

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE EARTH

We would like to thank all the contributors and volunteers for their invaluable work. Workshop & event leaders, artists & musicians have also donated their time. Unless stated otherwise events are FREE (donations appreciated). The venue is:

The Old Book Binders, 9 Green Street, East Oxford, OX4 1YB

Venue is in a residential area so please respect this and leave quietly. Thanks.

Friday 11th March 7.30-10.30pm COMMUNITY VOICES

InsightShare & Chris Park

The opening night of the festival: a celebration of local and indigenous community voices. An exciting mix of **storytelling, live music and screenings** of the Conversations with the Earth videos. Come one and all!

Saturday 12th March Noon- 5pm THE DRUM FAMILY

Paul Eagles, Living Instruments

The whole is greater than the sum of the parts! Spontaneous music making for all – beginners and experienced percussionists.

A TASTE OF PERMACULTURE

Phil Pritchard, Oxford Permaculture

Permaculture uses principles observed in nature to develop integrated systems that provide **food, shelter, energy and community** in ways that are **sustainable, healthy and efficient**. Recipes provided.

DEEP ECOLOGY

Clayton Lavallin, COIN

A participatory introduction to how you can use Joanna Macy's "*The Work that Reconnects*" to **engage groups in the psychological and emotional challenges of climate change**.

FENG SHUI & PERMACULTURE DESIGN

Sophie Christopher Bowes, EcoArchitecture & Planning

How to apply *Feng Shui* insights and practical solutions to our everyday problems.

ECO-RENOVATION

Jo Hamilton, ClimateXChange

Home is where the heart is. Householders who have eco-renovated their homes explain the **processes, costs** and what they have learnt.

CARBON CONVERSATIONS

Tony Wragg and Jane Orton

Halve your carbon footprint. Interactive exercises, games, information, ideas and inspiration.

CREATIVE KIDS' ACTIVITIES

Fun, hands-on workshops for children - including **felt-making and arts & crafts** with recycled materials.

Saturday evening 7pm-Midnight £5 / £3 conc. RE: VERSING THE DAMAGE

Hammer & Tongue

A **cycle-powered and solar-fuelled** entertainment extravaganza! Special guests, spoken word and comedy, environmentally-friendly-laughter and singing.

DIVERSITY DANCE NIGHT

DJs Captain Overboard & Dan Ofer (Bossaphonik)

Acclaimed world dance music maestros.

Sunday 13th March

*"Dance your anger and your joys,
dance the guns to silence." ~ Ken Saro-Wiwa*

EARTHDREAMERS GATHERING 11am-6pm

Christian de Sousa and friends

Inaugural gathering of an emerging network exploring the cross-fertilisation of **ecstatic dance, shamanic practice and engaged environmental, social and political action**. This workshop requires commitment to the full seven hours.

EARTHDREAMERS CEREMONY 6pm-9pm

Sacred dancing ceremony for the Earth, drawing on the **Movement Medicine Long Dance** and other traditions. People are welcome to just come to the evening ceremony. **Please book in advance for both Earthdreamers gathering & ceremony: gathering@earthdreamers.org**

Monday 14th March 8pm-10pm HOLDING YOUR GROUND

Matt Morton and InsightShare

A gathering of Community Groups who have campaigned and worked on projects centered around **reclaiming areas of land for use by community and nature**. Due to limited numbers please book a place by emailing: info@insightshare.org

Tuesday 15th March 1pm-4pm

CLIMATE REACH £35 / £10

Sally Ramsden, ReachAbility

A professional hands-on, **practical training** in participatory, inclusive approaches to **climate change awareness and action** - introducing creative tools developed with local communities in Oxford last year. **Advanced booking required by emailing: info@reachability.co.uk**. For more information please see: www.reachability.co.uk/climatereach.htm

Tuesday evening 6.30pm-10.30pm £5 / £3

KANYINI

Film with discussion and story by Sophia Lathan

A necessary and beautiful film, Kanyini looks at **aboriginal culture in Australia** in a way that's never been seen before.

PETE THE TEMP VERSES CLIMATE CHANGE

Watch Pete the Temp **dismantle the hydrocarbon superstructure** with his mouth – a multimedia spoken word stage show. **Home-cooked food for sale during the interval.**

Wed 16th March 7.30pm-10pm

MOTHER EARTH'S RIGHTS

Liz Hoskins, Gaia Foundation and InsightShare

What if **human law became secondary to something else - to Earth law?** Is it time to give Mother Earth some Rights? A talk about the global implications of such a shift in our thinking and our legal system, complemented by videos from indigenous communities in Peru, the Philippines and Kenya.

Thursday 17th March 7.30pm-10pm

TOWARDS FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

Michel Pimbert, IIED Food and Agriculture Programme and InsightShare

How do we **protect agro-biodiversity?** How can international organisations contribute and what are the implications for local communities? A talk about projects in **Mali, Iran and India** followed by videos made by **Andean** community members.

Friday 18th March 10am-6pm

EXHIBITION OPEN DAY

Conversations with the Earth will soon exhibit at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C. Meet festival organisers and **participatory video pioneers** of Oxford-based **InsightShare** to learn more about the programme, and discover a growing network of indigenous media hubs.

Saturday 19th March Noon-5.30pm £5 / £3

FEED THE SOIL, FEED THE PLANET

Miche Fabre Lewin, Flora Gathorne-Hardy & friends

A **celebration of local food, soil and community** - a lively convivium of food and ideas open to all to honour the earth and savour a taste for change. **From within a shrine to the soil, share a deep soup of seasonal harvest from vegetables grown by local farms.** Join in food conversations, listen to live music and bring home-made bread to share with others. **You can buy a special bag of flour from ancient cereal varieties throughout the festival for your home baking.** Bring blanket/rug to sit on. Fee includes food.

RECYCLED CRAFT WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS

Come and make **beautiful plant pots and miniature greenhouses** out of juice cartons and plastic bottles!

Saturday evening 7pm-10pm

FULL MOON SPRING CELEBRATION

Kismet, Jackie Singer, Chris Park, Hipolito Peralta Ccama

Kismet brings an uplifting programme of original songs and compositions to **celebrate the Spring**, with accordion, fiddle, clarinet, guitar, whistles, 4 voices and a koto (Japanese harp). After the music you are invited to join a **walk to the river** for a special **water ritual in honour of the Isis** led by Jackie Singer, Chris Park and Hipolito Peralta Ccama.

Sunday 20th March 1pm-8pm

MOTHER EARTH DUB

Natty Hi-Fi

A **celebration of East Oxford's finest Roots Reggae selectors.** A laid-back family day music festival with diverse kids workshops and activities. **See the festival out in style!** Gorgeous Caribbean food available.

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You are warmly invited to participate in this community festival – a celebration of both biodiversity and cultural diversity.

At the heart of the festival is the world class multimedia exhibition, "*Conversations with the Earth: Indigenous Voices on Climate Change*" For details please visit the website:

www.conversationsearth.org

The exhibition combines impressive photo-stories with moving community videos from indigenous communities that live in critical ecosystems around the world. From Samoans working to save their coastal homes, to Maasai villagers responding to cattle-devastating drought, to Inuit dealing with sick fish – these first hand accounts of indigenous communities' experiences of climate change are not only dramatic, they also inspire us with their positive attitudes and inventive coping mechanisms.

You are invited to hear the stories and learn about the work of both these far-off indigenous communities and your Oxford neighbours! You are invited to explore your connection with your natural environment and local community, and to find out what you can do yourself to contribute to a more sustainable and just lifestyle. Tell your family, friends, colleagues and fellow students about the festival. **Learn. Explore. Celebrate. Connect. Enjoy.**



All ages welcome, but due to licencing issues, under 12s need to bring a responsible adult.

Venue is accessible to wheelchair-users & prams but the toilets are NOT.

NO PARKING - please cycle, walk or bus

For more info on events during the festival call: 01865 403127 or email: mbovenmars@insightshare.org or visit:

www.wix.com/conversationsearth/festival

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Community Festival

Full 9-day programme & Poster inside



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