

Resurgence celebrates 50 years as UK's longest standing green magazine

50th Birthday Event on Thursday 5th May, 6.30pm till 8.30pm

At the Rebecca Hossack Art Gallery 2a Conway Street, Fitzroy Square, London W1T 6BA

Featuring short talks from Satish Kumar, Jonathon Porritt and other speakers

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Programme & tickets for the special R50 anniversary 'One Earth, One Humanity, One Future' event at Worcester College, Oxford, 22nd-25th September, go live on Thursday 5th May

<u>Resurgence</u> magazine – now called *Resurgence & Ecologist* - is delighted to be celebrating 50 years as the UK's longest standing green magazine with an inaugural private event on Thursday 5th May (6.30-8.30pm) at the Rebecca Hossack Art Gallery, near Fitzroy Square in London, W1.

On the same day, the <u>Resurgence website</u> will also unveil the eagerly anticipated programme for its special three day 50th anniversary event at Worcester College in Oxford, 22nd-25th September, entitled <u>'One Earth, One Humanity,</u> <u>One Future'</u>; featuring 50 plus international speakers, the momentous event will share cutting edge ideas and inspiration for creating a fairer, more sustainable and resilient world.

Satish Kumar, Editor-in-Chief of Resurgence & Ecologist, who has edited Resurgence for 43 years, says:

"The celebration of Resurgence's 50th anniversary is the celebration of 50 years of the green movement. The magazine has managed to flourish for the past five decades thanks to the good will and support of the environment and social justice movements across Britain and around the world. It is my hope that Resurgence & Ecologist will continue to be the flagship for these critical movements, helping to create an ecologically balanced and spiritually fulfilling future for humanity, for the next 50 years to come."

Resurgence's 50th birthday event in London on Thursday – which will feature short speeches by Satish Kumar, leading environmentalist Jonathon Porritt and others – will be attended by leaders and activists from the green and social justice movements, who will gather to pay tribute to a magazine whose time has come. Having begun life amid the hurly burly of 'Swinging Sixties' London and the backdrop of the Cold War – as a fringe publication sharing ideas for a more peaceful, equitable and sustainable world – *Resurgence* has survived and evolved where so many contemporaries have failed. The magazine, based in North Devon since 1979, has endured on a shoe string budget and without corporate support, because the ideas and issues it covers are increasingly relevant.

MP Zac Goldsmith, former editor of the Ecologist, says: "The Ecologist and Resurgence have been at the heart of the environmental movement for decades, leading the debates on the big issues we face. Since these two great titles merged they have gone from strength to strength and continue to generate ideas, inspiration and new perspectives for a resilient, green future."

Resurgence's 'One Earth, One Humanity, One Future' 50th anniversary event in Oxford in September, will be held in partnership with <u>Oxfam</u>, <u>UPLIFT</u>, <u>Network of Wellbeing</u> and <u>The Tedworth Charitable Trust</u>. Speakers, performers and attendees are invited to celebrate Resurgence's 50 years at the forefront of the green movement, and to look forward to the next 50 years.

The programme for the September event will be packed with a fantastic line up of international speakers - from Fritjof Capra, Vandana Shiva and Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, to Lord Puttnam, Bruce Lipton and Rowan Williams. It promises to be extremely popular, so book quickly to secure your seats! (<u>www.resurgence.org/R50event</u>). The line up of inspiring talks, thought-provoking conversations, stimulating panel discussions and stirring performances will offer groundbreaking solutions relating to climate change, ecology, social justice, spirituality, the arts, and interconnecting contemporary issues.

Resurgence's many longstanding supporters and admirers range from Joanna Lumley and gardening guru Monty Don, to Caroline Lucas and BBC political broadcaster, Andrew Marr.

Annie Lennox says: "Congratulations and heartfelt appreciation to Resurgence for 50 years of dedication to the cause of offering wise and sustainable alternatives to the ravages we confer upon this beautiful, tortured planet we call home. Love and gratitude."

Programme & tickets for the 'R50: One Earth, One Humanity, One Future' event in Oxford, 22nd-25th September, will be live on the *Resurgence* website from Thursday 5th May: <u>www.resurgence.org/R50event</u>

A full Resurgence 50 Press Pack is available at <u>www.resurgence.org/R50press</u>

Satish Kumar, Greg Neale (Editor of *Resurgence & Ecologist*), Jonathon Porritt and Rebecca Hossack (*Resurgence* trustee) are available for interview

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Notes to Editors

- To order the 50th anniversary issue of *Resurgence & Ecologist* (May/June 2016) in print or pdf format, visit: <u>http://www.resurgence.org/shop/issues.html</u>
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