



Resurgence Live

Programme

30th June-2nd July 2017

This year's gathering at the Green & Away eco- conference centre near Worcester will be focusing on the themes of "building community & sharing solutions." In these challenging times, we will be exploring positive ideas and actions to create change and build the future that we aspire to.

SPEAKERS

Annemarie Borg: Ocean Preservation

Annemarie has a Master's in business & Maritime Law, is a musician, psychotherapist and councillor. Annemarie created the Antara project as a platform to address the important issues facing us today. It regroups International Artists/writers/Educators to look at the immediacy of Climate Change and the pressing need for ocean conservation

Sarah Corbett: Craftivism

Sarah Corbett is the founder of Craftivist Collective a social enterprise which uses the technique of craftivism to engage people in social justice issues. Sarah founded Craftivist Collective when after years of marches, signing protests and working on campaigns for large charities, she began to doubt the effects of some conventional activism and as an introvert, didn't feel that she fitted in with many activist groups. "The time felt right to add a slower and less aggressive approach to the activism toolkit, not to replace other forms of activism but to add more tools for a more effective activism". She wrote *A Little Book of Craftivism* which was published in 2013. *How To Be A Craftivist: the art of gentle protest*. "If we want the world to be more beautiful, kind and fair, then shouldn't our activism also be more beautiful, kind and fair?" – Sarah Corbett.

<https://craftivist-collective.com/>

Leo Johnson: Badly Chopped wood (*reflections on attempts at making things*)

Leo Johnson is a regular lecturer for Cambridge University's Programme for Sustainability Leadership and Co-Founder of Sustainable Finance Ltd. He presents BBC R4's programme 'Future Proofing', a wide ranging and far reaching exploration of the social, cultural, economic and political big ideas that are set to transform the way our society functions. He writes a regular column *Resurgence & Ecologist*.

Satish Kumar: Reverential Ecology

Satish Kumar has been quietly setting the Global Agenda for change for over 50 years. He is a sought-after speaker in the fields of holistic education and reverential ecology. Satish has been the guiding spirit behind *Resurgence* for 43 years, inspiring all those he meets to be the change they want to see in the world. An Indian peace activist who became a Jain monk at an early age, Satish has written a number of books and featured in the BBC documentary *Earth Pilgrim*.

Kara Moses: Rebel, reclaim, rewild!

Kara Moses is an activist, writer and facilitator of nature connection, social change and spiritual ecology, combining all three wherever possible. She explores practical applications of nature connection to multiple spheres of society including social change, emotional resilience, spirituality, architecture and sustainability. She facilitates independently and at [CAT](#) and [Schumacher College](#), is environment editor of Red Pepper and writes regularly for *Resurgence* and *Ecologist*. Her political activism is taken with grassroots direct action groups including Plane Stupid and Reclaim the Power. She is an Associate Fellow of the [St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation & Peace](#), and a practicing Buddhist.

Kara Moses will talk about her journey through spirituality and activism and efforts to combine the two as a practice of sacred activism. Kara will explore how connecting with nature can be a deep source of resilience and power, sharing her own story of rewilding as a regenerative process following burnout, and what it may mean to rewild ourselves, spirituality and society – even to rewild activism...

Matthew Shaw: Mycelium Networks

Matthew Shaw is a Dorset-based artist and musician. He works for Lush cosmetics with the envious job title of 'Free Thinker'. Currently specialising in publishing and social media channels for Lush, Matt is exploring how the digital age can support communities, provide a platform for activism and report on the ideas and the people that inspire us.

POETRY AND MUSIC

Matt Harvey: QWERTY something

Writer, poet, enemy of all that's difficult and upsetting, Matt's way with words has taken him from Totnes to the Wimbledon Tennis Championships via Saturday Live, the Edinburgh Festival and the Work section of the Guardian. 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*.

Ombivolum: African/Folk/Classical fusion

We are delighted to welcome back Ombivolum - one of the most exciting recent fusion experiments to emerge from the rich pool of African-Western crossover. Central to its music is the 'mbira', the 'thumb-piano of the ancestors' from the

Shona people in Zimbabwe. Western musicians bring their own unique take on Zimbabwean mbira music with instruments such as double bass, violin, guitar, Irish Whistle, Doudouk (Armenian double reed flute), frame drum, Spanish Cajon, vocals and dance. Ombivolum transport their audience into a world where the rhythmic meets the lyrical in an evocative landscape of heart and healing, where you are free to breathe it all in, to sing along or boogie!

Eleanor Brown: Songs with power and passion

Eleanor is a songwriter, musician and creative activist who believes that words, music and rhythm have the power to connect, express and uplift. "I believe that art is necessary in these times. That songs have power. I write them because it feels natural and necessary. I write to record, remember, contain, release, grapple, make sense, make whole and give hope. I write songs that are unafraid to speak of the dark and songs that celebrate the light. I write songs that support us in rising together." Eleanor recently walked 900 miles around the coast of Wales and before that lived and worked on an organic farm.
<http://eleanorbrownmusic.com>

WORKSHOPS

African Dance workshop: with Ombivolum

An hour-long African dance workshop, so you can get in the spirit before their gig on Saturday evening!

Don't Blow It: Sarah Corbett

Create a craftivism handkerchief to give to a powerful person to help encourage them to use their power and influence for good. This project is a chance to slow down and – in the safe environment that craft creates – sneak a message under the nose of someone who could influence positive change and help them to do so. With this project, you can embroider a personal and timeless message on a handkerchief, which you can then give to an influential person such as a politician, journalist or religious leader, to encourage them to use their influence to make a positive difference. All materials will be provided. (*Max. 12 people*)

Mindful Making: workshop with Christiane Berghoff

Christiane is an artist working with textile techniques and materials. She is passionate about the importance of making with our hands in this digital age. In the workshop Christiane will explore making as a meditative experience. She works with Cornish and British raw wool, and teaches hand spinning and knitting. Christiane will be giving a 15 minute talk, open to everyone, followed by a workshop (*Max. 10 people*)

Voice Workshop: with Will Tooby

A brief introduction to the wonderful ancient world of classical Indian singing known as raga, we will explore body and breath to create a transformative embodied sound. Will Tooby is a founding director of The Fold CIC, eco-facilitator and 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 à cappella with various groups before focusing on raga. He loves to facilitate others in finding their own unique and embodied voice. For the workshop please wear loose comfortable clothes. (*Max. 12 people*)

Yoga: Carl Hargreaves

Carl has studied yoga since 1990, and began teaching in 1998. He teaches regular classes in north London, provides one-to-one yoga sessions and runs yoga and meditation workshops. Carl was taught to meditate from the age of five and went on to do martial arts, gymnastics and a variety of sports as he grew up. He read Philosophy (PPE) at Oriel College Oxford, and went on to train and work professionally as a contemporary dancer. "Yoga is better than anything else I am aware of to support me through life's journey. Yoga affords a more accurate perspective on things. When I practice yoga I see reality more clearly."

Please bring a yoga mat or blanket if possible.

Open Space Sessions

Open Space is an opportunity to work together with whatever comes up from our weekend. People can choose to offer sessions or to attend sessions. Sessions can be on something you are passionate about (for instance No Dig Gardening or a nature walk), or perhaps a continuation of a session that people would like to work further upon. If you have something that you would like to share, come along and participate in an interactive session!

Here's the first Open Space idea...

Communitrees: Juanita Cabrera and Trish Dickinson

A new initiative inspired by the extraordinary book 'The Hidden Life of trees' by Peter Wohlleben, a forester and scientist from Germany. In each chapter he introduces us to 'forest intelligence': How trees look after themselves, their young and the wider tree community. 'Communitrees' looks at how these ideas can be applied to society and how we care for each other in our communities. Communitrees aims to seed a "forest of ideas" locally nationally and internationally in collaboration with other organisations.

Programme may be subject to change.

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