

## ONE EARTH, ONE HUMANITY, ONE FUTURE

Leading lights from the Green and Social Justice movements gather to celebrate 50 years of Resurgence magazine and galvanise action for a more equitable and sustainable world

Thursday 22nd – Sunday 25th September, at Worcester College, Oxford, OX1 2HB

\* Public event featuring 50-plus international speakers\*

Leaders from the UK's Green and Social Justice movements will gather at Worcester College in Oxford from Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September for a landmark festival celebrating <u>Resurgence</u> magazine's (now called *Resurgence* & *Ecologist*) 50 years at the forefront of environmental and social change.

Organised by the Resurgence Trust - in partnership with Oxfam, UPLIFT, Network of Wellbeing and the Tedworth Charitable Trust - the three day 'One Earth, One Humanity, One Future' festival brings together over 50 international speakers and leaders from Friends of the Earth, Forum for the Future, Green Peace, the Green Party, Oxfam, WWF and other pioneering green and humanitarian NGOs - as well as Resurgence readers/fans and the public – to share ideas and inspiration for creating a more sustainable future, and to collectively reinforce the Green Renaissance which Resurgence helped to initiate.

The outstanding line up of ecological, political and spiritual thinkers, artists, poets and performers gathering to expound the holistic vision for humanity which *Resurgence* has helped sustain for half a century includes US spirit and science author, Fritjof Capra; Indian activist and campaigner for farmers' rights, soil and seeds, Vandana Shiva; Green MP Caroline Lucas; environmentalist Jonathon Porritt; campaigner and celebrity chef, Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall; filmmaker Lord Puttnam; former Children's Laureate, Michael Murpurgo; bestselling US author Dr Bruce Lipton; 'new economy' pioneer Helena Norberg-Hodge; land artist Richard Long; mindfulness pioneer Mark Williams; former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams; and US rapper activist Prince Ea – a celebrated voice for the youth generation.

Greg Neale, Editor of *Resurgence & Ecologist* magazine (who will succeed Satish Kumar as Editor in Chief of the Resurgence Trust following Satish's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in August), says:

"The One Earth, One Humanity, One Future festival promises to be an extraordinary occasion. It's rare to have so many distinguished figures from the worlds of environment, social justice, spirituality and the arts together over three days in such beautiful surroundings as Worcester College, Oxford. We are looking forward not only to hearing leading thinkers discuss some of the most pressing topics of our age, but also to celebrating the history of Resurgence, planning the magazine's future, and sharing ideas and inspiration for building a more resilient world for the next 50 years and beyond."

Worcester College and its gardens provide a stunning venue and backdrop to this three day feast of dialogue, discussion, talks, stirring performances and celebration. Steeped in centuries of learning, the remarkable college architecture is set amid 26 acres of beautifully landscaped grounds, offering a tranquil haven to discuss and reflect on the ideas and inspiration of the programme.

Other festival highlights include a video message from HRH The Prince of Wales entitled "Quest for Harmony"; US Sacred Economics author Charles Eisenstein's call for a "Revolution of Love"; leading US environmentalist Bill McKibben's plea to end our reliance on fossil fuel; Simon Armitage's "Poems of the Land"; daily performances from

the festival's poet-in-residence, Matt Harvey; a talk by novelist Paula Byrne about the connecting stimulus of Nature poetry; a Resurgence Trust readers session led by Greg Neale; the launch of Satish Kumar's new documentary *Being an Earth Pilgrim*; and a talk by Mark Goldring, CEO of Oxfam GB, calling for solutions to global poverty.

Launched in 1966, sharing the radical ideas of Sixties idealists concerning everything from nuclear disarmament, decentralisation and localism, to environmental causes, human rights and animal welfare, today the once fringe publication *Resurgence* has become the leading voice for some of the crucial issues of our times.

**Rock star activist Paul McCartney says:** "Happy 50th anniversary *Resurgence*! My family and I have been involved in animal welfare and vegetarianism for many years now and would like to congratulate you for the good work you do for the planet and creatures who live in it. Best wishes for the future."

At 50, *Resurgence* has come of age because the ideals and causes it stands for have become increasingly relevant and mainstream. Edited by world renowned 'Peace Pilgrim' Satish Kumar for the last 43 years, the magazine has created a common vision for the once disparate green, social justice and wellbeing movements to work together in service to the Earth and all living beings. Bringing these groups together to celebrate 50 years of *Resurgence* in Oxford, the festival provides a unifying focus to build a strong movement of ecological sustainability, social equality and spiritual renewal, the three dimensions of a holistic vision.

Mark Goldring, Chief Executive of Oxfam GB says: "We are delighted to be partnering with Resurgence & Ecologist to support this exciting One Earth, One Humanity, One Future festival in Oxford, celebrating Resurgence's 50 years at the forefront of the green movement and exploring ways to bridge a more equitable and sustainable future."

**FESTIVAL BOOKING INFORMATION:** Tickets bought individually for each session/event cost £10.00 per booking; speaker sessions cost £10 per person; a £10 discount is available for all bookings of £50 or over. For further information visit: <a href="https://www.resurgence.org/R50event">www.resurgence.org/R50event</a> or call 01497 822 629 (9am-5pm Mon-Fri).

For further information about the One Earth One Humanity One Future festival, visit: <a href="https://www.resurgence.org/R50event">www.resurgence.org/R50event</a>

Satish Kumar, Greg Neale 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 21<sup>st</sup> September. To follow the pilgrimage visit
  <a href="https://www.resurgence.org/R50walk">www.resurgence.org/R50walk</a>
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