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INTERGENERATIONAL LEARNING AT THE LWA'S LAND SKILLS FAIR

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The Land Skills Fair is the Landworkers' Alliance's largest gathering and will provide a space for up-skilling for the agroecological transition as well as growing a diverse and people-centred farming and land justice movement. It takes place at Abbey Home Farm near Cirencester, Gloucestershire this weekend, Friday - Sunday 22nd July.

It's a multigenerational and multicultural skill and knowledge exchange that aims to provide a safe space for everyone to learn from each other and explore different land-based topics and practices.

It's also going to be a cracking knees up and a whole lot of fun. The event is member-led, with the majority of the skills, workshops and talks being offered through members of the Landworkers' Alliance, Land In Our Names (LION), FLAME, the LWA's youth organisation, and other partner unions and organisations.

Over the weekend, expect an awesome medley of workshops, talks, activities, music and delicious food and drink. We see the Land Skills Fair as an opportunity to build the Food and Land Justice movement through a diverse, celebratory and creative space.

There are opportunities to learn about current issues in the food, land, farming and climate movements. We will delve into a range of topics including: biodynamic farming, grassland management, recent policy work and campaigns, how to navigate the planning system and leverage funding, women in farming, climate justice and the refugee crisis, a growers union space, seed saving, agroforestry and propagation.

The Social Justice space, co-curated by Land In Our Names, will host an incredible variety of talks and workshops in a safe and engaging space, covering topics such as Jewish Farming & Land Justice, imagining what a BPOC (Black People and People of Colour) food system would look like, access to land, the commons and shared resources, and decolonising the food system.

FLAME have been working hard to put together an amazing space this year, with youth-focused workshops and activities around access to farming, training, games and much more. We also have a fun line up for kids including possessions, dance, arts and crafts, costume making, story telling, immersive theatre, drumming and tie dye workshops. All children attend for free.

Jyoti Fernandes, co-founder of the Landworkers' Alliance, is one of the event organisers. She says:

"The Land Skills Fair is what the Landworkers Alliance is all about - creating community, building the culture of small-scale farming and learning together about the practice, politics and history of growing healthy food. We're so proud to make this an incredibly welcoming space for black people and people of colour (BIPOC) and LGBTQIA+ people who lack opportunities in farming."

The Rewild Project is an incredible local project from Gloucestershire who are facilitating and co-curating the craft village with practical skill-shares and workshops. Their mission is to reconnect people to nature, and their ancestral heritage through arts and crafts, growing food, outdoor learning and community-building projects. greenwoodworking, natural building, metal work, stone walling, textiles and natural dying.

There's also a Sunday Community Feast hosted by Two Trees Catering, a three course tapas style banquet showcasing the best of agroecological, local produce.

Nearly 1000 people will be coming this weekend. There are just a few tickets left, £130 for the whole weekend including four nights camping. Book at www.landskillsfair.com.

Notes to editors:

- The Landworkers' Alliance is a grassroots union of farmers, foresters and land-based workers in the UK. It is part of a global movement representing 200 million small-scale farmers under the umbrella group La Via Campesina. landworkersalliance.org.uk/
- Landskills Fair www.landskillsfair.com
- LION aims to disrupt oppressive land dynamics relating to BPOC communities in Britain. landinournames.community
- Abbey Home Farm theorganicfarmshop.co.uk/farm
- The Rewild Project - www.therewildproject.com