

Wales Real Food and Farming Conference 2023

Wednesday 1st November

Time	Lecture theatre	Y Waun / Yr Accre, Community Hub	AG03 / AG04, Agri block	AG01, Agri block
10.00-11.00	<p>1. Welcome by Elin Roberts, Coleg Cambria.</p> <p>Guest speaker: Sarah Dickins, organic farmer and Wales Net Zero 2035 Challenge Group</p>			
Break				
11.30-12.30	<p>2. The way forward for farming and nature in Wales*</p> <p><i>Chair: Carwyn Graves, Tir Glas.</i> With: Huw Foulkes, NFFN Cymru; Geraint Jones, Farming Connect; Delyth Phillipps, North Wales Wildlife Trust; Rhian Pierce, RSPB</p>	<p>3. What do we need to do to secure plentiful and varied locally produced food?</p> <p>Facilitators: Ros Stockdale, Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB; Nikki Giles, Flintshare CSA</p>	<p>4. Is it possible for growers to earn a living wage for the hours they work?</p> <p><i>Chair: Kate McEvoy, Real Seeds.</i> With: Lauren Simpson, Parc y Dderwen; Katherine Langton, Langtons Farm; Sarah Gould, Lantra</p>	
12.30-13.45	<p>Lunch and short sessions (12.35-13.05)</p>	<p>5. Growing in hydroponics: science or fiction?</p> <p>Demonstration by Jozsef Vass, independent horticultural consultant</p>		
13.45-14.45	<p>6. School meals, action for future generations: how can we scale up progress?</p> <p><i>Chair: Sarah Dickins, Wales Net Zero 2035</i></p> <p>With: Edward Morgan, Castell Howell; Holly Tomlinson, Land Workers Alliance Cymru; Alex Cook, Bwyd Sir Gâr</p>	<p>7. Apiculture and the Welsh dark honeybee</p> <p><i>Chair: Rosie Evans, beekeeper and MSc / PhD student</i></p> <p>With: Kirsty Williams, British Bee Company; Huw Evans, South Clwyd Beekeepers Association; Wally Shaw, Welsh Beekeepers Association.</p>	<p>8. Land use and nature recovery in the Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB</p> <p>Discussion facilitated by the local AONB</p>	<p>9. Seed processing demonstration</p> <p>With: Wales Seed Hub</p>
Break				
15.00-16.00	<p>10. Progressive pathways for county farms</p> <p><i>Chair: Lucie Taylor, Community Land Advisory Service</i></p> <p>With: Cllr. Jake Merriman, Powys Council; Augusta Lewis, Social Farms and Gardens</p>	<p>11. Why we need Welsh heritage fruit</p> <p><i>Chair: Joey Hughes, Merched y Berllan</i></p> <p>With: Carwyn Graves, Tir Glas; Ian Sturrock, Ian Sturrock & Sons; Tom Adams, Tom the Apple Man.</p>	<p>12. Local food traders: why we need more and how we can get there</p> <p><i>Chair: Julia Kirby-Smith, Better Food Traders</i></p> <p>With: Abi Marriott, PLANED; Chris Kameen, The Vale Grocer; Jo da Silva, Community Food Hubs; Seb Mayfield, Oooby</p>	<p>13. Soil analysis</p> <p>With: Tony Little, Sustainable Farming Consultancy; Alma Joensen, Caeriad</p>
Break				

16.30-17.30	14. Language and the land* With: Dei Tomos, author and broadcaster; Elinor Gwynn, environmentalist, researcher and poet	15. Watery actions you can take on-farm to weather a changing climate <i>Chair: Rhys Evans, NFFN Cymru</i> With: Tom Johnstone, Landscapes Wales; Bev Dyer, Natural Resources Wales; Sam Kenyon, NFFN Cymru	16. Fertiliser solutions: perennial green manures systems for agriculture, nature and people <i>Chair: Tilly Gomersall, Ecodyfi</i> With: Clo Ward, Ecodyfi; Emma Maxwell, Ash and Elm Horticulture	
17.45-18.45	17. Wildlife: from gardens to landscapes* With: Iwan Edwards, North Wales Wildlife Trust and <i>Garddio a Mwy, SAC</i>			
19.00	Refectory: Dinner and entertainment by Amazing Cloud			

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Thursday 2nd November

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10.00-11.00	18. Defining sustainability under the Sustainable Farming Scheme <i>Chair: Adele Jones, Sustainable Food Trust</i> With: Andrew Tuddenham, Soil Association Wales, Holly Tomlinson, Land Workers' Alliance Cymru; Steven Jacobs, Welsh Organic Forum	19. Future skills in food and farming* <i>Chair: Robyn Lovelock, Ambition North Wales</i> With: Einir Williams, Farming Connect; Rhodri Owen, Coleg Glynllifon; Joe Muallt, Coleg Cambria Llysfasi; Carwyn Graves, Tir Glas; Ian Rappel, Black Mountains College	20. Can we increase access to agroecological food and support good livelihoods? <i>Chair: Lydia Dibben, Primrose Market Garden</i> With: Natalie Rouse, bic-innovation; Amber Wheeler for Food Sense Wales; Abel Pearson, Glasbren; Angelina Sanderson Bellamy, UWE	
Break				
11.30-12.30	21. Learning from local food partnerships <i>Chair: Katie Palmer, Food Sense Wales</i> With: Alex Cook, Bwyd Sir Gar; Emily Woodward-Esseen, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board; Dafydd Jones, Menter Môn	22. What technology is suitable for agroecology? Facilitated by Pat Thomas and Lawrence Woodward, A Bigger Conversation	23. Can we make wool a sustainable and commercially viable resource? With: Graham Ormondroyd, Bangor University; Roger Payne, Baavet; Gill Britten, Gwlangollen; Pamela Worthington, Flintshare CSA	24. Is community composting a waste of time? With: Fin Jordão, Criw Compostio
12.30-13.45 Lunch	Lunch and short sessions (12.35-13.05)	25. Thirty-five years of small-scale upland organic farming With Martin Peck, Tŷ'n Fedw Farm		
13.45-14.45	26. Welsh dairy emissions and nature solutions <i>Chair: Steven Jacobs, OF&G CIC</i> With: Stephen Johnson, farmer; Lee Truelove, First Milk; Neil Nicholas, Gelli Aur Campus; Adele Jones, Sustainable Food Trust.	27. Using medicinal plants and farm homeopathy to reduce antibiotics and synthetic wormers <i>Chair: Chris Aukland MRCVS, Whole Health Agriculture</i> With: Sarah Hammond, Glyn Arthur Farms; Jane Dobson,	28. Magic ingredients for successful community growing <i>Chair: Fiona Taylor, Garden Organic</i> With: Nikki Giles, Flintshare CSA; Katherine Saxby, Incredible Edible Wrecsam;	

		Broadstone Rare Breeds; Liz Morgan, Ffynnon Dderw	Sarah Collick, Social Farms and Gardens	
Break				
15.15-16.30	<p>29. What could a civil resilience framework look like? <i>Tim Lang, Centre for Food Policy, City, University of London</i></p> <p>30. Keynote listeners report back* <i>David Ashford, Welsh Government; Jonathan Tench, Office of the Future Generations Commissioner.</i> With Amber Wheeler and Jane Powell, WRFFC</p>			

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