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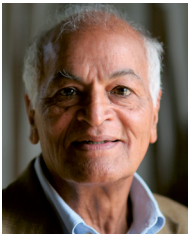
RECONNECTING WITH THE LIVING PLANET
The Resurgence Trust

James Sainsbury, chair of The Resurgence Trust writes:



This very difficult time of Covid-19 has shown us all more forcefully than ever that we must learn again to live in harmony with Nature or face catastrophe on many fronts. The belief that we can somehow conquer and separate ourselves from Nature is the purest and most dangerous folly. The message and mission of Resurgence could not be more timely and important. Please support our work and that of the environmental movement in any way that you can.

Satish Kumar, editor emeritus, *Resurgence* & *Ecologist* writes:



The activities and programmes of The Resurgence Trust work at a subtle level. The Trust acts to transform human consciousness so that all our thoughts and actions lead to enhancement and celebration of the magnificent and precious planet Earth. The Resurgence Trust works to bring about inner transformation to nurture personal wellbeing and spiritual fulfilment as well as outer transformation to promote ecological sustainability and social solidarity. The Trust represents a holistic perspective of life.

Trustees

The Resurgence Trust has a committed group of active trustees: James Sainsbury (chair), Dick Baker, Sandy Brown, Herbert Girardet, Rowan Mataram, Christabel Reed, Ruby Reed and Josephine Amankwah-Seagrim.

What does the Resurgence Trust do?

The Resurgence Trust's work can be divided into six areas:

- 👉 Publishing *Resurgence* & *Ecologist* magazine six times a year
- 👉 Running *The Ecologist* website as a free service
- 👉 Events (live and online)
- 👉 The Resurgence Centre in Hartland, North Devon
- 👉 Outreach
- 👉 Satish Kumar's Global Ambassador programme



The Resurgence Trust is an environmental, educational charity whose key objective is to advance the education of the public in the areas of conservation, protection and improvement of the natural environment globally, arts, culture, spirituality and human values.

The Trust aims 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.

Empathy and compassion, regeneration and optimism, integrity and justice are values at the heart of the charity's work.

The Resurgence Trust has a vision for a world where individuals feel 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.

We are living in a time of crisis, and The Resurgence Trust's message is needed more than ever so that the disconnection between natural systems and economic systems at a global level can be addressed. The solutions are rooted in rebuilding connections, and The Resurgence Trust's message is of vital importance within this.



Resurgence & Ecologist magazine

Over the past year, *Resurgence & Ecologist* has been seeking to help people outside our usual readership to connect with the living planet, and to challenge our traditional readership to think about environmental themes from a fresh perspective.

We have been featuring new and diverse voices in the magazine. These include 18-year-old Mya-Rose Craig (Birdgirl), who has written about racist attitudes to people from visible ethnic minorities in the countryside (Issue 317) and colonialism in the conservation industry (Issue 320). We have also sought to connect with more writers from the global south to share their perspectives on global environmental issues that might challenge the dominant narrative in western countries. These

include Vandana K's interview with activist Ridhima Pandey, who questions why she has been dubbed 'India's Greta Thunberg' in the western press (Issue 320). We have also been seeking to include more first-person Indigenous viewpoints in the magazine. These include *The Right to Life*, in which two writers from Brazil describe how the Achuaco people maintain balance with the whole of Nature (Issue 319), and *Becoming Family with Place*, written by a group of Indigenous Australians (Issue 322).

To create a more interactive platform for readers, particularly during lockdown, Marianne Brown, the magazine's editor, started a free monthly *Resurgence & Ecologist* book club in May. The meetings are open to all and consist of a 30-minute Q&A with an author, followed by a discussion. Each author has featured in the magazine.

In common with the *Resurgence* groups in the UK and around the world, the new online *Resurgence* group, which had its first meeting in August, offers readers an opportunity to share ideas and discuss themes covered in the magazine.

Membership

Members of The *Resurgence* Trust receive six print or digital copies of *Resurgence & Ecologist* magazine each year. Membership supports all our programmes and educational work, enabling us to inform and inspire worldviews and promote ecological regeneration, social justice and spiritual renewal. The *Resurgence* Trust has over 6,500 members and we are most grateful for their support.

Resurgence archives

Members have free digital access to our timeless archive, which includes every issue of *Resurgence & Ecologist* (2012–current), *Resurgence* (1966–2012) and *The Ecologist* (1970–2012). This extensive collection provides both a contemporary and a retrospective analysis of the most pressing issues of our time and offers solutions that have the power to create change.



Feedback from readers...

I am writing to express my appreciation for this latest issue of *Resurgence & Ecologist* (July/August 2020). In every issue I find something that touches me, but this one held the balance between inspiring commentaries and analyses of our current state of the Earth, and accounts of particular practical activities and projects that are heart-warming antidotes to all the bad news that comes at us.

Wendy Stayte
(via email)

TWITTER

Grace Garland

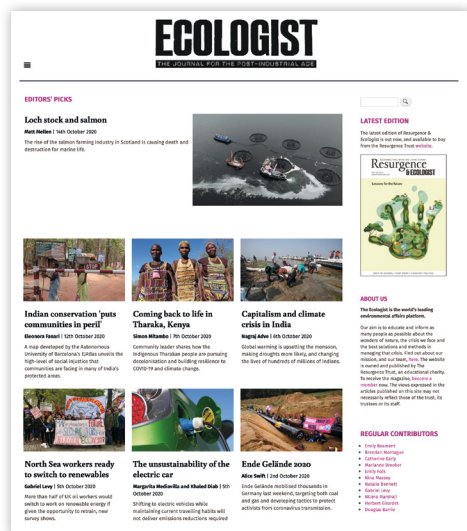
Just started a year's online subscription to *Resurgence & Ecologist* (@Resurgence_mag)... WHAT a beautiful message delivered in such a beautiful way.

TWITTER

Lesley Mason

#30DaysWild day 24 has necessarily been spent at my desk, so today's little escape into the wild will have to come from @Resurgence_mag – a delight when that drops through the letterbox.

The Ecologist website (www.theecologist.org)



The Ecologist magazine was founded by Edward Goldsmith in 1970. Its successor, The Ecologist website (www.theecologist.org), supports and enhances the educational remit of the charity by providing up-to-date, independent information on environmental issues, including climate, farming, energy, food, health and ethical living.

The website has had 3.5 million page views in the last 12 months, a 40% increase on the previous year. The number of new users of the site has increased by 56.7% in the same period and there has been a 40% rise in traffic in the three years since Brendan Montague was appointed editor.

This year has seen the single most successful article at The Ecologist since its launch online. The story 'Vegan diet can stop future pandemics' has been read 240,000 times since May this year. The second most

popular story this year, 'Soya's deadly secret', has been read 22,000 times, while 'Eating animals will be the death of us' has been visited 20,000 times. This shows that there is a strong interest in a plant-based diet amongst our readers and underlines the importance of our close working relationship with Viva!, The Vegan Society and PETA.

We have offered Ecologist readers a new service of daily, weekly and monthly newsletters, with a total online subscription audience of almost 25,000 readers.

The task of the global environmental movement is ever more urgent, and The Ecologist has an important part to play within it.

The Ecologist archive

All the issues of The Ecologist magazine are in the Resurgence digital archive. This is a wonderful resource for present and future generations looking to deepen their environmental knowledge. The archive is available online to all members of The Resurgence Trust.



“I am a very keen supporter of Resurgence and feel now more than ever before that the sort of vision Resurgence seeks to champion, of a world governed by an understanding of regeneration as being a fundamental law of Nature rather than a lifestyle choice, is bang on the money. After 50 years of being considered ‘alternative’, Resurgence is at last being seen as Alternative!

I wholeheartedly endorse the notion of a broad range of views drawn together under a common flag, because our movement only has strength in diversity. The Resurgence requirement for there to be no dogma save care for the planet and living within its boundaries as best we can analyse those, is a powerful one. Everything else is cultural variation.”

Tim Smit, co-founder of the Eden Project



Resurgence Summer Camp 2019
Photographs by Henry Kenyon

A crucial part of the organisation's work is its varied educational programme of activities and events. The Resurgence Trust has adapted to the challenges brought by Covid-19 and is now holding regular events online.

Unfortunately, this year's Summer Camp had to be cancelled because of the pandemic. We are hoping to celebrating our 21st Resurgence Summer Camp at Green & Away over the weekend of 2–4 July 2021.

Until March 2020, Resurgence Talks took place in London on the last Wednesday of each month in partnership with 42 Acres. Speakers included economist and author Dieter Helm and healing voice expert Jill Purce.

These talks are currently taking place over Zoom, and recent speakers have included author Charles Eisenstein, editor emeritus of Resurgence & Ecologist Satish Kumar, CEO of Synchronicity Earth Kirsty Schneeberger, and co-founder and director of Action for Happiness Mark Williamson.

Last year's Festival of Wellbeing, held at Rudolf Steiner House, London, was a huge sell-out success, with speakers including BBC presenter Tom Heap, UK Student Climate Network representative Noga Levy-Rapoport, Master of Pembroke College, Cambridge Chris Smith, rewilding expert Isabella Tree and author Raynor Winn.

This year's Festival of Wellbeing took place via Zoom and marked the 50th anniversary of the founding of The Ecologist. The stellar line-up included founder of Eco-Age Livia Firth, conservationist Bella Lack, professor of food policy Tim Lang, co-founder of Action for Happiness Richard Layard, co-founder of the Eden Project Tim Smit, Buddhist monk and author Gelong Thubten, and psychotherapist and author Mark Vernon.

The charity is very grateful to the sponsors of the Festival of Wellbeing, including the Network of Wellbeing.



The Resurgence Centre

Since opening in 2019, The Resurgence Centre in Hartland, north Devon has hosted a range of events, including theatre, art classes, a live music gig and inspiring talks. We held an open day and invited local children to take part in vegan cookery, gardening and music workshops.

Satish Kumar's Spiritual Talks series began with 'The Power of Love' on St Valentine's Eve 2020. Subsequent talks have taken place online via Zoom. They were filmed in our own Resurgence TV studio and have attracted a global audience.

Resurgence readers' groups and the book club are now meeting regularly online to share ideas on environmental issues, climate change, sustainability, art, ecology, and more.

We hosted our first online course with low-carbon-living expert Mukti Mitchell.

'An Introduction to Reaching Carbon Neutrality' explained the foundations of how we can reach carbon neutrality and the roles organisations and individuals can play in this transition. Attendees had the opportunity to calculate their own carbon footprints and talk through ideas for behaviour change.

We also ran a 'Balanced Beekeeping' course taught by Phil Chandler, an experienced beekeeper with a depth of knowledge. This course focused on the top bar hive and how this wonderful design can help people to keep bees in an organic way, balanced with the needs of the bees and the environment.

The events programme is regularly updated and can be viewed at www.resurgenceevents.org



Satish Kumar's Ambassador programme

Satish edited *Resurgence* magazine for 43 years, from 1973 to 2016. He is now editor emeritus. With his background in Gandhian philosophy, he adds the ideals of nonviolence and spirituality to the global environmental movement.

He constantly promotes, articulates and illuminates the vision and values of The Resurgence Trust, which include global sustainability, spirituality and social harmony. His latest book, *Elegant Simplicity*, represents the philosophy that underpins Resurgence.

Satish is an inspirational speaker and writer, reminding people of the paramount importance of holistic thinking, unity of life, deep ecology and reverential ecology. At The Resurgence Centre we have organised Satish's talks on spiritual themes such as Love, Forgiveness and Humility. Satish is a regular speaker at the Resurgence Festival of Wellbeing and in our series of Resurgence Talks.

Satish's wisdom is formulated in the trinity of Soil, Soul and Society. He regularly contributes articles to *Resurgence & Ecologist* magazine, and whilst the majority of his trips have been cancelled this year because of the pandemic, he continues to give talks via online platforms to a range of organisations, including UPLIFT and Synchronicity Earth.

Beyond 2020

The Resurgence Trust is continuously evolving to meet the many complex challenges in which we find ourselves.

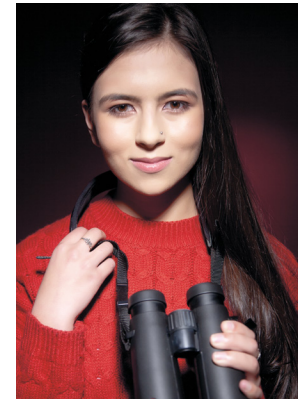
This year's mighty challenge has been Coronavirus and so far we have been bearing up well, despite the enormous uncertainties it continues to bring.

If anything, the pandemic is showing that the work of Resurgence is more relevant than ever before and is valued

for its independence and quality of information.

Resurgence remains a unique charity focusing on issues including the environment, social justice, arts, activism and ethical living.

The Resurgence Trust appreciates enormously the friendship from its many supporters. If you can help in any way, then do please make contact.



"I have been working with The Resurgence Trust for over a year and as a minority ethnic person I have found them enormously supportive. They have published an article I wrote about the origins of conservation, how it was based on racism and how this still manifests itself in the treatment of Indigenous peoples, and also a piece on racism within conservation. These are topics that most other publications do not want to touch on."

Mya-Rose Craig, (Birdgirl)

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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