Resurgence 50th Anniversary Press Pack

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Resurgence celebrates 50 years as UK’s longest standing green magazine

50th Birthday Event on Thursday 5th May, 6.30pm till 8.30pm
At the Rebecca Hossack Art Gallery
2a Conway Street, Fitzroy Square, London W1T 6BA
Featuring short talks from Satish Kumar, Jonathon Porritt and other speakers
PRESS PHOTOCALL AT 7.00PM

STOP PRESS!
Programme & tickets for the special R50 anniversary ‘One Earth, One Humanity, One Future’ event at Worcester College, Oxford, 22nd-25th September, go live on Thursday 5th May

Resurgence magazine – now called Resurgence & Ecologist - is delighted to be celebrating 50 years as the UK’s longest standing green magazine with an inaugural private event on Thursday 5th May (6.30-8.30pm) at the Rebecca Hossack Art Gallery, near Fitzroy Square in London, W1.

On the same day, the Resurgence website will also unveil the eagerly anticipated programme for its special three day 50th anniversary event at Worcester College in Oxford, 22nd-25th September, entitled ‘One Earth, One Humanity, One Future’; featuring 50 plus international speakers, the momentous event will share cutting edge ideas and inspiration for creating a fairer, more sustainable and resilient world.

Satish Kumar, Editor-in-Chief of Resurgence & Ecologist, who has edited Resurgence for 43 years, says:
“The celebration of Resurgence’s 50th anniversary is the celebration of 50 years of the green movement. The magazine has managed to flourish for the past five decades thanks to the good will and support of the environment and social justice movements across Britain and around the world. It is my hope that Resurgence & Ecologist will continue to be the flagship for these critical movements, helping to create an ecologically balanced and spiritually fulfilling future for humanity, for the next 50 years to come.”

Resurgence’s 50th birthday event in London on Thursday – which will feature short speeches by Satish Kumar, leading environmentalist Jonathon Porritt and others – will be attended by leaders and activists from the green and social justice movements, who will gather to pay tribute to a magazine whose time has come. Having begun life amid the hurly burly of ‘Swinging Sixties’ London and the backdrop of the Cold War – as a fringe publication sharing ideas for a more peaceful, equitable and sustainable world – Resurgence has survived and evolved where so many contemporaries have failed. The magazine, based in North Devon since 1979, has endured on a shoe string budget and without corporate support, because the ideas and issues are increasingly relevant.
MP Zac Goldsmith, former editor of the Ecologist, says: “The Ecologist and Resurgence have been at the heart of the environmental movement for decades, leading the debates on the big issues we face. Since these two great titles merged they have gone from strength to strength and continue to generate ideas, inspiration and new perspectives for a resilient, green future.”

Resurgence’s ‘One Earth, One Humanity, One Future’ 50th anniversary event in Oxford in September, will be held in partnership with Oxfam, UPLIFT and the Network of Wellbeing. Speakers, performers and attendees are invited to celebrate Resurgence’s 50 years at the forefront of the green movement, and to look forward to the next 50 years.

The programme for the September event will be packed with a fantastic line up of international speakers - from Fritjof Capra, Vandana Shiva and Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, to Lord Puttnam, Bruce Lipton and Rowan Williams. It promises to be extremely popular; so book quickly to secure your seats! (www.resurgence.org/R50event). The line up of inspiring talks, thought-provoking conversations, stimulating panel discussions and stirring performances will offer groundbreaking solutions relating to climate change, ecology, social justice, spirituality, the arts, and interconnecting contemporary issues.

Resurgence’s many longstanding supporters and admirers range from Joanna Lumley and gardening guru Monty Don, to Caroline Lucas and BBC political broadcaster, Andrew Marr.

Annie Lennox says: “Congratulations and heartfelt appreciation to Resurgence for 50 years of dedication to the cause of offering wise and sustainable alternatives to the ravages we confer upon this beautiful, tortured planet we call home. Love and gratitude.”

Programme & tickets for the ‘R50: One Earth, One Humanity, One Future’ event in Oxford, 22nd-25th September, will be live on the Resurgence website from Thursday 5th May: www.resurgence.org/R50event

A full Resurgence 50 Press Pack is available at www.resurgence.org/R50press

Satish Kumar, Greg Neale (Editor of Resurgence & Ecologist), Jonathon Porritt and Rebecca Hossack (Resurgence trustee) are available for interview

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Notes to Editors
• To order the 50th anniversary issue of Resurgence & Ecologist (May/June 2016) in print or pdf format, visit: http://www.resurgence.org/shop/issues.html
• Resurgence & Ecologist magazine and 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
• For details of how to become a member of The Resurgence Trust, and receive six magazines a year, visit www.resurgence.org/membership; or contact the Trust: 01208 841824; members@resurgence.org
The Resurgence Story

First published in May 1966, Resurgence is the longest-running environmental magazine in Britain, closely followed by the Ecologist, which was founded in 1970. The titles merged in 2012.

As the late David Nicholson-Lord, former Environment editor of the Independent on Sunday wrote: “That Resurgence has survived so long, without millionaire backing and without turning itself into a consumer lifestyle accessory, with the advertising to match, tells a compelling story – not only of conviction, commitment and endurance but of need, role and relevance.”

Resurgence was founded in 1966 by John Papworth, a well-known peace campaigner with connections to the Committee of 100 and the Peace Pledge Union, but rapidly broadened its critique to encompass the nuclear nightmare generated by the Cold War, pollution, intensive farming and food production and the related political problems of centralisation, bigness and the growing separation of economics from ethics.

Its presiding spirits in those early days included E F Schumacher, the “renegade economist” who wrote Small is Beautiful, and Leopold Kohr, the less famous but much-admired author of the decentralist classic The Breakdown of Nations. Both wrote frequently for Resurgence, as did the self-sufficiency guru John Seymour; but despite these and many other (voluntary) contributions, the magazine faced constant financial problems and in the early 1970s almost went bankrupt. In 1973, John Papworth left to take up a post with the Government of Zambia and a number of “guest editors” brought out different issues of the magazine, until Satish Kumar became editor in 1973. Remaining with Resurgence for the 43 years since, Satish is now editor-in-chief of the magazine.

Satish is a far cry from a conventional magazine editor. The former religious novice from Rajasthan became a Jain novitiate at the age of nine, remained with the monkhood until he was 18, then ran away in search of relevance, became a campaigner for land reform and in the early 1960s, was fired with enthusiasm by the example of Bertrand Russell and became a champion for the cause of peace. At the age of 26, he was one of two peace campaigners who walked 8,000 miles from Delhi to Washington by way of Moscow, Paris and London in support of nuclear disarmament.

During Satish’s youth in India, he became imbued with the ideals of Gandhi and influential Indian peace worker, Vinoba Bhave. His editorship has marked a fusion of complementary critiques of Western developed society with the traditions of Indian spiritual teachings. From Schumacher, Papworth et al came an intellectual radicalism, with its roots in what Schumacher called “Buddhist Economics”. From Gandhi, Bhave, Jainism, Rajasthan – and Satish – came not only a profound collective experience of non-violence, but a sense of timeless traditions, of the interconnectedness of life, rooted in the inherent practical value of work, creativity and community.

From its original base in London, Satish and his partner June Mitchell - who was actively involved in the production and editing of Resurgence in earlier years - moved the magazine to Wales, where they founded a small land based community inspired by the ideals of ecological farming and practical self-sufficiency. Believing that to create a sustainable future, people needed to return to the land, Satish was eager for Resurgence to set an example. Resurgence later moved to Devon, where the magazine is now edited from Satish’s home in Hartland by a small team. Greg Neale, a former environment correspondent for the Sunday Telegraph, founding editor of BBC History Magazine and BBC TV historian, became the new editor of Resurgence & Ecologist in July 2014, with Satish assuming the role of editor-in-chief.

Since its early years, Resurgence has been at the forefront of environmental change. One of its landmark contributions was championing James Lovelock’s Gaia hypothesis, a theory that the earth is a living system, from which the principles
of deep ecology evolved. From the late 60s, Resurgence was also a forerunning campaigner for renewable energy, advocating wind power and solar energy, years before they were taken seriously as a sustainable alternative to conventional power sources. The magazine has also supported permaculture, agroforestry, organic food, cooperative living, conflict resolution, the Occupy movement and the actions of many more radical individuals and organisations.

Underpinning the efforts of Resurgence has been a series of connections, innovations and initiatives, from organisations that have either ‘spun off’ from Resurgence, or been initiated by Satish Kumar, to NGOs with which it has formed a campaigning alliance. The former include The Small School, Hartland, a successful example of human-scale education, and Schumacher College, the ‘green university’ founded in 1990 in the grounds of the Dartington Estate in south Devon and offering year-round residential courses in subjects ranging from green business to eco-philosophy.

Another ‘companion’ organisation was the Schumacher Society, which ran the highly popular annual Schumacher lectures in Bristol (1978-2013), a well-known fixture in the environmental calendar. Nearby at Dartington and part of the informal Resurgence network, is Green Books. Resurgence also has links with a wide range of NGOs including the New Economics Foundation, Oxfam and Friends of the Earth. The network kept spreading – with Schumacher lectures in Manchester (1996-2005), and the establishment of the Bija Vidyapeeth (School of the Seed) in north India’s Doon Valley in 2001 – an international college for sustainable living, co-founded with Vandana Shiva, based on the Schumacher College model.

An alliance of especial note is, of course, Resurgence’s merger with the Ecologist, since June 2012. Resurgence and Ecologist have always shared the same values. The Ecologist has spearheaded social, scientific and political ecology while Resurgence has pioneered cultural, artistic and spiritual ecology. Now united as one strong voice for the green movement, the new Resurgence & Ecologist magazine continues to set the environmental agenda and pioneer a resilient, sustainable future. Resurgence and the Ecologist maintain independent websites (www.resurgence.org; www.ecologist.org), while the hallmark cutting-edge analysis of the Ecologist continues within the pages of Resurgence & Ecologist magazine, published in print and online.

A vital element in the Resurgence & Ecologist extended family, however, is its readership. There are an estimated 30,000 readers, which, unlike with most magazines, form part of a genuine, albeit dispersed, community – developed not only from shared, and often profound, allegiances, but also from attending regular Resurgence events. With the founding of The Resurgence Trust in 2006, members, readers, contributors, writers and editors have had the opportunity to get together at workshops, festivals and weekend retreats, including the annual Festival of Wellbeing in London, and the Summer Camp hosted by Green and Away in rural Worcestershire, an event designed to inspire readers to put the ideas of the magazine into action. In a relaxed and informal setting, talking eating and listening to music, the Resurgence & Ecologist family becomes flesh and blood and people discover they are not a solitary voice in a hostile world – bonds are forged, solidarities established and new friendships made. Those who take part often describe this event, as an inspiration. It is also good fun.

Becoming a member of the Resurgence Trust, the educational charity which publishes Resurgence & Ecologist (under the chairmanship of James Sainsbury OBE) offers annual subscription to the magazine, along with access to the digital archives and updates, and is the ideal way to actively engage with this growing community of informed and compassionate global citizens and play a part in co-creating a more sustainable, just and happy world.

That then, is the story of Resurgence – in its 50th year, a magazine whose time has come: what began as a fringe publication voicing the ideas of alternative thinkers, has become a mainstream voice for global civil society and the environmental movement which continues to pioneer ideas and resources for a greener, more resilient way of living on our planet.

At a time when people are waking up to the reality that economic wealth and consumerism are not enough, Resurgence & Ecologist demonstrates how sustainable happiness evolves from community and wellbeing, and shares its message for a brighter future: “We must learn to live close to nature.”

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History of Resurgence – Timeline

1966   In May, Resurgence is published for the first time, edited by “fourth world” peace campaigner John Papworth. With his editorial letter opening, “Why another peace publication?” - Papworth expresses the magazine’s intention to offer “a coherent alternative” to war societies. (Historical context: Labour has just won a big general election majority; The Beatles are making their final scheduled live appearance in Britain at the Empire Pool in Wembley and will record their iconic Sergeant Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band album later in the year; England are about to win the World Cup).

1966-1971   With a focus on peace, Resurgence broadens its critique to the Cold War, pollution, intensive farming and food production, the related political problems of centralisation and the growing separation of economics from ethics. Regular early contributors include ‘renegade economist’ E F Schumacher, ‘self-sufficiency guru’ John Seymour, and Leopold Kohr, author of The Breakdown of Nations – Schumacher famously espousing his theories on localism and “Small is Beautiful”. Ahead of the curve, the magazine talks about the environment and other issues like factory farming, long before they become mainstream. Vietnam War deepens, sparking world-wide protests.

1968   EF Schumacher’s groundbreaking “Buddhist Economics” essay is published in Resurgence. A year of political violence, with Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy assassinated in the US, and student riots in Paris.

1969   In tribute to the centenary of Ghandi’s birth - Satish Kumar, future editor of Resurgence, co-founds “The London School of Non Violence” in London. The first Friends of the Earth group is founded in San Francisco. Astronauts walk on the Moon, awakening the new perspective of the Earth as our fragile home.

1970   Edward Goldsmith founds the Ecologist.

1971   Greenpeace is founded.

1972   The Club of Rome publishes The Limits to Growth, highlighting that “the earth is finite” and how current levels of population growth and use of natural resources are unsustainable. The Ecologist publishes “A Blueprint for Survival”, one of the earliest forecasts of many of the world’s future environmental problems. Satish Kumar, future Resurgence editor; and Edward Goldsmith, attend The UN Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm, the world’s first major environment summit.

1973   Satish Kumar succeeds John Papworth as editor of Resurgence. The People Party – now called the Green Party - is formed in response to the Ecologist’s “A Blueprint for Survival”. (The party was called The Ecology Party from 1975-1985).

1975   The Vietnam War ends.

1976   Satish Kumar and partner June Mitchell move Resurgence to Wales, starting a land-based community inspired by the ideals of ecological farming.

1978   The Schumacher Society establishes the popular annual Schumacher Lectures in Bristol.
1979  Satish and family move Resurgence to Hartland, North Devon (still the home of Resurgence today). Satish’s Resurgence editorship sees a shift from city to countryside, covering themes like ‘back to the land’, self-sufficiency and nature. Satish also integrates a spiritual aspect into the magazine.

1982  Satish Kumar founds The Small School in Hartland, Devon, pioneering a human scale approach to education which has inspired many subsequent ‘free schools’.

1986  Satish Kumar and other leading members of the Schumacher Society launch Green Books.

1987  The UN World Commission on Environment and Development publish the Brundtland Report, summarising the global environment crisis, offering solutions and calling for the environment and development to be dealt with as a single issue.

1987  The Montreal Protocol is signed to protect the ozone layer (it comes into force in 1989).

1988  Resurgence publishes James Lovelock’s “Introduction to Gaia Theory” in a five page format.

1989  One of the most famous symbols of the Cold War, the Berlin Wall falls, ending nearly half a century of division.

1990  Schumacher College is co-founded by Satish Kumar as an international centre offering transformative learning for sustainable living.

1991  The dissolution of the Soviet Union in December marks the end of The Cold War.

1992  The Earth Summit – a UN Conference on Environment and Development held in Rio, produces the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, but the US blocks calls for serious action.

1998  The first annual Resurgence Camp takes place in rural Worcestershire, hosted by Green & Away where talks and experiential workshops inspire readers to bring the magazine’s ideas into action.

2001  Satish Kumar and Vandana Shiva co-founded Bija Vidyapeeth (School of the Seed) in north India’s Doon Valley as an international college for sustainable living, based on the Schumacher College model.

2006  The Resurgence Trust is established under the chairmanship of James Sainsbury OBE, as a membership-based charity fostering a community of like-minded individuals and organisations focused on creating a world based on justice, equality and respect for all beings.

2008  Satish Kumar presents Earth Pilgrim, a BBC Natural World TV documentary mixing eastern philosophy with the western landscape of Dartmoor, which attracts over 3.6 million viewers.

2012  In June, Resurgence merges with the Ecologist. The magazine is re-named Resurgence & Ecologist. The first Resurgence Festival of Wellbeing takes place at the Bishopsgate Institute, London.

2014  In July, Greg Neale - former Sunday Telegraph environment correspondent and BBC TV historian - becomes the new editor of Resurgence & Ecologist; Satish Kumar stepping into the role of editor-in-chief.

2015  Bristol becomes the UK’s first ever European Green Capital.

2016  In May, Resurgence celebrates its 50th anniversary, as a magazine whose time has come: the ideas that began life in a fringe publication voicing the opinions of alternative thinkers have become mainstream. The magazine continues to pioneer ideas and resources for developing a greener, more resilient world.

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Founded in 2006, The Resurgence Trust is the educational charity which publishes Resurgence & Ecologist magazine, under the chairmanship of James Sainsbury OBE. The Trust’s wider remit is to provide an active educational resource promoting the ideas and inspiration of the magazine and generate positive evolutionary change in the world. To this end it runs regular events to inspire readers and members to put the ideas of the magazine into action.

Regular Resurgence Trust events include an annual Summer Camp, a Festival of Wellbeing and a variety of retreats and workshops that promote the Trust’s vision of a more ecologically sustainable and equitable world. These events bring together a community of like-minded individuals and groups who believe a better way of life is possible. These events will resume in 2017 as this year the Trust’s resources are focused on organising a four-day event in Oxford, 22nd-25th September, celebrating Resurgence’s 50th anniversary, entitled “One Earth, One Humanity, One Future”. This event will feature talks with leading international speakers and change-makers exploring ways to create a more resilient, peaceful world.

Resurgence & Ecologist is published six times a year in print. The Trust also publishes two world-leading environmental websites www.resurgence.org and www.theecologist.org. High profile contributors to Resurgence & Ecologist include Margaret Atwood, Jonathan Dimbleby, Antony Gormley, Annie Lennox, the Dalai Lama and HRH The Prince of Wales. Originally published as Resurgence in 1966, the magazine has its roots in the peace movement. Since its merger with the Ecologist in June 2012, the combined Resurgence & Ecologist publication has united two leading lights from the forefront of green publishing, offering a strong coherent voice for the whole environmental movement. Satish Kumar, who has been editing Resurgence since 1973, is this year handing over the editorial reins to Greg Neale, a former environment correspondent for the Sunday Telegraph, who became the magazine’s editor in July 2014, with Satish assuming the role of editor-in-chief.

Become a Member of the Resurgence Trust – join the tribe!

Become a member of The Resurgence Trust and you can join a growing global community of informed, conscientious and compassionate global citizens united in a shared vision for “One Earth, One Humanity, One Future”. For details on how to join and the many benefits of membership, visit www.resurgence.org/membership.

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The story of the Ecologist and its merger with Resurgence

The merger of Resurgence and the Ecologist on 1st June 2012, forming a combined Resurgence & Ecologist magazine, marked a historic moment in green publishing, bringing together two of its leading lights to create a strong voice for the whole environmental movement.

From Gaia to Greenpeace, Peace to Politics and Organic to Occupy - from their independent perspectives, Resurgence and Ecologist spent decades bearing witness to the emergence of the now widespread green movement they helped to create, and which they continue to shape as one united publication.

Founded by Edward Goldsmith in 1970, the Ecologist emerged from the first wave of environmental awareness inspired by Rachel Carson’s seminal book Silent Spring, which highlighted the dangers of bio-accumulative pesticides within food chains. Goldsmith created the pioneering environmental journal as a forum for academics to publish papers considered too radical to be featured in other magazines or the mainstream press. Covering a wide range of environmental issues and advocating an ecological systems thinking approach via its news stories, investigations and opinion articles, the Ecologist quickly progressed from a small academic journal with an initial circulation of only 400, to one of the world’s leading environmental affairs magazines with monthly sales of 20,000.

With the termination of its print edition in July 2009, the Ecologist continued as an online magazine before merging with Resurgence in June 2012. The first issue of the new Resurgence & Ecologist magazine was published in September 2012. The Ecologist and Resurgence maintain independent websites (www.theecologist.org / www.resurgence.org). The hallmark cutting-edge analysis of the Ecologist continues in print within the pages of the bi-monthly Resurgence & Ecologist magazine and online via the website. The magazine and websites are all published by The Resurgence Trust, an educational charity established in 2006.

For a long time Resurgence and the Ecologist have been closely associated. Satish Kumar, editor of Resurgence for 43 years, and Edward Goldsmith attended the first UN Environmental Conference in Stockholm together in 1972. The two publications even joined forces for a one off joint issue in 1974, promising they would continue to bear witness, challenge the status quo and support those who have the courage to make manifest the vision for a more sustainable, equitable world.

The enhanced and united Resurgence & Ecologist continues to pioneer the now mainstream issues on the ecological agenda. In the UK and internationally, the magazine serves as a roadmap for the global environmental movement. As Zac Goldsmith, MP and former editor of the Ecologist, surmises: “The Ecologist and Resurgence have been at the heart of the environmental movement for decades, leading the debates on the big issues we face. Since these two great titles merged they have gone from strength to strength and continue to generate ideas, inspiration and new perspectives for a resilient, green future.”

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Resurgence Testimonials
Read what others say about the magazine...

“I’m thrilled that the Resurgence Trust is celebrating its 50th anniversary! It has been at the forefront of confronting issues such as factory farming for longer than I can remember. Time spent reading *Resurgence & Ecologist* is something that I savour. Always blissfully designed and presented, it challenges and inspires in equal measure.” Joanna Lumley

“Congratulations to Resurgence on its 50th anniversary! It has never been more relevant or central to the really important issues facing us all. Long may it thrive.” Monty Don

“Resurgence was ahead of its time in the beginning and remains so now, shining a light on the cultural, spiritual and environmental aspects of life that are so crucial to our wellbeing and yet so easily neglected. We need voices like this. Fifty years is a fantastic milestone but I am sure there is much more to come.” Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall

“In its 50th year *Resurgence & Ecologist* continues to be a much-needed source of hope, inspiration and practical proposals.”
Caroline Lucas,
Green Party MP

“Every time I open an issue of Resurgence my mind becomes serene, my sense of beauty more acute, and my resolve to work for a sustainable, just, and peaceful world is renewed. Happy 50th Anniversary!” Fritjof Capra

“About 90 years ago I moved to live in Brixton, South London. It was a huge city even then but real countryside was only a tram ride away. From the tram terminus at Purley, open heathland, village communities and small farms extended to the coast. It was easy even for a child to be Green and to feel part of a natural and truly beautiful world. The city now extends almost to the sea and the green we now know is the mould on the old boots we once walked in but now are rotting in a downstairs cupboard. We cannot save the planet but Resurgence provides the link that sustains us and keeps alive the sense that we are a crucial part of the real live world, Gaia.” James Lovelock
“The Ecologist and Resurgence have been at the heart of the environmental movement for decades, leading the debates on the big issues we face. Since these two great titles merged they have gone from strength to strength and continue to generate ideas, inspiration and new perspectives for a resilient, green future.” Zac Goldsmith

“Congratulations and heartfelt appreciation to Resurgence for 50 years of dedication to the cause of offering wise and sustainable alternatives to the ravages we confer upon this beautiful, tortured planet we call home. Love and gratitude.”
Annie Lennox

“I have been deeply connected with Resurgence and the Ecologist over the years. For me the 50th anniversary of Resurgence is very special. There is no other magazine that covers the issues of our times, with truth and beauty, with courage and creativity. Resurgence & Ecologist are sowing the seeds of hope, of freedom, of the joy of living.” Dr Vandana Shiva

“I have long treasured Resurgence because it encourages the belief that ‘humanity has a choice’ - and that this choice can be typified as generous or selfish; kind or mean; thoughtful or thoughtless. Resurgence & Ecologist constantly reminds us that being considerate towards the needs of the planet is another way of feeling comfortable about your own place in the world.” Lord David Puttnam

“Resurgence illuminates some of the most profound questions facing our age; thoughtful, passionate and always challenging.”
Jonathan Dimbleby

“A half century as an agent of provocation, a cheer leader for thoughtful social action and an organisation that believes in the muscular duty to Hope, is something to celebrate indeed. I believe Resurgence is important, supporting it is like investing in something that stands on the side of the Angels and it stands for something kind, generous and optimistic in Homo Sapiens.” Sir Tim Smit KBE, Executive Vice Chairman and Co-founder of the Eden Project
Media spokespeople for Resurgence & Ecologist / The Resurgence Trust

Media interviews can be easily arranged with any of the following Resurgence & Ecologist editors and trustees:

**Satish Kumar** – Editor-in-Chief, Resurgence & Ecologist

Born in India in 1936, Satish Kumar is a globally renowned peace and environment activist, and editor-in-chief of Resurgence & Ecologist, the flagship title of the Green movement. As editor of Resurgence since 1973, he is the UK’s longest-serving editor of the same magazine.

A former Jain monk (from the age of nine till 18), Satish is the guiding spirit behind numerous internationally-renowned ecological ventures including Schumacher College in Devon, where he remains a visiting fellow. His colourful life has taken him on some remarkable pilgrimages, including an 8000 mile peace pilgrimage with a colleague, E P Menon, from India to the USA, during which they delivered packs of “peace tea” to the leaders of the world’s four nuclear powers, ending in Washington DC.

In 2008, he presented the highly acclaimed BBC TV documentary Earth Pilgrim (watched by over 3.6 million viewers), and his many books include his bestselling autobiography No Destination; You Are, Therefore I Am: A Declaration of Dependence; The Buddha and the Terrorist; and Soil, Soul, Society.

Regularly featured in the media, Satish was the subject of the award winning 2015 Radio 4 documentary No Destination. Other radio appearances include Radio 4’s Desert Island Discs, Midweek, and Thought for the Day. He is on the Advisory Board of Our Future Planet, a dynamic online community sharing ideas for real change. And in recognition of his commitment to animal welfare and compassionate living, he was recently elected vice-president with the RSPCA.

**Greg Neale** - Editor, Resurgence & Ecologist

Greg Neale was appointed Editor of Resurgence & Ecologist in June 2014, in the words of James Sainsbury, Chair of the Resurgence Trust ‘to work alongside Satish Kumar and gradually to take the reins, as Satish approaches his 80th birthday this summer.’

Greg has worked in newspapers, television and magazines during his career. He was environment correspondent for The Sunday Telegraph for a decade from 1989, and founding editor of BBC History Magazine, from 1999 to 2004, during which he won two ‘Editor of the Year’ awards from the British Society of Magazine Editors (as Founding Editor; he is still a member of its advisory board). His 1997 book, The Green Travel Guide was widely praised for its contribution to the debate on the positive as well as negative environmental impacts of travel and tourism.

Greg studied history at Birkbeck College, London, and Pembroke College, Oxford. He has been an honorary visiting fellow at the University of York, working as an oral historian, an associate lecturer at the University of the Arts, London, and is also co-author of Journalists: 100 years of the NUJ. He is a centenary Fellow of the Historical Association, and was “resident historian” for BBC Television’s Newsnight programme.

**James Sainsbury** - Chairman of The Resurgence Trust

James Sainsbury is the Chairman of the Resurgence Trust, the educational charity which publishes Resurgence & Ecologist, and which has a wider remit to spread the transformative ideas, resources and inspiration of the magazine via its events and networks. James is also Chair of the trustees of Home-Start, a national family support charity, and trustee to a number of charitable organisations, including the Voices Foundation and the National Byway Trust, which promotes cycling. He has an interest in psychotherapy and is trained as an Option Process mentor. He is married with two sons.
Tony Juniper - Trustee
Tony Juniper is a campaigner, writer, sustainability adviser and leading British environmentalist who served as Executive Director of Friends of the Earth, England, Wales and Northern Ireland. He was Vice Chair of Friends of the Earth International from 2000–2008. He was also the Green Party’s parliamentary candidate for the Cambridge constituency at the 2010 general election. For more than 25 years he has worked for change towards a more sustainable society at local, national and international levels. His latest book, What Has Nature Ever Done for Us?, was published in 2013. Earlier this year Tony was appointed president of the Wildlife Trusts, one of Britain’s leading conservation organisations.

Rebecca Hossack - Trustee
Founder of the Rebecca Hossack Gallery in London and New York, Rebecca is a major champion of non-Western artistic traditions. Her gallery was the first in Europe to exhibit Australian aboriginal painting, and it continues to promote such work through its regular regular Songlines seasons. She has also curated important exhibitions of work from the Bushmen of the Kalahari, from Papua New Guinea, and from tribal India. She writes regularly in the national press, lectures internationally and teaches a course on Aboriginal Art and Culture at Schumacher College in Devon. A dedicated campaigner for environmental issues, Rebecca is available to speak to the media on the arts and all aspects of Resurgence.

Josephine Amankwah - Trustee
An actor and professional singer, Josephine trained at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and has worked extensively across theatre, film and television. She has performed in productions in London, Europe, Africa and the USA. She is available to speak to the media on the arts and Resurgence.

Sandy Brown - Trustee
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Nick Robins - Trustee
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Dick Baker - Trustee
Having worked for many years in the field of corporate governance, Dick now runs his own practice advising organisations on good governance. He is also a Trustee at Wynstones Steiner School, a member of the board of the UK Policy Governance Association and involved in Journeyman UK, a charity providing contemporary rites of passage and mentoring for young men. He lives in Stroud with his wife and two children.

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