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Festival takes a stand for a sustainable world

And celebrates *Resurgence* magazine's 50 years as the spiritual and artistic flagship of the Green movement

Leading figures from the environment, peace and social justice movements will gather at Worcester College in Oxford for the One Earth, One Humanity, One Future festival, from 22nd-25th September, to celebrate Resurgence magazine's 50th anniversary and set out a new vision for a more sustainable future.

Famously described by *The Guardian* as the "spiritual and artistic flagship of the green movement", *Resurgence* – published as *Resurgence* & *Ecologist* since 2012 – started life in 1966 as a radical fringe magazine and has gone on to become the leading voice for some of the crucial environmental issues of our times.

The lineup of speakers includes Craig Bennett (Friends of the Earth), John Sauven (Greenpeace), David Nussbaum (WWF), Caroline Lucas (Green Party), HRH The Prince of Wales (delivering a video address), Mark Goldring (Oxfam), Jonathon Porritt (Forum for the Future), Jeremy Leggett (Solar Century), Tim Smit (Eden Project), American environmental activist Bill McKibben, Dame Fiona Reynolds, Tony Juniper, filmmaker David Puttnam, Rowan Williams, Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, MP Andrew Mitchell, and 'Earth Pilgrim' Satish Kumar - who edited *Resurgence* for 43 years and continues to manage the Resurgence Trust, the educational charity which publishes the magazine and its two websites.

Satish Kumar, renowned for his many long-distance walks for peace and environmental causes, will be making a 50-mile pilgrimage to the festival, travelling from the source of the Thames to Oxford, arriving on Wednesday 21st September.

Satish and Greg Neale, his successor as Editor-in-Chief at The Resurgence Trust, said: "Over three days of lively dialogue, discussion, talks, performances and celebration, many outstanding ecological, environmental and political thinkers, plus artists, poets and spiritual leaders, will celebrate 50 years of *Resurgence*, and share their passion, ideas and inspiration for building a more sustainable world for the 50 years to come."

Indian environmental activist Vandana Shiva, who will address the causes of climate change at the festival's launch event, said: "For the past 50 years, *Resurgence* has been championing the interlinked causes of sustainability, social justice and respect for Nature. Now the time has come to design a new way of life and economy, so that we can sustain human existence without harming the Earth."

The festival talks, panel sessions and lively debates, will be interspersed with stirring arts performances, including traditional Indian dance by Nilpah Shah, a performances by the Dragon School's Idris Choir, and poetry from Simon Armitage, Matt Harvey and US rapper and activist, Prince Ea.

Michael Morpurgo, former children's laureate, whose books famously inspire children to discover and cherish nature, and who is also appearing at the festival, said: "Now more than ever it matters that we look after our planet, that we feel the belonging that leads to a sense of both wonder and responsibility. Thank you to *Resurgence* for providing this One Earth, One Humanity, one Future festival as a platform for us to tell the story."

Held in partnership with Oxfam, UPLIFT and Network of Wellbeing, the One Earth, One Humanity, One Future festival will critically highlight the importance of respecting and caring for our Earth and all its living creatures and plants as a vital first step to inspiring real and lasting sustainable change.

For further information about the One Earth One Humanity One Future festival, visit: www.resurgence.org/R50event

Satish Kumar, Greg Neale and other festival speakers are available for interview For Media Enquiries contact Will Gethin: 07795 204 833; media@resurgence.org

Notes to Editors

- Information about the One Earth, One Humanity, One Future festival in Oxford, 22nd-25th September including details re programme & tickets, food & accommodation, are available on the Resurgence website: www.resurgence.org/R50event. A box office will be in operation at Worcester College throughout the event
- To follow Satish Kumar's 50-mile pilgrimage from the source of the Thames to Oxford online visit www.resurgence.org/R50walk; for more information about the walk contact Rosalind Turner: rosalind@resurgence.org
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