

Resurgence

Resurgence Summer Camp: 13–15 July 2018

Green & Away, The Fold, Bransford, Worcester WR6 5JB

Resurgence & Ecologist readers, writers, supporters and visionaries gather every year for a weekend at Green & Away inspirational eco-conference centre, near Worcester. This annual Summer Camp is an opportunity to hear talks, discuss ideas, participate in workshops and enjoy poetry, performance and music.

The theme of this year's Resurgence Summer Camp is 'Exploring creative ideas for change'. During this relaxed and informal camp we will explore how to take ideas from the page to reality to create the future that we aspire to.

The following people will be participating in the programme this year:

Speakers

Julian Abel: Compassionate Communities

Julian Abel is a consultant in palliative care and is Director of Compassionate Communities UK. His pioneering work has demonstrated the importance of warm, social interaction to human wellbeing and highlighted the urgent need to revive and sustain our community life. Building compassionate communities is a future cornerstone of our health care service, and Julian will shine a light on why this movement is so vital. The Compassionate Communities project featured in the March/April issue of *Resurgence & Ecologist*.

www.thegroundswellproject.com/julian-abel

Julian's talk will be followed by a **Conversation Café** enquiry around the theme 'Compassion is the best medicine', hosted by William Tooby, a founding director of The Fold CIC. The loose café structure, within small groups, will give us an opportunity to explore our shared and individual visions to go forward into practical solutions, acknowledging the challenges in our different lives.

Satish Kumar: Soil, Soul, Society

Satish Kumar, a former Jain monk and a peace and environment activist, has been quietly setting the global agenda for change for 50 years. In his book *Soil, Soul, Society: A New Trinity for Our Time*, Satish elucidates the eastern wisdom for the west. In his talk he will explore the idea that catering for the natural environment (Soil), maintaining personal wellbeing (Soul) and upholding human values (Society) are the moral imperatives of our time. A speaker of international acclaim, Satish draws on ancient wisdom to address current problems, delivering inspiring talks.

www.resurgence.org/satish-kumar/

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Jojo Mehta: Mission LifeForce: Justice for the Earth

Jojo Mehta is co-founder (with barrister and ecocide law expert Polly Higgins) of Mission LifeForce, the recently launched global campaign inviting Earth protectors around the world to help add ecocide to the list of international crimes at the International Criminal Court.

Jojo says: “My conscience tells me that recklessly harming the Earth is a crime. To recognise this is to act from that conscience to protect her, just as I would act to protect my children – and all our children. In truth it is one and the same, for this Earth is their future.”

missionlifeforce.org tinyurl.com/law-is-upside-down jojomehta.com

“So much of today’s sustainability talk has become very predictable – and even safe. That isn’t what you’ll get from Jojo, who tells it as it is, makes people think again, and offers radical new ideas for the very different world we now so urgently need.”

Jonathon Porritt

Brendan Montague: Systems Journalism

Brendan Montague is the editor of the Ecologist online. In this talk he will discuss how systems thinking can inform the questions journalists ask, and put forward ideas on how readers can support eco-journalism. He hopes to add something to the debate on how we can create an ecosystem for independent, interesting and challenging news in an era of ‘fake news’. He proposes that open systems, which have proven remarkably resilient, can provide inspiration for community organisations and help them thrive.

Brendan has worked for a wide variety of news organisations, from smaller environmental investigation websites to national Sunday newspapers. He has published a book with Oxford University Press on the networks of lobbyists influencing public policy and is currently avoiding writing a new book about systems thinking and social change.

tinyurl.com/ecologist-systems-journalism

Oliver Tickell: Marine Plastic Pollution – Holding Offenders Accountable

An environmental journalist and former editor of the Ecologist, Oliver Tickell has recently published a report, ‘International Law and Marine Plastic Pollution – Holding Offenders Accountable’. This reminds the world’s governments of their existing legal obligations to prevent waste plastic from entering the oceans. Every day there’s more bad news about plastic waste that’s littering the oceans, but the world’s response so far has been woefully inadequate to the scale and severity of the problem. Oliver is working to empower civil society to insist on rapid compliance with international law.

tinyurl.com/resurgence-ocean-plastic

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Music, performance, storytelling and poetry

Mobius Loop

Mobius Loop create gloriously eccentric gypsy folk stories, fusing world music and conscious rap with eruptions of free-form dance charged with an intimately powerful and intense energetic live performance. Mobius Loop are on a mission to raise positive vibrations, projecting an organic cooperative voice for humanist spirituality, vegan philosophy, grassroots philanthropy, true democracy and alchemical magic, in the name of Hemp Redemption and the infinite unknown. mobiusloop.co.uk/ tinyurl.com/mobius-loop-five-fifteen

Awantika Dubey: Classical Indian *Raga* and dance

Awantika Dubey sings classical Indian *raga* and semi-classical and Bundeli folk songs, of which she has collected some 2,000 from around her home town of Khajuraho. She is an exceptional Kathak dancer. She won the University Youth Festival of Indian Classical Vocal competition and regularly sings on All India Radio. She sensitively combines song and dance and is inspired by Nature. She founded the Awantika Arts Centre for Music and Dance in Khajuraho, where she trains students. Awantika composes, performs and directs internationally. www.awantikaarts.in tinyurl.com/awantika-bundeli

Sally Pomme Clayton: A Universe of Stories

Sally Pomme Clayton is an award-winning writer and performance storyteller and co-founder of The Company of Storytellers. She tours internationally and has performed with the London Philharmonic Orchestra, Welsh National Opera and the London Sinfonietta.

Come and hear enchanting and enchanted stories that explore the deep and enduring value of the oral tradition. Enter a world of wonder and enquiry with her as she combines poetic language, startling imagery, playful humour, gesture, song and strange, atmospheric musical sounds.

Sally has published ten children's books. She was commissioned by The British Museum to write and perform stories for the project *A History of the World in 100 Objects*. She also writes for radio and theatre.

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Matt Harvey

Matt Harvey's way with words has taken him from Totnes to the Wimbledon Tennis Championships via *Saturday Live* and the Edinburgh Festival. Describing himself as writer, poet, and enemy of all that's difficult and upsetting, he hosted *Wondermentalist* – Radio 4's comedy-infused, musically enhanced interactive poetry cabaret – and is the author of *The Hole in the Sum of my Parts* (Poetry Trust, 2005), *Where Earwigs Dare* (Green Books, 2010) and *The Element in the Room: Poems Inspired by Renewable Energy* (Quixotic Press, 2014). He writes a regular column in *Resurgence & Ecologist*.

mattharvey.co.uk

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Workshops

Nature Printing: Emily Martin & Rachel Marsh

Emily Martin is the assistant editor at *Resurgence & Ecologist*, and patterned fabric nerd. Rachel Marsh is the graphic designer at *Resurgence & Ecologist*, and letterpress print weirdo.

Celebrate the beauty of Nature and get your hands gloriously inky with a Nature printing workshop. We'll be using leaves, feathers, grasses, twigs and possibly the peelings from the compost to print up squares of fabric. Then we'll be sewing them into bunting to celebrate Resurgence Summer Camp. All materials provided, but do bring something to print. Spend as long as you like or just drop in to join us – but we promise you'll be hooked in no time.

www.semplepress.co.uk/about

Random Acts of Kindness: Julian Wood

Julian Wood will share his experience of setting up the Random Acts of Kindness Bristol Collective. Daily life gives us countless opportunities to live thoughtfully and tenderly. In this workshop, we will share creative ideas on how to make our kindness and love more visible in our communities and lives every day. No skills needed – just a kind and open heart.

tinyurl.com/julian-wood-random-acts

Sound Journey and Yoga: Jennie Dodd

Jennie Dodd's passion lies in teaching yoga, relaxation classes and dance from a converted barn in North Devon. She is a Post Graduate Secondary Dance Teacher with a BA (Hons) in Dance and Related Arts. Her yoga teacher training was at Chandra Yoga.

Sound bathing allows you to switch off from everyday worries and float away into a world of healing and sound waves. Relax to the sound of crystal and Himalayan singing bowls, gongs and therapeutic percussion. A unique and live experience. Please bring pillows, cushions, blankets – anything that will make your sound bathing experience super-blissful.

nimblelimbs.com/about-jennie/

Voice Workshop: William Tooby & Awantika Dubey

William Tooby is a founding director of The Fold CIC. He is an eco-facilitator and a voice coach passionate about singing *raga*. Originally drawn to India to better understand music in the seventies before becoming an organic farmer, he went on to sing a cappella with various groups before focusing on *raga*. He loves to facilitate others in finding their own unique and embodied voice.

www.thefold.org.uk/about-us/our-team/

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Please wear loose comfortable clothes. Max. 21 people.

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Wild Woodland Walk: Louise Robinson & Richard Hutton

Louise Robinson worked in the teaching and education sector for 20 years and now works creatively as a freelance organic hairdresser, gardener and writer.

Richard Hutton has spent over 20 years working in environmental conservation and education in Greater London, developing and implementing woodland and habitat management and volunteer engagement, and providing enrichment activities for schools in his outdoor classroom throughout the year, assisted by Louise.

Join a guided walk through the lush woodland around the campsite. Take time to relax, enjoy and connect with Nature while broadening your knowledge about trees and wildlife. Richard and Louise are passionate about Nature and inspiring others to love and respect it through fun, stimulating, educational activities that aim to leave a lasting memory.

Yoga: Joanna Al-Zuhairi

Joanna is a mental health nurse, yoga teacher, homeopath and meditator. As a mental health nurse she organises stress management classes and spiritual mental health workshops. Joanna has taught yoga for 15 years in various settings: health clubs, mental health groups and private classes.

<http://naturelax.co.uk/facilitator.php>

Open Space Sessions

Open Space is an opportunity to work together with whatever comes up from our weekend. You can choose to offer sessions or to attend sessions, which can be on something you are passionate about (for instance no-dig gardening or a Nature walk), or perhaps a continuation of a talk or workshop that people would like to explore further. If you have something that you would like to share, come along and participate in an interactive session. If there's something you'd really like to know about, you can suggest a topic and see what emerges.

Open Mic around the Fire

This year we're holding an acoustic open mic session around the fire. This is your chance to share a song, dance, sing, or perform solo or with friends. Bring instruments, a poem, a song and join in the entertainment.

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