

Achieving resilient and diverse food systems through local and regional governance

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Heloise has been involved in sustainable food since 2018 and worked for The Community Farm in Somerset before joining Bristol Food Network. Prior to this, she worked in commercial and strategic roles within the private sector. She holds an MSc in Sustainable Development from UWE, where her thesis focused on Alternative Food Networks.



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Jane Battersby is a geographer working on urban food security and food systems. A key area of focus is the ways in which the food system and the urban system interact to shape nutritional outcomes, with a particular focus on the dual burden of malnutrition within African cities. She works closely with both civil society groups and local and provincial governments.



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RUAF

A senior associate of RUAF Global partnership on sustainable Urban Agriculture and Food systems, Joy is an independent Sustainable Food Systems Planning consultant with a focus on cities. Joy is a founding director of Bristol Food Network and author of 'Who Feeds Bristol: Towards a resilient food plan' (2011) – a city region food system assessment report that has informed RUAF's work with FAO on City Region Food Systems (CRFS).



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Cambridge Organic Food Company and Cambridge Food Hub

Duncan is the founder and owner of the Cambridge Organic Food Company and Cambridge Food Hub. He has over twenty-five years' experience of working within the sustainable food sector. Duncan's particular area of expertise is the application of circular economy principles to local food supply-chain coordination and short food supply chains. Duncan is the author of 'Local Food Ecosystems; How Food Hubs Can Help Create a More Sustainable Food System'.



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Fariyah Choudhury is a Public Health Nutritionist (ANutr) working across food policy, sustainability and systems. Fariyah's current role is Policy Officer for School Food at Southwark Council leading the School Meals Transformation Programme.



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Anna is interested in systems thinking, and in using thinking tools and participatory processes to help bring about lasting change. Her background is in community development. Her current topic of interest is the history of state-supported public diners in the UK and beyond.



Jack Clarke

Marine Conservation Society

Jack has worked in sustainable seafood for over a decade. He founded Catchbox, the first Community Supported Fishery in Europe, before launching the award-winning social enterprise SoleShare. He currently leads the seafood engagement programme at the Marine Conservation Society, helping businesses sell better fish and sell fish better.



Dan Crossley

Food Ethics Council

Dan is Executive Director at Food Ethics Council, the not-for-profit whose mission is to facilitate action towards food systems fair for people, animals & planet. Dan has worked on food sustainability issues for 20 years, leading work on a range of issues, from our relationship with meat to household food insecurity to power dynamics in food. He writes a regular column for the Grocer.



Rosa Foster

Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission

Rosa has over 20 years' experience of operational delivery leadership across a range of environmental disciplines for the Environment Agency. Since April 2022 Rosa has been Co-Director of the Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission, on secondment to the University of Leeds, and has just been appointed as the University's Climate Commissions Director. Rosa is passionate about climate adaptation, nature, people, equity, and collaboration.



Dr Jess Halliday

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Jess Halliday is Chief Executive of RUAF. She is a specialist in urban food systems governance, and provides consultancy and thought leadership on topics including resilience to multiple shocks and stresses, gender and inclusion, and food environments. Jess received her PhD in food policy from the Centre for Food Policy, City University of London in 2015.



Lucy Jackman

Feeding Bristol

Lucy is Head of Research and Development at Feeding Bristol, a small charity working to make Bristol a more resilient and equitable food city. During the Covid-19 pandemic, Feeding Bristol played a pivotal role in the coordination of food support and are one of the community partners developing the Disaster Risk Plan. Lucy comes from a research background and prior to working at Feeding Bristol, completed a PhD exploring everyday experiences of food insecurity and food aid.



Professor Amos Laar

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Amos Laar is a Professor of Public Health Nutrition at the School of Public Health, University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana. His research integrates three interrelated fields: Nutrition, Public Health, and Bioethics - providing a framework for exploring the multifaceted influences of the physical environment, social environment, and structural forces on health outcomes.



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Passionate about environmental and social issues, Harriet is an experienced leader who, in the UK and globally, built the Fairtrade movement – a certification scheme that sets standards to make trade fairer, working with producers in the developing world as well as thousands of companies and retailers. Harriet joined WRAP as CEO in March 2023 with an ambitious vision to scale WRAP's impact in the UK and internationally.



Professor Emeritus Tim Lang

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Tim Lang is Professor Emeritus of Food Policy at the Centre for Food Policy which he founded in 1994. He is a Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health, President of Garden Organic and was PI and then Senior Advisor to the Food Research Collaboration linking academia with civil society, 2013-23. He was policy lead on the EAT-Lancet Commission 2019 report, and his latest book is *Feeding Britain* (Pelican pb 2021). He is currently working on a report on how to improve civil food resilience and defence.



Rebecca Laughton

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Rebecca has been combining practical work as an organic grower and farmer, with research, campaigning and planning support for over twenty years. As LWA lead on horticulture, she is author of *Horticulture across Four Nations* (2024) and is the facilitator of the Defra Horticulture ELMS Test and Trial, "Growing the Goods. She is also a founder member of the Agroecology Research Collaboration.



Michelle Meredith

BSWN (Black South West Network)

Michelle's role as the Community Development Worker is to connect with existing and emerging Black and Minoritised community groups and support their access to relevant information. Recently nominated & won the Voscur Social Impact Award for the Inspirational Community Leader Award.



Ben Messer

Sustainable Food Places

Ben is an experienced facilitator of participatory development processes, with over 35 years' experience in the UK and the Developing World, helping communities and organisations to work collaboratively and fairly. He leads Food Matters' and SFP's work on engagement, participation and representation and currently specialises in the facilitation of participatory research, workshops, events and the co-design of processes, guides and tools in the UK food sector.



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Giulia is a researcher at the International Institute of Environment and Development, where she works on the intersection of food systems, environment and development. She is also undertaking doctoral research on seaweed as a food in the UK, at the University of Exeter.



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The Green Party

Emily is a Green Party Councillor on the South coast, where she is Lewes District Council's Cabinet Member for Climate, Nature & Food Systems. She has worked for years on local food systems, from pulling turnips for a CSA to working at one of the UK's leading food partnerships. She has also worked on the Sustainable Food Places programme and she lives on a smallholding, with a range of unruly vegetables and chickens.



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Sofia provides strategic oversight, programme and staff management to local action projects and campaigns at Sustain. Her background is as an animal welfare, food and environmental campaigner in the charity and voluntary sector. She grew up on a farm in the northwest of Portugal and has a degree in Agronomy from the Technical University of Lisbon.



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Clare Pettinger is an award winning Registered Dietitian, Public Health Nutritionist and experienced educator, who is actively engaged in community-focussed research around food systems, poverty and social justice. She is passionate about radical creative approaches to tackle local (and global) health, (in)equality and social well-being challenges.



Jenny Rouquette

Shropshire Good Food Partnership

Jenny is a strategic leader who convenes collaborative networks for systems change bringing experience from grassroots initiatives to global policy engagement and bioregional weaving. She is also an ecologist and partnership builder with a focus on agroecology, food sovereignty and food system transformation.



Dr Mark Spires

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As a Research Fellow, Mark is responsible for establishing and leading new, interdisciplinary projects exploring public policy solutions for healthy diets in the UK and internationally. Mark’s primary research interests centre on seeking to better understand peoples’ lived experiences of local food environments, and how these findings can contribute to more effective and inclusive food policy.



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Charlie joined FFCC in March this year after several years in academic research. He is a historian of food and cities, with a PhD from Birkbeck, University of London. Previously he worked as a journalist at the magazine, Farmers Weekly.



Anna Taylor

The Food Foundation

Anna is the Food Foundation's first Executive Director. Previously she had roles at the Department for International Development leading their nutrition work, and 10 years working on food and nutrition at Save the Children. She was Chief Independent Adviser to Henry Dimbleby on the National Food Strategy.



Selina Treuherz

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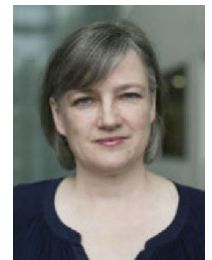
Selina Treuherz is a food activist focussed on local food policy, food security and procurement. She currently works as the partnership coordinator for ShefFood, leading on aspects of policy and research. She is also a trained chef.



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Rebecca is a Lecturer in Food Policy in the Centre for Food Policy. A former BBC radio producer and food journalist, Rebecca's research focuses on the interaction between food policy and the media. Her research interests include food policy, food in the media, food systems, food systems teaching and learning, food poverty, food banks, food security and science communication.



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Christina is Director of the Centre for Food Policy, City University of London. She is a registered nutritionist and has worked in public health nutrition ~20 years in Australia and Europe. Christina's research aims to inform the implementation and evaluation of food-related policies and interventions which optimise population nutrition, reduce inequalities and protect our planet.



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Christopher is an urban geographer. His research draws on political economy and political ecology perspectives, as well as participatory visual methods, to examine intersections between urbanisation, planning, inequality, and food systems governance. Christopher is a Research Fellow on a large interdisciplinary action research programme, FixOurFood (fixourfood.org); part of a work package that examines and contributes towards developing the policies, governance structures, and decision-making processes necessary to transform the UK's food systems.

