a discussion as to how local powers could further support the sector.

Ship Street

LECTURE THEATRE

HOW DO WE ACTUALLY FUND AN AGROECOLOGICAL TRANSITION?

Speakers: Jo Poulton, Will White, Nina Isabella Moeller, Hamish Evans

Chair: Bonnie Hewson

The food system needs a just transition — how do we create the conditions for change and ensure no one is left behind? In our current extractive economy, corporate interests have the most power to dictate terms, stifling transformation. This panel will explore the cultural shifts and policy levers needed for an agroecological transition, focusing on justice, equity, and community ownership.

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We'll discuss strategies to reclaim decision-making power, prioritise a well-being economy, and elevate food from a public good to a human right. Join us in envisioning a future of food sovereignty and ecological resilience – and help us plan how to get there.

11am – 12.30pm

Wesley Memorial Methodist Church

SPEAKERS' HALL

LAND, FOOD AND SPIRIT

Speakers: Andrew Bovarnick, Rupert Sheldrake, Sandra Salazar, Rafael Pflücker, Denise Walton

Chair: Patrick Holden

As farmers, growers, activists and supporters of the agroecological movement, we often experience and are motivated by a heart-felt or sacred connection to the land. Yet finding ways to express this belief system or bring it into our daily work can be challenging. Are we overlooking a powerful and transformative tool that could support a transition to a fairer food and farming system? Patrick Holden will be joined by scientist, Rupert Sheldrake, the United Nations Development Programme's Head of Food, Andrew Bovarnick, farmers Sandra Salazar and Denise Walton and agronomist Rafael Pflücker to discuss how recognising a more reciprocal relationship with Nature, alongside developing our own inner capacities, could help transform the way we approach food and farming.

If you are interested in exploring these themes in more depth, head to the workshop, Land, Food And Spirit – Harvesting Our Experiences hosted by the Conscious Food Systems Alliance (CoFSA).

Town Hall

MAIN HALL

WORKSHOP: 'GROWING PEACE, SEEDING IDEAS' – SMALL POSTER PRINTING WORKSHOP

Facilitators: Kate Bowman, Felix Kary

A brief hands-on workshop that provides a place to pause and digest the wild topics of the sessions. Printing small A5 posters using an 8x5 Adana Printing press, and a selection of vintage and hand-carved rubber stamps, including seeds and seedlings, hands tending the land and fungal hyphae using ecologically sourced inks. Exploring the act of profound hope that is planting a seed, the printing press will be exploring the wildly imaginative ideas seeded at the ORFC in the depths of winter and all the phenomenal possibilities that they could become in the world as the year unfolds.

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ASSEMBLY ROOM

SCALING UP THE MARKET GARDEN

Speakers: George Bennett, Rita Oldenbourg, Hamish Evans

Chair: Amy Willoughby

Traditional market gardens have long been in decline, but new growers are bringing a much-needed agroecological renaissance. After navigating the early years, they now face new challenges to scale up their enterprises and build stronger and sustainable local food economies. The Organic Growers Alliance and CSA Network have brought together growers who are successfully managing this transition to describe: Scaling the crops up – planning and techniques for 12 month production, field scale growing and crop storage. On-farm systems – staffing, technical systems and diversification. Off-farm interactions – routes to market, working with other growers and the community.

Town Hall

OLD LIBRARY

HOMEGROWN FASHION: THE BRITISH FIBRES REGENERATING LANDSCAPES AND CREATIVITY

Speakers: Jen Hunter, Claire O’Sullivan, Rosie Bristow, Sara Grady

Chair: Elizabeth Keach

British fashion is known globally for its quality and creativity. Yet much of this ingenuity is brought to bear today through extractive supply chains originating in the Global South, relying on toxic materials and exploitative labour and agricultural practices. The science is clear that fashion must shift its sourcing to materials originating in the biosphere that are produced in ecologically restorative ways. This panel convenes experts who are actively bridging the gap between fashion and materials sourced from Britain’s regenerative landscapes. By sharing their transformative journeys, they illuminate the challenges, potential and meaning of British fashion.

Town Hall

COUNCIL CHAMBER

SILVOHORTICULTURE – INTEGRATING TREES INTO VEGETABLE GROWING SYSTEMS

Speakers: Andy Dibben, Ben Raskin

Chair: Harriet Bell

This session will explore how to intelligently integrate trees into horticultural crops. Both speakers have designed, established and managed agroforestry systems and have extensive experience in commercial horticultural crop production. This session will cover the benefits of trees for horticultural crops, potential crops from trees, system design options, planting, early tree establishment, tree protection, tree understory, cropping tree crops and potential negative impacts of trees on horticultural crops. It will also look at the very important role trees play in reversing biodiversity decline and in mitigating and adapting to climate change.

Town Hall
COURT ROOM

STRENGTHENING PUBLIC GOOD NARRATIVES FOR BEEF AND SHEEP SYSTEMS

Speakers: Christine Meadows, John Powell, Keziah Suskin, Hannah Thorogood, Amber Lawes-Johnson

Chair: Gabriel Kaye

The UK Government's Post-Brexit policy “Public Money for Public Goods” presents an opportunity for agriculture to redefine its role in delivering food production alongside ecosystem enhancement. A sustainable transition requires a long-term vision that includes social, cultural, and environmental dimensions of animal-based farming and how these systems provision public good outcomes. This session will gather experts across the beef and sheep farming sectors to define the opportunities and challenges in using public money for public goods to support context-specific agroecological outcomes; and how future financial support can be better tailored across the agri-environment schemes.

Town Hall
ST ALDATE'S ROOM

AGROECOLOGICAL FARMING ACCELERATOR PROGRAMMES – LESSONS LEARNT

Speakers: Jonty Brunyee, Clare Hill, Silas Hedley-Lawrence, Becky Grove

Chair: Russ Carrington

Being a successful and happy agroecologist, whether you are a farmer, grower, adviser, facilitator or leader, is knowledge intensive. You also need a degree of confidence and connection. Join us and hear about a range of accelerator programmes that aim to deliver intensive and impactful learning, mindset shift and community building in the agroecological and regenerative farming space. How do these programmes compare? How can you engage? What lessons have been learnt? What do you need next as a potential participant?

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MUSEUM MAKERS SPACE

WORKER POWER! WORKER CO-OPS IN THE SUSTAINABLE FOOD INDUSTRY

Speakers: Franklin Scrase, Debbie Clarke, Giles Simon

Chair: Stephanie Motzek

This session will focus on the benefits and challenges of a co-operative approach to organising in the food industry. It will look at examples: Suma, a worker-owned wholesaler of sustainable and responsibly sourced food distributing across the UK; Unicorn Grocery, a worker co-op retailer selling natural, quality food and drink; and Tyddyn Teg, a worker-owned farm growing and distributing veg in Wales. Alongside stories from each of the co-ops, the session will look at some of the key reasons for organising this way – creating equality, spreading power and ownership in the food system, and empowering members.

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LEARNING STUDIO

THE NEST 1:1 STORYTELLING SURGERY

Facilitators: Joel Davies, Alice Lengereau, Rose Davis

Are you an agroecological producer looking to grow your business but on a tight budget and limited time? Come and book a free 30-minute session with our brand experts, Alice and Joel, and marketing expert, Rose Davis. In your 1:1 session, our team will be on hand to troubleshoot all questions on branding, marketing and storytelling. The Nest is a non-profit creative and marketing incubator for agroecological producers. We are here to accelerate the transition to a localised food system by supporting producers across the UK to sell and market their produce.

Blue Boar House

INTER-VARSITY ROOM

WORKSHOP: EATING AND SHAPING THE WORLD: WRITING NEW NARRATIVES

Facilitators: Carmen Posada Monroy, Charlotte Dufour

This workshop explores the importance of creating new narratives for understanding, conceiving, and reshaping food systems. Narratives are performative; what we communicate has effects in the outside world. Therefore, narratives that tell a different story about food systems are crucial for the transformations themselves. By exploring the new narratives of ecologies of food, we seek to shift from a linear and fragmented idea of food systems to a holistic universe where non-human lives also play essential roles in the creation, production, distribution, commercialisation, preparation and disposal of food. All stages of the workshop will include dynamic and practical exercises. This

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workshop is for communicators of all kinds across the real food and farming movement.

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WHAT ORGANIC MEANS FOR ME AND THE PLANET

Speakers: Joy Greenall, Helen Woodcock, Tim Downes, Sparrow Middleton, Seb Mayfield

Chair: Tamara Schiopu

Organic farming is the system that most effectively delivers our universal aims for food quality and health, genuine sustainability and environmental management, personal welfare and animal health. Despite being backed up by robust science, Government support and a well-developed market, organic production is static in the UK. This session will hear from people successfully involved throughout the food chain, telling what organic has done for them, and provide the basis for a challenging discussion on how to build on the successes and how organic needs to evolve to address the biodiversity, environmental and health crises facing the world.

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WORKSHOP: INTERSPECIES COUNCIL: LIFE-CENTRED PRACTICE FOR LAND STEWARDSHIP

Facilitators: Julian Ellerby, George Simons, Eddie Rixon, Emma Gardner, Heather Knight

The Roots and Rhythms project at Lopemedede Farm, in collaboration with multi-generational farmer Eddie Rixon, focused on restoring biodiversity and creating opportunities for deeper nature connection. Through life-centred practices, the project supported a shift from egocentric to ecocentric ways of working and being. This workshop invites you to experience one of these practices: the Interspecies Council. Inspired by Joanna Macy's work, the session cultivates empathy for the living beings and systems that share our landscapes, encouraging a more-than-human perspective to guide future land stewardship.

St Aldate's Tavern

THE BLUE ROOM

AGRIWILDING, HOLISTIC DECISION MAKING AND PERMACULTURE: HOW TO BE A GOOD KEYSTONE SPECIES

Speakers: Matt Swarbrick, Maddy Harland

Where is the cross-over between regenerative agriculture and rewilding? Within Permaculture we have Zone 5 – the land you leave to ‘nature’ – but a ‘set aside’ nature reserve is no longer enough in our current times. Zone 5 for wildlife/biodiversity needs to permeate all Zones, and also us. We explore how Permaculture and Holistic Decision Making can create biodiversity, meet our human needs, farm productively with nature, restore ecosystems, and build community. What do these patterns look like and how do they play out in the wider and closer landscape?

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BUILDING AN ALLIANCE OF FOOD GROWERS IN DISPLACEMENT

Speakers: Lina Isma'il, Ana Rosa de Lima, Anuka De Silva

Chair: Juliet Millican

This panel raises the importance of food sovereignty and regenerative growing for those who have lost their lands or are resisting removal. In the event of displacement or dispossession, the opportunity to grow food becomes even more important to personal agency as well as nutrition. The session will include a series of short videos from producers in refugee and internally displaced people camps. Panel members will share experiences from the Amazon, occupied lands in Palestine and from La Via Campesina who advocate for landless growers. We will look at what can be learned from existing peasant movements to support those struggling to cultivate in displacement.

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THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM

WORKSHOP: MOVEMENT-WIDE STRATEGY: WORKING TOGETHER TO CHANGE THE FOOD AND LAND SYSTEM (PART 1)

Facilitators: Ali Taherzadeh, Christabel Buchanan

This is the first part of this movement strategy series which will bring together those working and organising in the movement for land and food justice in the UK, to explore how we can work better together to achieve the changes we want to see. We will explore what draws people to this movement and identify our common vision; explore what it might look like to have a movement-wide strategy. Using a movement ecology framework, we will map out the broad range of approaches and tactics used in our movement and develop a shared understanding of where our different strengths lie.

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THE LINK ROOM

WORKSHOP: WHERE LIBERATORY GARDENS AND FARMING MEET

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Facilitators: Shama Khanna, Rae Hippolyte, Idman Abdurahaman

A soft space for conversations about working towards liberation through tending the land. Recovering a more reciprocal relationship to the land through farming and gardening can be nourishing on many levels. But what is needed to make all experiences working the land a liberatory act? Can flowers liberate as much as food? This session is inspired by new farms and growing projects emerging from urban centres, which take an inclusive, intersectional approach, prioritising meeting each other's needs, alongside the needs of plants and the land. This session is a dreaming space for what liberation on the land looks like and how we can get there.

Cheng Building

DIGITAL HUB

POLICY AND PRACTICE: NAVIGATING THE FUTURE OF PESTICIDES

Speakers: Denise Walton, Patrick Barker, Nick Mole

Chair: Barnaby Coupe

This session will aim to discuss the current ways in which pesticides are being used, and misused in a variety of farming systems, and the impacts of such use. The session will speak to policy experts and farmers who are involved in moving away from an overreliance on pesticides and discuss the current and future policies which are needed to hasten the transition to agroecological farming.

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SEMINAR ROOM

WORKSHOP: CREATING SOLUTIONS FOR FARMING ON LOWLAND PEAT

Facilitators: Vicki Hird, Tammy Smalley, Lucia Monje-Jelfs, Laura Stratford, Julien Etienne, Robert Caudwell

Lowland carbon peat soils are precious – from storing vast amounts of carbon to being a key wildlife, food and hydrological resource. Yet they are severely degraded, leading to soil and nature loss and greenhouse gas emissions. This is partly due to major horticulture, arable and livestock production which needs to change or move elsewhere. This session is led by the Wildlife Trusts, Soil Association, and Greater Lincolnshire Food Partnership. A panel of practitioners and experts who work with local growers will initiate a group discussion on key issues, and on how local dialogues, issues of place, and livelihoods matter. Small groups will then work on lowland peat production and solutions to discuss in a final wrap-up.

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IMPROVING FOOD RESILIENCE: CONNECTING FARMERS, GOVERNMENT AND CITIZENS

Speakers: Tom Pearson, Kelly Parsons, Sarah Williams, Tim Lang

Chair: Rebecca Wells

This panel explores how different aspects of food resilience – usually considered in isolation – can be connected. Farmers are natural experts in embedding resilient approaches on-farm. Food resilience is rising up national and local government agendas, in the face of food supply shocks and stresses. Those ultimately impacted – the public – rarely feature in discussions. What lessons from farm risk management and diversification could help inform approaches to embedding resilience? How can we ensure farmers and citizens are better represented in food resilience policy? How can farmers support their local citizens to improve their own resilience?

1pm – 1.45pm

Wesley Memorial Methodist Church

SPEAKERS' HALL

AGROECOLOGY FIELD SCHOOLS IN PORTUGAL: MISTAKES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Speakers: Cristina Amaro da Costa, Inês Costa Pereira

Chair: Rachel Phillips

Since 2022, the Agrarian Higher School of Viseu, Portugal, has been hosting seasonal Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems Field Schools, open to everyone. Each session (Summer, Autumn, Winter, Spring) dives into topics ranging from agricultural practices to social and economic dynamics, co-created with various partners. Participants include farmers, activists, academics, and curious minds. In this session, we'll explore how these schools operate and share key insights for both Portugal and the UK, focusing on engaging more people and overcoming organisational challenges.

Town Hall

ASSEMBLY ROOM

FARM DEEP DIVE: HOMECOMING – AGROFORESTRY WITH PIGS

Speaker: David Carruth

In this session, the 2023 Scottish Young Farmer Forester of the Year, David Carruth, will tell us all about Brodoclea Woodland Farm in Ayrshire where he and his team practise an innovative approach to agroforestry. As well as explaining his award-winning work with "trees and pigs", David will speak about his own journey from conventional to regenerative farming – highlighting some of the challenges facing farming communities in the shires west of Glasgow. And of course, no

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venture into the lands of Rabbin Burns would be complete without a couple of poems along the way.

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FARM DEEP DIVE: NUNWELL HOME FARM

Speakers: Francesca Cooper, Hollie Fallick

Chair: Jimmy Woodrow

Join new-entrant farmers Francesca and Hollie as they talk about their journey setting up Nunwell Home Farm in 2021. The farm is based on a share farming agreement with the Nunwell Estate and currently includes 100 native breed cattle, eight breeding sows and 300 laying hens. They also graze conservation sites owned by the National Trust and Wildlife Trust, and in 2024, they started a joint venture with a local chef to set up a butchery and shop. In this open discussion, they will share their struggles and plans, alongside financial challenges they have faced and the importance of collaboration.

Town Hall

COUNCIL CHAMBER

LIVING WITH LIVING MULCHES

Speaker: Mark Lea

Chair: Matt Smee

Living mulches offer an alternative approach for growing arable crops, with research showing the practice can improve nitrogen availability, reduce runoff, increase biodiversity, promote soil health and improve ecosystem services. However, adopting the practice comes with many challenges and considerations. Join this deep dive session to hear from Mark Lea of Green Acres Farm as he looks back at four years of living mulches work on his farm in Shropshire. Hear about the challenges Mark has faced, the key practical considerations needed to adopt this approach and understand the findings from field research.

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COURT ROOM

RESEARCH IN NO-TILL VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

Speaker: Sonia Lee

Learn from fully-replicated no-till field trials at Newcastle University and East Durham College. Vegetables were grown in mulched cover crops (crimp rolled or mowed) or transferred mulches of silage or compost and compared with

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tillage-based controls. The trials include different scales, using both 4-wheel and 2-wheel tractors. Differences in yield and weed pressure have been marked, and monitoring investigates underlying causes, including weeds, soil moisture, earthworms, soil penetration resistance, and the release of nutrients from mulching materials. Some of the no-till treatments show great promise with minimal weeding and higher yields than the tillage-based controls.

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CONVERSATION ABOUT TABOOS RELATED TO SLAUGHTER IN ANIMAL AGRICULTURE

Speakers: Marthe Kiley-Worthington, Joanna Kudryńska

Join us for a lunchtime conversation between butcher Joanna Kudryńska and Marthe Kiley-Worthington, an experienced ethologist and ecologist focused on animal welfare. Marthe has spent several decades studying the epistemology of cattle, horses, elephants, and rhinos, and now runs an ecological farm on Exmoor. Marthe and Joanna will be discussing taboos related to slaughter and directing their attention towards areas that are usually omitted with the aim of improving both animal and human welfare.

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MUSEUM MAKERS SPACE

WORKSHOP: DEER ARE FOOD FOR THE FUTURE

Facilitators: Jane Hull, Jade Hemsley, David Hooton, Kevin Miskella, Tim Field

Wild deer management is an essential part of woodland management and supports a sustainable approach to meat production. Within properly functioning ecosystems, deer play an important role for biodiversity and habitat quality. However, without any predators, large deer populations can have a devastating effect on their environment. The Forestry Commission supports land managers and farmers to manage woodland sustainably and ensure standards and traceability for a reliable and ethical outlet for the meat as a by-product. We want to workshop ideas to create a viable market for wild venison and ways to promote its benefits as a cheap and healthy source of protein.

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SANCTUARY

THE INTERBEING OF AGROECOLOGY

Speaker: Mick McEvoy

Plum Village is a Zen Buddhist Monastery and Mindfulness Practice Centre in the South of France. Within our Agroecology farm which we call The Happy Farm we centre the interbeing or interconnectedness of food production, sacred ecology and the wellbeing of the farmers. This is expressed as a sacred trilogy of food, ecology and farmer. Our farm exists not just to cultivate seasonal, organic and nutrient-dense food for our community, but to help all those who cross our threshold to begin to uproot the notion of a separate self. Our farmers are invited to cultivate the reality of interbeing on the farm accompanied by humans and our more-than-human family. Our farm aims to help catalyse an individual and collective reawakening that we humans are part of this family of life and that we belong. That we are the Earth that carries us.

St Aldate's Tavern

THE BLUE ROOM

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THE WOODSHED

REWILDING THE MIND: CONNECTING TO THE LORE OF THE LAND

Speaker: Manchán Magan

This 45-minute talk by writer and filmmaker Manchán Magan is an exploration of the rising connection people are feeling with the spirit, the lore, and land of Ireland... and its resonances with Indigenous cultures around the world. Ultimately, this talk is a celebration of the extraordinary heritage our ancestors have passed down to us and how it can inspire and empower us, guiding us in how to live, how to feel and how to relate to the wider world. It also explores the wider resonances of Ireland's heritage with Indigenous cultures and Vedic India.

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BANNER-MAKING FOR A BIG SPRING DEMO!

Hosted by the Landworkers' Alliance

Join us for a relaxed lunchtime session where we'll be collecting patches, cloth and fibre for a banner which will be taking pride of place at our big demonstration taking place in spring 2025. Come and learn more about what we have planned, and don't forget to bring a contribution – whether it's a ball of wool, a pre-made patch, some colourful cloth, or just a creative idea!

Cheng Building

DIGITAL HUB

RISE OF THE PLANET OF THE CHICKEN

Speaker: Diane Purkiss

Chair: Tamsin Blaxter

Unless you are eating breakfast, it's likely that the plate in front of you contains chicken. Yet the ubiquity of chicken meat is recent, arising from technological developments in poultry rearing from the 1960s that significantly lowered the price of the golden bird. Why chicken? The meat is very nearly flavourless, especially when raised in the new way, which involves confining the animals so that muscles remain undeveloped. To be sure, the rise of chicken coincided with a health alarm about the fat in red meat, so chicken could be framed as a healthy alternative, but the point of chicken is that it is hospitable to both novel flavour variations, and to the taste for blandness. Tracing the rise of this palatable descendant of *Tyrannosaurus rex* also illustrates the ways that consumer choice has been subsumed by economics. Join Diane Purkiss, author of *English Food: A People's History*, for a lunchtime journey into the planet of the chicken and what might lie beyond it.

Ship Street

LECTURE THEATRE

THE SOUL OF THE OAK – CONSCIOUSNESS AND ECOLOGY

Speaker: Benedict John Pollard

Oaks display many fine qualities: appreciation, generosity, stability, resilience, connection, strength, presence, knowledge, wisdom, family, protection, care, meaning and wonder. Benedict welcomes us to envision a bright future, a land of plenty, a vibrant world of loving connection. He invites this by planting oak saplings of known provenance, grown from acorns of some of the oldest powerful veteran and ancient oaks of England. This talk explores Benedict's oak journey, as he weaves a story of common sense, observation, science, inquisitiveness, spirit, synchronicity, joy, delight and intrigue.

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SPEAKERS' HALL

TRANSITION TO AGROECOLOGY – WHAT ROLE DOES ECOCIDE LAW PLAY?

Speakers: Jojo Mehta, Martin Lines, Rob Percival

Chair: Sarah Langford

Watching the devastation wrought on our food systems and landscapes can feel overwhelming. How can we push for meaningful change on a global scale? One promising solution gaining momentum is ecocide as an international criminal law. In September 2024, Vanuatu, Fiji, and Samoa, formally proposed an ecocide amendment to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court signalling a historic step toward holding environmental destruction accountable. The implementation of ecocide law could transform global food production by deterring harmful practices and creating a fairer playing field for those who farm sustainably and in harmony with nature. Join our panel to explore how this groundbreaking law might drive a powerful shift toward regenerative farming, safeguarding the future of our food and ecosystems for generations to come.

Town Hall

MAIN HALL

WORKSHOP: LAND, FOOD AND SPIRIT – HARVESTING OUR EXPERIENCES

Hosted by the Conscious Food Systems Alliance (CoFSA)

This workshop will build on the panel “Land, Food and Spirit”, by creating a space where each of you can share your experience of being in relationship with the land as you farm. We will explore together how this relationship nourishes our farming practice and our lives. The event will also draw inspiration from interviews held by the Conscious Food Systems Alliance with leaders in agroecology on the “inner dimension of their farming practices”. The workshop will combine contemplative practices, small group exchanges and a plenary harvest to create a collective and diversified vision for how land, food and spirit can nourish and sustain each other.

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ASSEMBLY ROOM

PERMACULTURE DESIGN FOR WATER-RETENTIVE, RESILIENT AND PRODUCTIVE LANDSCAPES

Speakers: Andy Wear, Perrine Bulgheroni, Jay Abrahams

Chair: Michel Pimbert

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A panel discussion between applied permaculture design practitioners and farmers who use the principles underlying permaculture design to create regenerative, water-retentive and resilient landscapes. The panel members will describe how they each integrate, within their respective businesses, the benefits of water retention and purification, for soil creation and carbon sequestration within living systems, maximising biomass resource production and the creation of species-rich habitat.

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OLD LIBRARY

ROOTING FOR DIVERSITY: CULTIVATING FARMS FOR NEURODIVERSITY TO THRIVE

Speakers: Karen Fisher, Jo Poulton, Ez Yaron, Richard Lewis

Chair: Jim Aplin

Neurodiversity is part of human biodiversity, emerged through evolution and is present throughout farming. Neurodivergent people bring traits and qualities that can benefit farms. However, misconceptions and unhelpful practices can create barriers that hinder the realisation of their potential and exacerbate problems. Overcoming these barriers can allow individuals to shine, and farms to prosper and become better workplaces for all. This session will be an opportunity both for neurodivergent landworkers to voice and discuss their issues, and for farming generally to learn how the talents of neurodivergent people can benefit farms if hidden barriers are removed.

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COUNCIL CHAMBER

WHAT MIGHT INSECT SENTIENCE MEAN FOR AGROECOLOGY?

Speakers: Andrew Crump, Vicki Hird, Cristina Amaro da Costa

Chair: Natacha Rossi, Beth Nicholls

What does the latest research on insect sentience mean for our view of the ecosystem services they provide, such as pollination and nutrient cycling? Biodiversity is often valued by society in terms of benefits to humans, however, as we learn more about how insects experience the world, should this reframe our valuation and understanding of the role of biodiversity in agroecological systems? This discussion between those researching, working alongside and conserving insects will be an opportunity to exchange ideas and share new perspectives on how we value nature and ecosystem services through the lens of insect sentience.

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THE ROLE OF TILLAGE: SCIENCE AND BEST PRACTICE

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Speakers: Iain Tolhurst, Richard Gantlett, Dominic Amos

Chair: Mark Measures

Ploughing and cultivations are coming under increasing criticism, and yet field-scale organic and agroecological farmers are dependent on tillage for crop establishment and nutrient supply, weed control and crop yield. Research shows that far from being damaging, cultivation and plough-based organic systems can maintain or increase soil organic matter levels, ensure good soil structure and increase biological activity. No-till methods have not proved to be commercially viable in the UK. We will hear from farmers and growers, look at the science and discuss best cultivation practice.

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ST ALDATE'S ROOM

PIGS, ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS OR ARCHITECTS OF DESTRUCTION?

Speakers: Andrea Parry Jones

Chair: Christopher Price

Ask not what you can do for your pig but what your pig can do for you. Contrary to popular belief, pigs do not uproot everything. This session aims to promote the wide range of behaviours and potential benefits of pigs in nature conservation and regenerative farming systems. Exploring the versatility, adaptability and conservation opportunities of native pigs. A pig will graze, browse and consume berries and fungi, maintain a mosaic of bare ground, and help to maintain herb-rich pasture and shrub layer. These behavioural characteristics and their resulting impact are almost impossible to replicate using other forms of management.

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LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR AGROECOLOGY: PEDAGOGY, LESSONS AND CHALLENGES

Speakers: Isobel Talks, Rachel Phillips

Chair: Ian Rappel

Increased uptake of agroecological systems is desirable for environmental, social and cultural reasons. Underpinning this transition requires movements to develop training and learning opportunities. This open session will explore the rapidly evolving skill set required for agroecology, and debate the challenges and opportunities for agroecological learning in the UK. How can we build learning capacity to struggle and transform, not conform? How can The Agroecology

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Learning Collective (TALC) help the movement adapt formal education systems towards horizontal processes of learning and self-emancipation? What lessons must we learn from international examples of peasant-to-peasant learning?

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LEARNING STUDIO

WORKSHOP: THE PATCHWORK OF BELONGING – COLLECTIVE PATCHWORKING SESSION

Facilitators: Nessie Reid, Randa Toko

Come and create a patch for The Patchwork of Belonging: an ongoing collaborative, mobile patchwork quilt which inquires what it means to find new – and rediscover old – ways to belong and find connection to land, place and the food we grow and eat. Take an empty patch. Use any of the materials provided to create your patch or anything you have. Stitch your patch next to one of the existing patches in the patchwork. You are simply asked to respond to the question: How do you find belonging? In answering this you might also want to speak to the contexts that prevent you from belonging.

Blue Boar House

INTER-VARSITY ROOM

WORKSHOP: WISE FARMING – A CONSTELLATION SESSION

Facilitator: Jill Purce

Constellations are a way we can explore the web of relationships and perspectives that make up a system. They make it easier for us to understand contradictions or difficult issues and provide an overview, as well as insights, into how we might resolve them. In this session, we'll explore wise farming through an unfolding constellations process with Jill Purce. This process reveals in a remarkable and entertaining way, through embodying the allegiances and conflicts involved in change, new opportunities and possibilities for innovation in the future of farming.

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INSIGHT FROM NATURE-FRIENDLY FARMING LEADERSHIP PROGRAMMES ACROSS THE UK

Speakers: Jamie Jack, Jenny Phelps, Connor Nesbitt, Andrew McKee

Chair: Will Steadman

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Esmée Fairbairn Foundation is supporting a cohort of projects engaging younger farmers and potential farmers, to encourage them to farm in nature-friendly ways. This includes Pasture for Life, with a regenerative internship programme in Scotland; FWAG SW, working with RAU students to help them practically engage with nature-friendly farming; and FFCC, with a programme to engage and inspire young farmers in Northern Ireland. All are also seeking to reach new and different people, and train and inspire those who will be role models. Join us to hear about these projects, from the young farmers involved, and what learning has been captured so far.

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A NEW HORIZON FOR THE HUMBLE VEG BOX

Speakers: George Bennett, Steven Sidhu

Building a retail offer around customer choice needn't be at the expense of farmer's time, effort and leftover stock. George Bennett shares his experience at Sandy Lane Farm of switching from fixed-contents to customer-controlled customisations of veg boxes using lean principles to increase sales while reducing admin, customer support, packing and delivering time and leftover stock. Steven Sidhu, Founder and CEO of Growing Good Technology shares how they are helping unlock the full potential of local veg box retail with a deep dive into the data.

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WORKERS AND FARMERS UNITED FOR THE RIGHT TO FOOD AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

Speakers: Sarah Woolley, Dee Woods, Paola Laini, Claire Ratinon

Chair: Sabrina Espeleta

In preparation for the 3rd Nyéléni Global Forum for food sovereignty – taking place in India in 2025 – building intersectional alliances between the food sovereignty movement and other civil society movements has been identified as of key strategic importance. The struggles for a fair income and good working conditions are shared by food system workers and farmers alike, so let's come together and discuss how we can build stronger alliances between the rural and urban struggles for food sovereignty from a working-class perspective, and strengthen the convergence between trade unionists within the food sector and organisations representing farmers and landworkers.

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THE MAGIC COMMON ROOM

WORKSHOP: MOVEMENT-WIDE STRATEGY: WORKING TOGETHER TO CHANGE THE FOOD AND LAND SYSTEM (PART 2)

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THE LINK ROOM

WORKSHOP: GRAPHIC JOURNALLING AND MAP-MAKING TO EXPLORE YOUR FARMING JOURNEY

Facilitator: Rachael Durrant, Freya Robinson, Rosa Farber

Come and be guided through the imaginative process of visioning and creating a graphic story or map from your farming and growing-related experiences. You will be supported to develop your ideas using a variety of media, including pen/pencil, pastels, inks and collage. No creative or technical skills are necessary, but a willingness to get stuck in, get messy and experiment without judgement will definitely help. Children are very welcome to participate with support from their grown-ups.

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DIGITAL HUB

ORGANIC: THE PRESERVE OF THE PRIVILEGED?

Speakers: Carol Alyce Adams, Sean Ruffell, Phil Swire, Sophie Kirk

Chair: Hannah Gibbs

Is organic the preserve of the privileged? We don't believe it should be. Healthy, sustainably produced food should be accessible to everyone – not just people on higher incomes. Sustain and Soil Association have convened a panel of speakers working across the food supply chain to explore the opportunities to make organic food more available, affordable to everyone and fair to farmers. We will delve into the challenges of achieving optimal scale alongside ethical practice, the market for smaller independent retailers and the responsibility of the larger retailer, and what policy shifts we need to see in support of enabling access to organic for all.

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SEMINAR ROOM

BETTER MEAT, MORE PLANTS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR FARMERS?

Speakers: Julia Kirby-Smith, Holly Purdey, Jimmy Woodrow

Chair: Sarah Wakefield

In order to achieve our multiple health, environmental and animal welfare goals we need to think differently about the amount of meat and dairy that we consume and produce. But there are many real and perceived barriers to achieving this, and many questions about how we can overcome them. Join the Eating Better alliance for a stimulating discussion answering your questions on what 'less and better' means for farming. We'll explore how to make dietary change possible, and discuss the pivotal role that 'less and better' meat production, alongside increased plant consumption and production, has in reshaping the food system.

Ship Street
LECTURE THEATRE

CAN FAECES FEED THE WORLD?

Speakers: Tristram Stuart, Laura Carter, ffin Jordão

Chair: Katie Allen

Ready to talk crap? Don't miss this lively panel session as we break the taboo around poo! Discover how we can transform human waste into a valuable resource to grow food, improve our soil and even improve public health! Is it safe? What are the rules? How much food could we grow? All this and more will be explored, so

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bring along your burning questions and get ready to get down and dirty with some seriously sustainable solutions.

4pm – 5pm

Town Hall

MAIN HALL

CLOSING PLENARY

It's the end of another year at the ORFC together. Join us for our collective closing, where we'll take time to reflect on what we've loved, learned, and been animated by at this year's conference. We'll be taking a moment to ground ourselves for the coming months, and see all the action of the last couple of days one last time with our ORFC25 highlights video.

SPEAKER AND CHAIR BIOGRAPHIES

EXHIBITORS

The **Beaver Trust @beavertrust** vision is of thriving waterways vibrant with life, where beavers are embraced as a vital part of our biodiverse landscape. Established in 2019, the organisation seeks to provide practical solutions to help people live alongside beavers and support legislation that rebuilds ecosystems and strengthens climate resilience in a time of ecological and climate crisis.

The **Biodynamic Association (BDA) @BiodynamicUK-** is the UK charity dedicated to supporting farmers, gardeners, growers and foresters to use biodynamic methods and gain BDA Certification as applicable. The Biodynamic Association works closely with its partner charities, the Biodynamic Agricultural College (BDAC) and the Biodynamic Land Trust (BLT). Together the BDA and our partners promote biodynamic techniques that protect the environment and safeguard our precious natural resources through the regeneration of our soils and lands. Biodynamic farming encompasses a system where the health and vitality of soils, plants, animals, people and our earth is paramount.

The **Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) @CSANetwork** Network 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.

The **Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)** representatives will be at the ORFC to harvest suggestions, concerns and feedback on farming support from delegates and showcasing new schemes and grants available to Stakeholders.

The **Ecological Land Cooperative** develops low-impact residential smallholdings for new entrants to agroecology and ecological landwork. Our vision is to see farms which provide sound livelihoods and healthy food for local communities, whilst improving ecology and biodiversity. We are a member based cooperative with land-based stewards at the heart of our work and decision making. We currently own seven sites across England and Wales, supporting seventeen unique land-based enterprises with opportunities for many more.

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Future Nature is the consultancy arm of the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust, dedicated to supporting farmers, landowners, and communities in creating a greener, more sustainable future. Our expertise spans ecological surveys, environmental land and farm management advice, SFI and Countryside Stewardship applications, and pioneering green finance projects. By reinvesting our costs directly back into the charity, we ensure that every project contributes to our mission of 'more nature everywhere.'

Innovative Farmers @IFarmers is a not-for-profit network, managed by Soil Association, that connects farmers and growers with researchers to conduct on-farm trials known as field labs. Since 2012, we've launched over 150 field labs across the UK, awarding over £650k of funding in small grants to groups of farmers. Our network extends across the UK and is open to anyone who farms or grows commercially; whether in dairy, arable, horticulture, livestock, on a small-holding or an estate.

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.

Mostly Books is an award-winning independent bookshop in Abingdon, Oxfordshire. Community focused with a well curated selection of books, the shop prides itself on providing excellent customer service, together with an ever-changing events programme. Mostly Books has been shortlisted for Independent Bookshop of the Year at the British Book Awards for the past seven years and was named South East Independent Bookshop of the Year in 2023.

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.

For selling fresh food to local customers, **Oooooby @ooooby** is a steward-owned platform that increases sales, simplifies packing and optimises deliveries. Our food system is ripe for decentralisation. Independent food producers are underpaid, and households overpay due to centralised supply chains extracting most of the value. Oooooby is changing this by building an online trading platform for small-scale food producers. Our platform is already facilitating thousands of food orders every week and is growing fast.

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.

At **Pasture for Life @PastureForLife** we believe grazing animals power the regeneration of landscapes, economies, food cultures and communities in the UK. We help farmers harness the power of pasture for the benefit of the natural world, their communities and themselves. We are a membership organisation and we empower farmers through farmer-to-farmer learning, meeting them where they are. We develop the market for the products and natural capital generated by certified producers. We demonstrate the benefits of grazing animals on pasture to convince others.

With a goal to promote a deeper understanding of our interconnectedness with the natural world and with each other, **Shumei @shumeintl** works to share knowledge about the Natural Agriculture approach to farming, which avoids the use of any fertilisers, chemicals, pesticides or additives. Prioritising harmony with nature and natural living seeds, Natural Agriculture encourages communities to reconnect with nature and regenerate the land.

The **Soil Association's @SoilAssociation** vision is regeneration. We know food, farming, and forestry can lead the way to a better future – with good livelihoods, thriving wildlife and a safe climate. Using our 75 years of experience, we support everyone to work with nature and build practical solutions – from the ground up.

Triodos Bank @triodosuk is a leading expert in sustainable banking, our mission is to help create a society that protects and promotes quality of life and human dignity. Since 1980, our sustainable financial products have enabled individuals and organisations to use their money in ways that benefit people and the environment.

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

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Drew McNaughton	Kitten Grayson	RICO LAB cv		Wychwood Forest Trust
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Ennismore Foundation	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust	Sandy Lane Farm		
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