

TIME FOR CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION

ESSEX GREEN WEEKEND

29 APRIL - 2 MAY 2022

OTHONA BRADWELL-ON-SEA

TALKS, DEBATES,
WORKSHOPS & MUSIC
PROGRAMME



TrustLinks
Growing Communities • Transforming Lives

WELCOME TO THE OTHONA COMMUNITY



FRIDAY

ARRIVALS FROM 3PM

WHEN		SPEAKER OR SUBJECT	WHERE
6:30pm	Talk	Welcome Intro to Trust Links and Othona	Central Space
7pm		Supper	Central Space
7:45pm	Talk	The Climate Coalition (Zoom Talk) - Grace Fisher	Central Space
8pm	Workshop	Making preserves - Fiona Clapperton	The Kitchen
8pm	Workshop	Charcoal stick making - Graham Burnett	The Beach
8:30pm	Music	Pete Morton - Folk Singer	The Marquee

FRIDAY TO SUNDAY MEALS SCHEDULE

Breakfast	8:30am	Dining Hall
Lunch	1pm	Dining Hall
Supper	7pm	Dining Hall



HIGH TIDES

FRIDAY - 12.47

SUNDAY - 13.56

SATURDAY - 13.23

MONDAY - 14.27

SATURDAY

WHEN		SPEAKER OR SUBJECT	WHERE
8am	Workshop	Morning Mindfulness - Maria Constantinou	The Beach
9.30am	Talk	The Chapel - Morning service	The Chapel
10am	Talk	A Rocha: Eco Churches and launch of Othona as Partner in Action - Mark Prina	Central Space
10am	Talk	Transition Towns - Kamil Pachalko	Marquee
10am	Workshop	Othona Artist - Nastassja Simensky	Art Room
10am	Workshop	Children's Crafting - Alicja Palchalko	Solar Room
10:30am	Talk	Bioregionalism - James Taylor	Marquee
10:30am	Workshop	Labyrinth Workshop - Penny Davis	The Beach
10:30am & 2:30pm	Workshop	Repair Cafe - Duncan Seath and Southend in Transition	The Bank Room
11am	Talk	Green Christian - Sarah Lennard Brown	Central Space
11am	Talk	Sustainability and Refill Shops - Alex D'Urso	Marquee
11:30am	Talk	Sustainable Energy - David Ponton	Marquee
2:30pm	Workshop	Forest School (children's activity) - Rachel Summers	Outdoors Field
2:30pm	Talk	Global Advocacy Team Action on Climate Change - Ben Niblett (Tearfund)	Central Space
2:30pm	Workshop	Scything Workshop - Claire White	Outdoors Field
2:30pm	Workshop	Greening the Soul workshop - Reverend Canon Imogen Nay	The Chapel
2:30pm	Workshop	Charcoal Drawing - Graham Burnett	The Art Room
2:30pm	Workshop	Making a Swift Box - Elias Watson	Solar Room
2.30pm	Music	K.A.B	The Marquee
3:30pm	Talk	Christian Climate Action - Rachie Ross	Central Space
6 - 7pm 8 - 9:15pm	Music	The Famous Potatoes Barn Dance	The Marquee
8pm	Talk	Panel Discussion: History of Dissent & Activism: Ron Bates, Jon Fuller, and Eileen Peck	Central Space
9:15pm	Music	Open Mic Night	The Marquee

SATURDAY MARKET STALLS

FIND OUR STALLS IN THE MAIN OUTDOORS SPACE

The Sustainability Store	Composting - Jane Ponton
Starfish Eco Store	Bradwell Action Network
SEEOG (South East Essex Organic Gardeners) Seed Potatoes	Eco Essex

SUNDAY

WHEN		WHAT	WHERE
8am	Workshop	Morning Mindfulness - Maria Constantinou	The Beach
9.30am		The Chapel - Morning service	The Chapel
10am	Talk	Introduction to Permaculture and the Outdoors - Graham Burnett	Central Space
10am	Workshop	Dead Hedge Building workshop - Elias Watson, Mark Prina and the Othona Team	Outdoors Field
10am and 2:30pm	Workshop	Forest School (children's activity) - Rachel Summers	Outdoors Field
2:30pm	Workshop	Watercolour Workshop - Steve Jordan	Outdoors Field (Art room if raining)
2:30pm	Talk	Operation Noah - Rachie Ross	Central Space
2:30pm	Workshop	Coastal Ecology and Rising Sea Levels - Malcolm Hardy	The Beach
2:30pm	Workshop	Wildlife Walk - Mark Prina and Elias Watson	Outdoors Field
3:30pm	Talk	Talk from Essex Wildlife Trust - Jane Ponton	Central Space
5pm	Music	Fishermen's Chapel Gospel Choir	The Chapel
8pm	Music	The Wick Trimmers	The Marquee

MONDAY: POP INTO PEACE PLACE!

Why not stop at Peace Place for some lunch cooked on an open fire?

Peace Place is a Celtic Christian community in Bradwell, aiming to integrate life on the land with the spirit, promoting regenerative approaches. We sit half-way between the village and Othona, with sight of the estuary, under huge skies and green expanses. Visit our 3-acre field where we are growing trees and facilitating the development of a wildlife meadow. We have 30 chickens, a sheep and two goats! **Head to: 2 Dunbards, E End Road, Southminster.**

SPEAKER & ORGANISATION BIOGRAPHIES

RACHIE ROSS

Rachie Ross is an active member of Christian Climate Action, a trustee for Operation Noah, a theologian and therapeutic coach. She teaches, preaches and chats on the radio about the call to tell the truth about the earth, for the love of God.

JON FULLER

Jon Fuller has been an active eco-campaigner for over 40 years specialising in energy policy and climate change

IMOGEN NAY

Imogen Nay is Canon for Evangelism and Discipleship at Chelmsford Cathedral and is very committed to being a green Christian. She leads workshops, talks and retreats on Christian environmentalism and green spirituality

PENNY DAVIS

Penny Davis is a Tutor at Trust Link's Recovery College and a trained Veriditas Labyrinth Facilitator. Penny has worked therapeutically with clients in private practice as a registered counsellor for the past 6 years and is passionate about facilitating safe spaces for mental health recovery.



STEPHEN JORDAN

Stephen Jordan, based in Southend on Sea, featured in series 6 of Skys Landscape Artist of the Year in 2021. Stephen describes himself as a plein air painter and has exhibited in the Mall and Bankside galleries in London as well as the Beecroft and Café 21 locally.



ALEXANDRA D'URSO

Alexandra D'Urso and her mum opened The Sustainability Store in August 2021 - a refill shop where you can bring all of your own containers and bottles to fill up on household liquids, dried food, spices and so much more.



JAMES PIERS TAYLOR

James Piers Taylor is a bioregional activist based on the Dengie peninsula of Essex. A former Chair of the UK Permaculture Association, he is a graduate of the Centre for Human Ecology, co-author of the book *Shadows of Progress*, publisher of the journal *Managed Retreat* and a documentation editor at the British Film Institute.



ELIAS WATSON

I'm a volunteer with local community gardening groups, Southend In Transition and Incredible Edible. I have a background in carpentry and horticulture and a keen interest for wildlife and conservation. I have been project manager of Trust Link's Growing Together community gardens for the last 6 months and am passionate about the restorative power of nature for people's health and wellbeing.

SPEAKER & ORGANISATION BIOGRAPHIES

NASTASSJA SIMENSKY

Nastassja Simensky is an artist, PhD researcher and lecturer who often works collaboratively to make writing, place-specific performances, events, sound work and films as a form of ongoing fieldwork.

MARK PRINA

Mark Prina is from A Rocha, a Christian charity working for the protection and restoration of the natural world and committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment. He is the reserve manager for Foxearth Meadows, which is A Rocha UK's rural nature reserve, comprising 11 and a half acres of wetland on the River Stour floodplain in north Essex. He will be speaking and also announcing the start of our joining in their Partners in Action programme.

BEN NIBLETT

Ben Niblett is from Tearfund and is a senior associate in the Global Advocacy Team. He will be speaking about the work that Tearfund are involved with to take action on the Climate Crisis. One of the resources that Tearfund provides for to help churches and organisations is a Climate Emergency Toolkit, a route map to help all members respond to the climate emergency with simple but powerful actions that will have an impact far beyond your own walls.

SEEOG

South East Essex Organic Gardeners are a web fed by and feeding those concerned with the ecology of our planet and our human impact on it. SEEOG aim to promote the organic way and a community response and reaction to develop resilience locally and globally. SEEOG meet every two months with talks on a wide range of topics, usually with a local connection; we also provide speakers for other organisations to help spread the word.

SOUTHEND IN TRANSITION

Southend in Transition is a group exploring how the people of the borough of Southend on Sea can prepare for a carbon constrained, energy lean world. SiT is a community-led initiative which is working towards the creation of an Energy Descent Action Plan for the town.

EXTINCTION REBELLION

Extinction Rebellion is an international movement that uses non-violent civil disobedience in an attempt to halt mass extinction and minimise the risk of social collapse. Extinction Rebellion have a vision of change: Creating a world that is fit for generations to come.

REPAIR CAFES

A Repair Café is a place where people gather to work on repairing objects of everyday life such as electrical devices, bicycles, clothing, and other items. A Repair Café is a form of grassroots movement that aims to reduce waste, overconsumption, and planned obsolescence.

RACHEL SUMMERS

Rachel is a forest school practitioner based in East London. She loves exploring nature with humans of all ages, and her hands are never quite mud free.

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THE OTHONA COMMUNITY

The Othona Community was established in 1946 to promote peace and reconciliation after WWII. It continues to be a place where people explore community, faith and sustainability.

Othona is an off-grid community so we have to generate all our electricity. At the moment we use a combination of solar panels, a wind turbine and a diesel generator. We are hoping to build a new bigger wind turbine to minimise our use of diesel. Space and water heating uses a biomass generator. There will be an opportunity during the weekend for a tour and discussion of our energy systems.

TRUST LINKS

Trust Links is your local mental health and wellbeing charity.

We work across South Essex to support people experiencing mental health difficulties, families and other community members. Our projects support over 1,500 people a year, with main bases in Southend, Rochford and Castle Point. We're committed to building stronger communities and transforming lives.

Supporting the environment through sustainable living is at the core of our work. Each of the Trust Links sites feature environmentally beneficial features including green roofs, heating systems, insect habitats, composting toilets and more. Through our Eco Days project we have worked to engage the local community with leading a more sustainable lifestyle.





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