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## BRITAIN'S PEACE PILGRIM REACHES OXFORD ON INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

**80 year-old Satish Kumar ends 50-mile walk on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, raising the curtain on the One Earth One Humanity One Future festival**

**Photocall 3pm @ Oxfam Shop, 17 Broad Street, Oxford OX1 3AS**

**Featuring: Satish Kumar; Andrew Horton - Director of Trading, Oxfam GB; Jack Lundie - Director of Communications, Oxfam GB; Rosalind Turner - Pilgrimage Organiser; 40 walkers!**

Veteran peace pilgrim Satish Kumar, who once famously walked 8000 miles for peace from India to the USA, will complete a 50-mile pilgrimage from the source of the River Thames to Oxford tomorrow, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

Arriving in the city on the [International Day of Peace](#), with walk organiser Rosalind Turner and 40 fellow walkers, Satish's pilgrimage will finish at the first Oxfam Shop on Broad Street at 3pm.

Satish, who turned 80 last month, is making the pilgrimage to fly the flag for a more sustainable world and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of [Resurgence](#) (*Resurgence & Ecologist* since 2012), the UK's longest standing environmental magazine, which he edited for 43 years before recently stepping down from his editorial role (he continues to manage the Resurgence Trust).

Reaching Oxford, the walk will raise the curtain on the 'Resurgence 50' celebration festival – "[One Earth, One Humanity, One Future](#)" - which is assembling 50 plus international speakers at Worcester College to share ideas for building a sustainable future, from Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

Satish Kumar says: "It is very fitting that we finish our pilgrimage on the International Day of Peace. *Resurgence* began life as a peace publication before expanding its remit to cover the environment, social justice, spiritual wellbeing and many other good causes. So peace is the umbrella which includes all these other elements. Peace is not just about avoiding war, it's a way of life, inviting us to look after ourselves, each other and the earth we live on. And our One Earth, One Humanity, One Future festival this weekend will explore how we can all play our part in building a more peaceful world in this way."

Andrew Horton, Director of Trading at Oxfam GB, who are partnering with *Resurgence* to stage the One Earth One Humanity One Future festival, says: "I'm very much looking forward to joining Satish for the last day of his pilgrimage, and we're delighted the walk will be finishing at the first Oxfam shop. Like *Resurgence*, Oxfam also started life rooted in peace, when in 1942, it campaigned for the relaxation of the Allied blockade in occupied Europe to ensure the delivery of aid to civilians.

"Oxfam is honoured to be supporting the One Earth One Humanity One Future festival, celebrating *Resurgence's* 50 years at the forefront of environmental change, and sharing insights and inspiration for building a just and resilient future for the next 50 years and beyond."

During their pilgrimage, Satish Kumar and his fellow walkers have, each day, observed a short ritual to acknowledge the importance of Nature and the environment. Satish said: "We walkers would like to send a message that we must all remember to respect and protect the four symbolic elements of earth, air, fire and water on which life depends. Technology, science, politics and economics – however important, these are really all the icing on the cake. The cake itself is the four natural elements. What good is the icing if we have no cake?"

With 40 peace walkers and the general public gathered outside the Oxfam shop at 3pm tomorrow, Satish Kumar and Andrew Horton will say a few words and Satish will lead a prayer for peace.

The One Earth, One Humanity, One Future festival will then begin on Thursday at 7pm with a launch event featuring a "Quest for Harmony" video address from HRH the Prince of Wales, and talks by Indian activist Vandana Shiva and film maker Lord David Puttnam.

Featuring leading figures from the world's green and social justice movements, from John Sauven CEO of Greenpeace and Green MP Caroline Lucas, to environmental writer George Monbiot and peace activist Scilla Elworthy - as well as US rapper Prince Ea and a vibrant roster of musicians, poets and artists - many of the festival's events have now sold out, so book your tickets fast!

### **Satish Kumar and Andrew Horton are available for interview**

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#### **Notes to Editors:**

- A full *Resurgence 50* Press Pack complete with images is available at [www.resurgence.org/R50press](http://www.resurgence.org/R50press)
- For more details about the pilgrimage, visit [www.resurgence.org/R50walk](http://www.resurgence.org/R50walk)
- Programme & tickets for *Resurgence's* 'One Earth, One Humanity, One Future' 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event in Oxford, 22nd-25th September, are available on the *Resurgence* website: [www.resurgence.org/R50event](http://www.resurgence.org/R50event)
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