



SUMMER GATHERING 2025  
RECONNECTING TOWN & COUNTRY

# PROGRAMME

## DAY 1: THURSDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER

### ARRIVALS

15.00-17.00

Check in and pitch up at Conygree Farm

### CONYGREE FARM WALK

16.00-17.00

*JONTY & MEL BRUNYEE*

Arrive early to explore the farm and market garden. Recommended for anyone that hasn't been to Conygree before.

### OPENING & WELCOME

17.30-18.30

Drinks, nibbles & connection session

### DINNER IN THE TIPIS

18.30-19.30

### FOOD AS A FORCE FOR GOOD

19.30-20.30

*MALLIKA BASU*

Food writer, educator and adviser who champions food as a force for good. She helps organisations, especially in food, drink and hospitality, craft purpose driven strategies and stories that build trust and support a more sustainable, fairer and inclusive food future.

### NETWORKING & RELAX BY THE FIRE

20.30-22.00

## DAY 2: FRIDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER

### YOGA WAKE UP (IF THAT'S YOUR THING!)

08.00-09.00

### BREAKFAST

08.00-09.30

### ARRIVALS

08.00-09.30

All day two arrivals & those staying off site

### WELCOME

09.30-09.45

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## IS THERE AN URBAN - RURAL DIVIDE?

09.45-11.15

ANNA JONES - JOURNALIST, AUTHOR, EDUCATOR, JUST FARMERS

This interactive session invites participants to step into a conversation about the relationship between our urban, peri-urban, and rural communities, and how we can challenge stereotypes and perceptions. Is there a divide? If so, what does it look like? This is a chance to build bridges, challenge stereotypes, and imagine a more united future for land and food.

## BREAK & NETWORKING

11.15-11.45

## YOUNG VOICES - SPEAKERS' CORNER LIVE

11.45-12.45

- MITCH GREEN - STOCKMAN AND FACILITATOR
- CHAUNTELLE LEWIS - FOUNDER OF THE BAREFOOT PLANTER
- KARL FRANKLIN - THE PRETEND FARMER
- MAGDA PETFORD - BLACK MOUNTAINS COLLEGE & CIVIC SQUARE

Hear from young voices who connect and build communities across urban, peri-urban and rural contexts. What do they do and how do they do it? How does their experience of urban-rural differences affect their approach?

Join us for this open conversation, see how you can become catalysts for community and take the spirit of Emergent Generation back to your local context. Building on our online Speakers' Corner, this session brings the expertise, curiosity, and confidence in youth.

## WRAP UP & ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AFTERNOON

12.45-13.00

## LUNCH

13.00-14.00

## CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING 4 WORKSHOPS:

14.00-17.00

### Workshop 1 - Farm Walk at Ampney Brook Farm

*LED BY ANNIE LANDLESS (OFF FARM)*

Join a farm walk at an awarding winning organic and nature focused mixed farm with Em Gen member, Annie.

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## **Workshop 2 - Building a Good Small Farm and Local Routes to Market**

*LED BY ERIC WALTERS (STONE BARN)*

Hear about the pioneering work of Eric and team at Good Small Farms (Stroud) and dig into community connection, enterprise stacking, business skills, routes to market, and agroecology.

## **Workshop 3 - Mindset and Grazing: Be Adaptive**

*LED BY SILAS HEDLEY-LAURENCE (BARN/FARM)*

Explore the concepts of regenerative thinking, mindset, grazing strategies and adaptive management, with coach and farmer, Silas.

## **Workshop 4 - What Makes a Story?**

*LED BY ANNA JONES (TIPIS)*

Want to get your message heard beyond the echo chamber? This practical workshop will challenge you to step outside your bubble and think like a hard-nosed news editor. Learn how to frame your stories in ways that grab attention, resonate with wider audiences, and make people care - even if they didn't think they would. Perfect for anyone looking to communicate land-based issues with clarity, impact, and reach.

## **REGROUP AND FEEDBACK**

**18.30 - 19.00**

## **PAELLA USING PRODUCE FROM CONYGREE**

**19.00- 20.30**

## **EXPLORING, PEOPLE & PLACE**

**20.00- 20.30**

*A TALK WITH MARY-ANN OCHOTA (BROADCASTER, WRITER & CPRE PRESIDENT)*

## **TOM PYCRAFT (GROUNDSWELL DJ)**

**21.00 - 22.30**

## **DAY 3: SATURDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER**

## **YOGA WAKE UP (IF THAT'S YOUR THING!)**

**08.00-09.00**

## **BREAKFAST**

**08.00-09.30**

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## WELCOME

JONTY BRUNYEE, BECKY GROVE & THE STEERING GROUP

09.30-09.45

## THE ART OF GOOD TALKING

09.45-11.00

ANNA JONES - JOURNALIST, AUTHOR, EDUCATOR,  
JUST FARMERS

In a noisy, polarised world, the ability to truly listen is a powerful, and an often overlooked skill. This session draws on the foundations of great journalism to help you become a better listener and storyteller. Discover how to ask meaningful questions, build trust, and create space for honest conversation. Whether you're working with communities, campaigning, or creating content, these are essential skills for deeper connection and more impactful storytelling.

## BREAK & NETWORKING

11.00-11.30

## BACK THE FUTURE - POLICY WORKSHOP (TBC)

11.30-12.30

Ambassadors from the 'Back the Future' project (NFYFC, SOS-UK, and FLAME) will tell us about how they are working together to champion youth voices in food and farming policy and how their priorities fit into the global perspective. They will lead a workshop designed to gather your ideas and perspectives.

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## OFFSITE FARM WALK & TALK

14.00-17.00

### ABBEY HOME FARM (CIRENCESTER)

Experience this unique 650-hectare certified organic farm dedicated to agroecological food production, conservation, and education. It raises a variety of livestock, grows cereals and over 150 types of vegetables, and processes much of its produce on-site for sale in its farm shop and café. Meet Hilary Chester-Master, the founding director of the organic farm shop, cafe, the green room, the vegetable garden and The Farm Project. This visit is a real chance to explore the concepts of agroecology, diversity and nature-friendly farming in practice.

A second farm walk might be added. Watch this space....

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**ENJOY DINNER AT THE LONG TABLE (CIRENCESTER) 18.00-20.30**

The Long Table is working to change the world through food. It enables communities to have access to great food and people to eat it with - and so much more. Hear about the work of The Long Table from Founder, Tom Herbert, enjoy their delicious food and a little live music too!

**BACK TO CONYGREE TO CHILL &  
REFLECT BY THE FIRE**

**21.00-22.00**

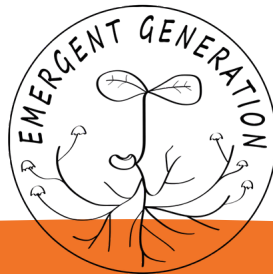
## DAY 4: SUNDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER

**BREAKFAST**

**08.00-09.30**

**DEPART**

**09.30-10.30**



## SUMMER GATHERING 2025 RECONNECTING TOWN & COUNTRY

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**THANK YOU...**



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