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ONE EARTH, ONE HUMANITY, ONE FUTURE

Oxfam and *Resurgence* unite to make a stand for peace, equality and a fairer world

Leading global aid and development agency [Oxfam](#) is teaming up with the UK's longest standing environmental magazine [Resurgence](#) (*Resurgence & Ecologist* since 2012) to stage a festival in Oxford later this month, assembling key figures from the social justice and green movements to take a stand for a fairer, united and sustainable world.

Entitled '[One Earth, One Humanity, One Future](#)', the festival – which celebrates *Resurgence's* 50 years at the forefront of social and environmental change - will take place at Worcester College, from Thursday 22nd September till Sunday 25th September.

The event will feature Mark Goldring, Chief Executive of Oxfam GB; 'Peace Pilgrim' Satish Kumar, editor of *Resurgence* for 43 years (till August 2016); HRH The Prince of Wales (who gives a video address); US rapper-activist Prince Ea; Indian social activist Vandana Shiva; author-philanthropist Michael Morpurgo; filmmaker David Puttnam (former President of UNICEF); peace activist & Nobel Peace Prize nominee, Scilla Elworthy; environmental writer George Monbiot; and 50 plus leading international speakers, artists and performers, all gathering to share ideas for a more equitable, peaceful and resilient future.

Oxfam will be supporting Satish Kumar's 50-mile pilgrimage from the source of the River Thames to Oxford, which will raise the curtain on the festival on its arrival in the city on [International Day of Peace](#), Wednesday 21st September, finishing at the Oxfam Shop on Broad Street – the first Oxfam shop (opened 1947).

Satish Kumar, an ambassador for Oxfam, who once famously walked 8000 miles for peace, says:

"We're delighted to be partnering with Oxfam to celebrate 50 years of *Resurgence*. It's a fitting partnership, as *Resurgence* began life as a peace publication, while Oxfam - initially set up in 1942 as the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief – was founded to campaign for the relaxation of the Allied blockade in occupied Europe in order to get aid to civilians. So both organisations, rooted in peace, have long campaigned for a fairer, more sustainable future, and the One Earth, One Humanity, One Future festival, will be a fantastic platform to share our united vision for a better world."

He continues:

"The festival's call for 'One Humanity' reflects the spirit of Oxfam's current 'Stand As One' campaign appealing to global citizens to stand together to demand that governments play their part in tackling the world's refugee crisis. I urge you to join the campaign and stand up for protecting the millions of people on this planet forced to flee their homes in the face of horrifying violence, conflict, poverty and natural disasters. Let's each of us take responsibility to 'Be the Change' we want to see in the world."

Mark Goldring says:

"Oxfam is calling on governments worldwide to take action to help the millions of people who have fled their homes in search of somewhere safe to live. The crisis can't be solved by just one country, there needs to be a coordinated,

global response. World leaders will meet in New York later this month to discuss the crisis - the first meeting of its kind. We're urging them to provide more support to poorer countries which shelter the majority of refugees and to welcome more of the world's most vulnerable people into their own countries."

To find out more about Oxfam's Stand As One campaign and sign the petition, visit www.oxfam.org.uk. For more information about the UN and Obama refugee summits on 19th & 20th September, visit: <http://refugeesmigrants.un.org/summit>; and <http://www.state.gov/p/io/c71574.htm>

For more information about the One Earth One Humanity One Future festival visit:

www.resurgence.org/R50event

Satish Kumar, Mark Goldring and other festival speakers are available for interview

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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
- Inaugurating 50 years of *Resurgence*, Satish Kumar will lead a 50-mile pilgrimage from the source of the Thames to Oxford en route to the festival, reaching Oxford on 21st September. To follow the pilgrimage visit www.resurgence.org/R50walk
- Mark Goldring's talk at the festival on Saturday 24th September will address the disproportionate distribution of global wealth
- *Resurgence & Ecologist* magazine and its two websites (www.resurgence.org; www.theecologist.org) are published by The Resurgence Trust, an educational charity (no. 1120414) which promotes ecological sustainability, social justice and spiritual values
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