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Quest to halt Global Warming

At the launch of the One Earth, One Humanity, One Future festival, leading environmental thinkers HHR The Prince of Wales, Lord David Puttnam and Vandana Shiva shared ideas for creating a more sustainable future

At Worcester College, Oxford, OX1 2HB

The [One Earth, One Humanity, One Future](#) festival launched last night with talks by Lord David Puttnam, Vandana Shiva and others, sharing their experience of tackling climate change and ideas for averting it. The Prince of Wales also presented a recorded video address entitled 'Quest for Harmony' which will be made available for viewing on the [Resurgence website](#) following the festival.

Film maker Lord David Puttnam has been championing environmental causes since he became Vice President of the CPRE in 1985 and was instrumental in enabling the world's first Climate Change Act in 2008. Citing climate change as "the existential issue of our time", Lord Puttnam stressed the need to keep educating new audiences about the importance of living more in balance with nature.

Lord David Puttnam said: "We need to reach to the unconverted rather preach to the converted. Most of the world's problems are caused by people and solved by people. If public interest in preventing climate change trumps consumer interest then we have a shot."

Vandana Shiva, who has been campaigning to protect the world's soil and against corporate agrochemical giants like Monsanto for 30 years, said:

"200 years ago we declared nature dead and fragmented and decided we were her masters. And we created science to persuade ourselves that we were moving towards progress. We then learnt to divide society and spend our time in silos, doing specialist jobs. And we have seen the globalisation of indifference – a consequence of the things we have got wrong. The shift of thinking to a coal-based civilisation was a big part of losing our way. We fossilised our heart and our hands.

"We must celebrate that nature is alive. Nature works inside us, in circular form. The world is not fed by GMOS or big companies but by our loving hearts and loving hands. Every garden is a climate solution, and the bringing back of our community."

Over the next three days, the One Earth One Humanity One Future festival will showcase 50-plus leading global authors, activists, artists and performers. Held in partnership with [Oxfam](#), [UPLIFT](#) and [Network of Wellbeing](#), the landmark event celebrates 50 years of the UK's longest standing environmental magazine [Resurgence](#) (*Resurgence & Ecologist* since 2012), and shares cutting-edge ideas and insights for building a fairer, more sustainable future.

Speaker highlights over the ensuing three days include US rapper activist Prince Ea; Nobel Peace Prize nominee Scilla Elworthy; children's laureate Michael Morpurgo; US biologist Dr Bruce Lipton; Dame Fiona Reynolds; environmental writer George Monbiot; Rowan Williams; poet Simon Armitage; Green MP Caroline Lucas; land artist Richard Long; leading environmentalists Bill McKibben (US), Jonathon Porritt and Tony Juniper; author Paula Byrne; TV presenter and green campaigner, Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall; and veteran 'Peace Pilgrim' Satish Kumar, former editor-in-chief of *Resurgence*, who continues to manage the Resurgence Trust.

The outstanding line-up will also include CEOs from the UK's leading green and social justice NGOs, including John Sauven (Greenpeace), Craig Bennett (Friends of the Earth), David Nussbaum (WWF), Helen Browning (Soil Association) and Mark Goldring (Oxfam).

Speaking at the end of the launch last night, Satish Kumar said a few words about his recent 50-mile pilgrimage from the source of the River Thames to this festival in Oxford, taking a stand for a sustainable world and celebrating 50 years of *Resurgence*.

Satish Kumar said: "Our pilgrimage was an ode to Gaia, reminding us that we need to protect nature. This key message of *Resurgence* for the last 50 years has never been more relevant."

The Prince of Wales's video address 'Quest for Harmony' will be available for viewing on the Resurgence website following the festival: www.resurgence.org/R50event

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

To view the full Resurgence 50 Press Pack visit: www.resurgence.org/R50press

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
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