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RECONNECTING WITH THE LIVING PLANET
The Resurgence Trust

James Sainsbury, chair of The Resurgence Trust writes:



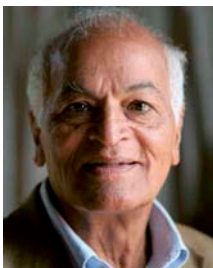
It is so important now for Resurgence to seize the moment. We all know that we have a very short window in which to save the world from the most extreme and catastrophic climate change, injustice, biodiversity loss and pollution.

Resurgence was well ahead of its time for many years. Now it is just one small part of a huge and fast-growing movement, led principally by the youngest generations.

It still has a very important contribution to make, however, by providing a rich philosophical

and spiritual underpinning for all the changes of mind, of heart and of action that are needed; by being a positive, optimistic, encouraging voice; by repeating that we can base our actions on love for Nature rather than fear of doom; by providing added impetus and also a platform, a hub and a clearing house for good ideas; by spreading Satish's unique inspiring voice and great wisdom; and by helping to build the strongest possible community of like-minded people all around the world.

Satish Kumar, editor emeritus, Resurgence & Ecologist writes:



We are reaching a tipping point. Many people are realising the urgency of the climate crisis. But The Resurgence Trust, through its many activities, is reminding the world that in order to address the climate crisis we need to change our attitude towards Nature. Nature is not merely a resource for the economy: Nature is the source of life. Such groundbreaking ideas represented by Resurgence are more relevant

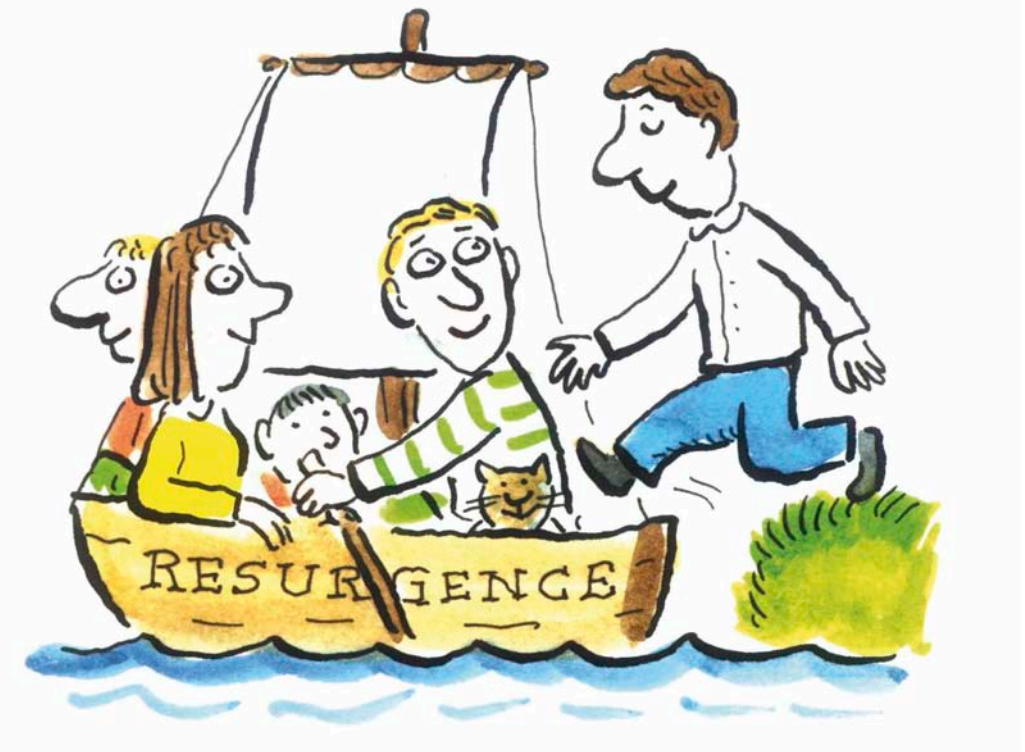
and needed today than ever before. When one supports Resurgence one is helping a wide-ranging environmental and social movement for regeneration and renewal. Moreover, Resurgence reminds people that the environmental movement should not be driven by fear. We must act for the wellbeing of people and the planet Earth out of our love for life. The power of love is stronger than the force of fear.

TRUSTEES

The Resurgence Trust has a committed group of active trustees:

James Sainsbury (chair), Josephine Amankwah, Dick Baker, Sandy Brown, Herbert Girardet, James P. Graham, Rowan Mataram, Christabel Reed and Ruby Reed

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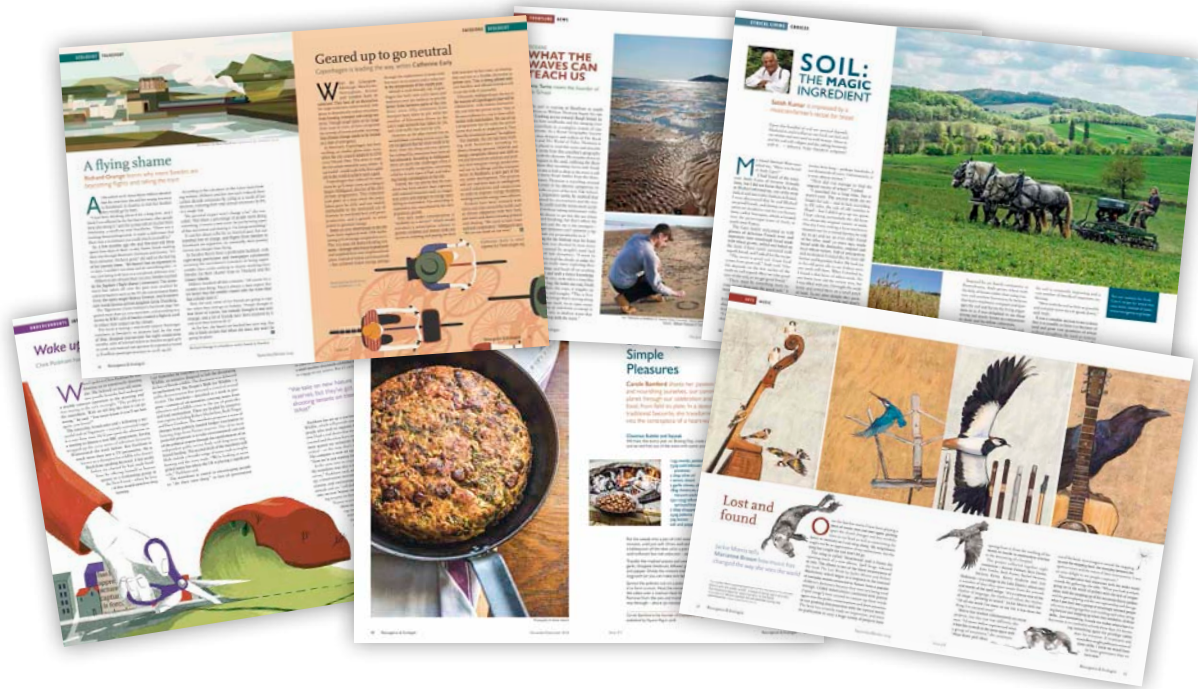
The Resurgence Trust is a UK-based educational charity that promotes ecological sustainability, social justice and ethical living. It was created to further the educational work of *Resurgence* magazine, which was founded in 1966. The Resurgence Trust aims to find positive solutions to the global challenges of today.

The charity was established in 2006 with the key objective of advancing education and learning in the areas of conservation, protection and improvement of the natural environment, arts, culture, spirituality and human values.

The aim of The Resurgence Trust is to foster a greater connection to Nature in order to enhance personal wellbeing, support resilient communities and inform social change towards regenerative societies that enrich rather than deplete our natural environment.

The Resurgence Trust has a vision for a world where individuals feel ease and connection between mind and body, between self and community, and between society and Nature. Society will have at its heart a love of Nature and respect for the Earth. We will appreciate fully that humans are part of Nature and that being connected to Nature is part of being human.

Through implementing the Trust's charitable objectives, we aim to raise awareness of the need and the opportunities for positive change, inspire action and facilitate dialogue and debate.



The Resurgence Trust publishes *Resurgence & Ecologist* magazine six times a year, runs The Ecologist website as a free service, and hosts regular national and local events. It founded and is now based at the Resurgence Centre for environmental education in Hartland, north Devon, which opened in May this year.

Resurgence & Ecologist magazine

Launched over 50 years ago as *Resurgence* by John Papworth, a radical Anglican campaigner on peace and civil rights issues, the magazine enjoyed the support of a small but influential group of writers, artists and thinkers, including the economists Leopold Kohr and E.F. Schumacher, whose “small is

beautiful” theories continue to be a mainstay of our philosophy.

The bi-monthly magazine adopted its present title after *Resurgence* merged with *The Ecologist* in 2012. The magazine exemplifies our concerns for the issues of environment, social justice, ethical living and the arts.

During the last year, the magazine has included a number of interviews with high-profile people, including, in the May/June issue, naturalist and broadcaster Chris Packham, who talked to *Resurgence & Ecologist* editor Marianne Brown about how the purpose of his People’s Manifesto for Wildlife is to “shake a fist” at the conservation movement and prompt change. We also featured a conversation with barrister and activist Polly Higgins, who died shortly before we went to print.

In the July/August issue we ran an interview with former Irish president Mary Robinson, who praised the depth of feeling and energy fuelling the school strikes. “We need to listen and learn from the passion of our young people,” she said, “and show them that there is indeed a way for our political and economic systems to meet their cries for action.”

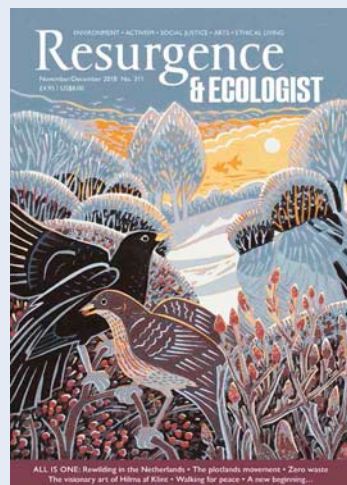
To mark Extinction Rebellion’s April actions we featured an article by Mothiur Rahman, a member of the movement’s political strategy team in the UK. He wrote that the struggle for a better future can bring us closer together. By locking arms with others and risking arrest for the lives of strangers, we disrupt patterns of selfishness set by neoliberalism. To mark the general strike called for by Greta Thunberg and the Fridays For Future movement, we ran two articles in our September/October issue, one by writer and climate activist Jonathan Neale, who gives advice for people who wish to join the strike, and one by 19-year-old Mahmudul Hassan, one of the organisers of Fridays For Future Bangladesh.

Membership

Members of The Resurgence Trust receive six copies of the magazine each year. The Resurgence Trust has over 6,200 members, and our intention is to grow the membership over the coming years.

Resurgence archives

Our members have free online access to 54 years of timeless articles from *Resurgence* – now *Resurgence & Ecologist* – magazine.



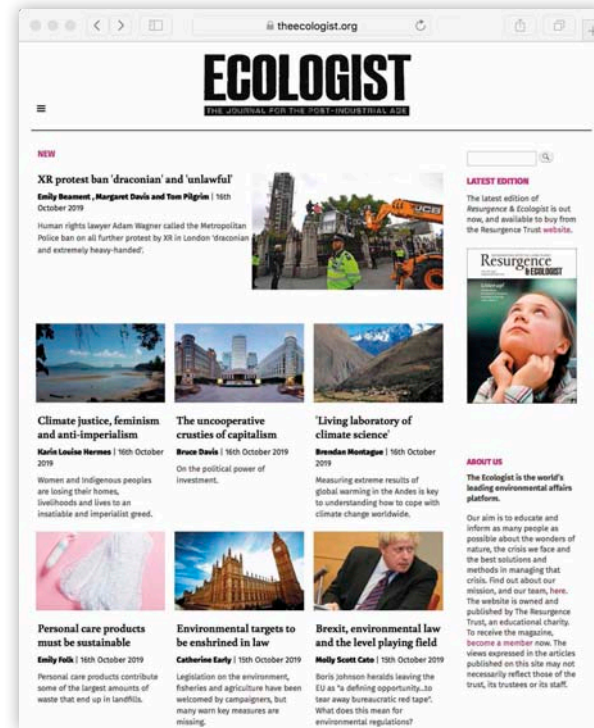
The Ecologist website (www.theecologist.org)

The Ecologist magazine was founded by Edward Goldsmith in 1970. Its successor, The Ecologist website, is managed by The Resurgence Trust. The Ecologist supports and enhances the educational remit of the charity by providing up-to-date, independent information on environmental issues. It enables us to reach a wider and more international public audience and has dramatically increased our online presence.

Updated with articles daily, the website provides news and analysis on key environmental issues, including climate change, farming, energy, food, health and ethical living. Through raising awareness of these issues, The Ecologist plays a vital role in building a movement for change and is an important bridge back to the work of The Resurgence Trust.

In the last 12 months The Ecologist has had 2.5 million page views, a 50% increase on the previous year. It has 138,000 followers on Twitter and 255,000 likes on Facebook.

The Ecologist has been extending its outreach through a presence at events. For example, in July, together with *Resurgence & Ecologist* it was well represented and received an extremely warm reception at the Timber festival, where Brendan Montague, the editor, gave a talk on Nature stories – discussing human evolution, economics and the different value sets of scarcity/competition and abundance/cooperation – on the main events stage. Brendan also chaired two well-attended ‘What the papers say’ sessions and a session on rewilding.



Elizabeth Wainwright, contributing editor of The Ecologist, curated a Nature writing workshop, chaired a meeting of young activists, and gave a presentation about trees and networks. Each was attended by about 200 people. The feedback was that the talks provided a welcome ‘cerebral’ element to the festival, and that people really liked the emphasis on audience participation. Five hundred copies of *Resurgence & Ecologist* were distributed. These were very well received, with positive comments about both design and content, and people were reading them across the festival site.

The Ecologist archives

All the articles from The Ecologist are available in an online archive. This provides a tremendously important resource for study and information for the present and future generations.

The Resurgence Centre for Education, the Environment and Arts

The new Resurgence Centre in Hartland, Devon, was opened in May by environmentalist, food campaigner and chef Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall. The Centre, with its carbon-negative rating, eco-refurbishment and forest garden, reflects our commitment to living well within a regenerative economy.

We have transformed the chapel at the former Small School into an education, environmental and arts centre. The Resurgence Centre will be a focal point for learning and activities about the environment – raising awareness of ecological issues and promoting sustainability locally, regionally and nationally. The Resurgence Trust is creating a centre of excellence within the North Devon UNESCO Biosphere Reserve that will serve as a forum for sharing innovative ideas with a global impact.





An important part of the work of The Resurgence Trust is its thriving programme of events, which take place throughout the year. Members of The Resurgence Trust are invited to all these events, which are open to all.

Resurgence Talks

Taking place in London on the last Wednesday of each month, Resurgence Talks are held in partnership with 42 Acres Shoreditch. Speakers in the last year have included Siân Berry, co-leader of the Green Party, Sarah Corbett, founding director of the global Craftivist Collective, Tim Smit, co-founder of the Eden Project, and Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury.

Since the talks began in March 2017, over 1,000 like-minded people have attended them, creating a London community to explore the ideas of The Resurgence Trust.

Resurgence Festival of Wellbeing

Now in its 9th year, Resurgence's day-long event in London brings together experts in their fields to explore wellbeing in its widest sense. Speakers have included Monty Don, Caroline Lucas, Ben Okri, Ruth Padel, Vandana Shiva and Rowan Williams.

Last year's sold-out event took place at Rudolf Steiner House. It featured, amongst others, Louise Chester of Mindfulness at Work, performance poet Mr Gee, William Sieghart's Poetry Pharmacy, and neuroscientist Hannah Critchlow.

Summer Camp

Resurgence's annual summer camp is a weekend of inspiring talks, workshops, music, storytelling, poetry and craft that brings the ideas and ethos of *Resurgence @ Ecologist* to life in the beautiful Worcestershire countryside.

The camps have been running for over 20 years, and more than 2,000 people have enjoyed the unique and inspirational atmosphere.

This year's event took place from 12 to 14 July and was attended by over 100 people. Speakers and performers included author and campaigner Natalie Fee, cultural ecologist Herbie Girardet, and multimedia artist Sika.



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Satish Kumar's Ambassador programme

Satish Kumar is the global ambassador of Resurgence Trust. He constantly promotes, articulates and illuminates the vision and values of the charity, which include global sustainability, spirituality and social harmony.

His new book *Elegant Simplicity* represents the philosophy of Resurgence. He continues to lecture at Schumacher College as well as to national and international audiences. During the past year, with the support of The Resurgence Trust, he has travelled to Hong Kong, India, Thailand, Spain, France, Belgium and Bhutan spreading the Resurgence message. His holistic vision, described in his book, is formulated in the trinity of Soil, Soul and Society.

Partnerships

The number of partners of The Resurgence Trust continues to grow. These include the Network of Wellbeing, which actively supports the charity's annual Festival of Wellbeing, and 42 Acres, which is an

organisational partner of the monthly Resurgence Talks.

Informal partners include Action for Happiness, the Museum of Happiness, LUSH, Oxfam and Rudolf Steiner House.

The Resurgence Trust is an active member of the Plastic Free North Devon consortium and a partner organisation of the North Devon Biosphere Reserve, as well as working closely with Devon Wildlife Trust.

Volunteers

The Resurgence Trust is a very small charity that depends on the goodwill and support of many individuals. These include volunteers who support the charity at its various events, including Summer Camp, the Festival of Wellbeing and the annual Fundraising Dinner.

We are immensely grateful to these volunteers and delighted that they continue to be part of the Resurgence family.

If you would like to volunteer at any of the charity's London events, please email Sharon Garfinkel: sharon@resurgence.org

If you would like to volunteer at any other Resurgence event, please email Angie Burke: angie@resurgence.org

The work of the Trust

The Resurgence Trust continues to develop its programme of environmental educational activities while maintaining a solid financial base.

The magazine and websites are widely read for their independence and quality of information.

The events held by The Resurgence Trust continue to be successful, with over 1,000 attendees participating each year.

The Resurgence Trust is a much-needed voice in these challenging times.



"I have been deeply connected with Resurgence & Ecologist over the years. There is no other magazine that covers the issues of our times, with truth and beauty, with courage and creativity. Resurgence & Ecologist is sowing the seeds of hope, of freedom, of the joy of living."

– Vandana Shiva, author and activist

The future

The Resurgence Trust is excited about the future. It is intent on continuing what it does best and to educate, inform, engage and inspire future generations about the environment, activism, social justice, arts and ethical living.

How can you support The Resurgence Trust?

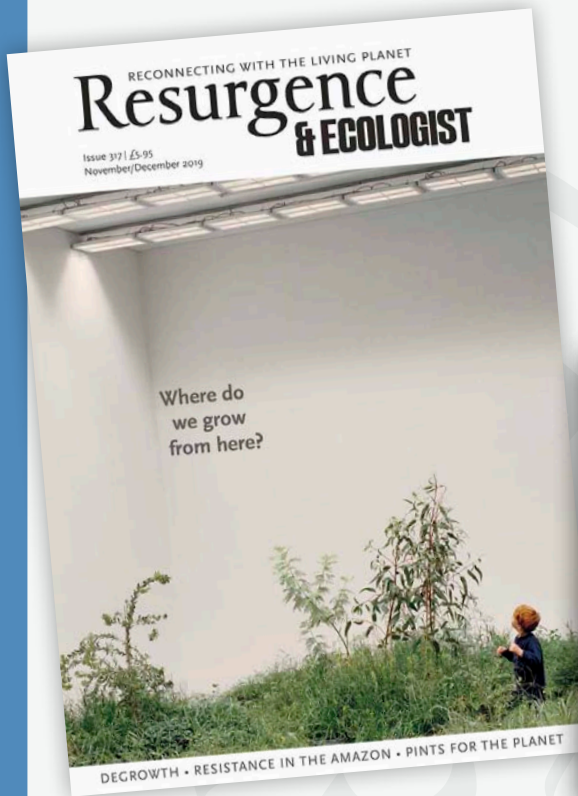
- ☞ By making a one-off donation
- ☞ By making an annual donation
- ☞ By leaving a legacy
- ☞ By becoming a member or giving a gift membership

For further details of how you can support The Resurgence Trust, visit www.resurgence.org/support

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