

City Food Symposium 2016 Speaker bios

Morning panel

Aileen Roberstson

Dr Aileen Robertson is a Public Health Nutritionist responsible for international research and lecturing at Metropolitan University College, Copenhagen, Denmark. Previously Dr Robertson was Regional Adviser for the Nutrition and Food Security Programme at the WHO European Regional Office, where she was employed to advise 50 Member States on how to develop and implement their multi-sectoral food and nutrition policies and action plans. Since 2005, Dr Robertson has been one of the key experts developing a BSc in Global Nutrition and Health at Metropolitan University College, Copenhagen. The Department of Global Nutrition and Health was designated as a WHO Collaborating Centre for Nutrition, 2010-2016. Dr Robertson has been a partner in EU DG Research and DG SANCO funded projects, in addition to carrying out a variety of consultancies with WHO and DANIDA, related to public health nutrition and food policy.

David Barling

Professor David Barling is the Director of the Centre for Agriculture, Food and Environmental Management (CAFEM) at the University of Hertfordshire and is the Cross-University Food Research Theme Champion. His research focuses on food policy, food security and sustainability, and the governance of the agri-food sector. Until mid-2015, he held a position as Reader at the Centre for Food Policy at City, University of London

Kath Dalmeny

Kath Dalmeny coordinates Sustain, the UK's alliance of around 100 national organisations working together for healthy, fair and sustainable food, farming and fishing. She is currently participating in many discussions, in third-sector, business and policy-making circles, on how best to respond to Brexit, both to defend important health, farming, environmental and working standards, and to champion a better way forward.

Liz Dowler

Liz Dowler, a public health nutritionist, is Emeritus Professor of Food & Social Policy at the University of Warwick. With a multi-disciplinary and international background, she works on food poverty, rights and justice and policy evaluation; through engaging with civil society and government she seeks to contribute to reducing inequalities in health and building sustainable food systems.

Terry Marsden

Terry Marsden is Professor of Environmental Policy and Planning and Director of the Research Institute for Sustainable Places at Cardiff University. His research focuses on agri-food studies, rural development and sustainability. He has written extensively on food policy and governance questions and is currently running projects on aspects of European food security, rural development and the rise of the 'bio-economy'.

Performance: People's Knowledge

Some people have formal training as experts. Some people's expertise comes through their life experience. People's Knowledge is a collective of individuals from diverse backgrounds who work to break down the barriers that exist between these two groups. It is affiliated to the Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience at Coventry University. Its members will be running a training course, *Power Relations and Participatory Research*, for the ESRC's National Centre for Research Methods, in May 2017.

People's Voices

Anna Taylor is Executive Director of the thinktank the Food Foundation. She previously worked at the Department for International Development, Save the Children and UNICEF, supporting programmes in a wide range of contexts in Africa and South Asia. In 2014 she was awarded an OBE for her work on the global burden of undernutrition.

Annie Connolly is in her second year of a PhD at Leeds University looking at children's lived experiences of food insecurity and the impact of welfare reform on household food insecurity. She graduated from the City Master's programme in Food Policy in 2014. She is part of the Campaign Team for End Hunger UK.

Cairo Charles is an undergraduate student in sociology at City, University of London.

Claire Marris is a Senior Lecturer at the Centre for Food Policy at City, University of London, and Programme Director for the MSc in Food Policy. Her own research is in the field of Social Studies of Science, where she is interested in the relationship between scientific evidence and policy making, notably in the area of risk assessment for crops and foods. Her work explores links between science and democracy, and advocates the inclusion of a broader range of stakeholders in decision-making.

Clara Widdison is the National Growth Manager for Community Shop, the UK's first chain of social supermarkets. She previously worked at The People's Supermarket and the Park Slope Food Coop.

She has recently completed an MSc in Food Policy at City. She also chairs the Lambeth Food Partnership Board.

Daphne Page has an MA in Environmental Applied Science & Management from Ryerson University, Canada. She is currently studying for a PhD in the Centre for Food Policy, looking at the perceived link between urban agriculture and sustainability in the Sustainable Food Cities Network.

Deirdre Woods is a member of the Community Food Growers Network, BBC Cook of the Year 2016 and London Slow Food Ambassador 2016.

Jack Fisher is NCDFREE's Global Coordinator for Europe and Africa. He has an MSc in Global Health from the Copenhagen School of Global Health and research experience in the linkages between air pollution and NCDs. He is now based in London, where he is Communications Officer for the Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change.

Jason O'Rourke is headteacher of Washingborough Academy, a primary school in Lincolnshire. Washingborough is an Ambassador School for Food For Life and holds the Gold Sustrans Mark. Jason is the winner of the 2016 Educating School Food Plan Award and is studying for a doctorate in Food Education and School Leadership.

Joel Williams is currently studying MSc Food Policy part time. He is also an educator who teaches both farming and urban audiences on food production and sustainable soil management.

Rebecca Wells is a Teaching Fellow on the IFSTAL (Innovative Food Systems Teaching and Learning) project at the Centre for Food Policy. A former BBC radio producer and food journalist, she is currently writing up her PhD, which looks at the interaction between food policy and the UK media.

Vincent Gainey is Agriculture and Livelihoods Advisor-at the UK Department for International Development, the development agency of the UK government.

Afternoon Panel

Carlo Cafiero

Carlo Cafiero is Director of the Voices of the Hungry project of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. FAO launched the Voices of the Hungry project in 2013 to provide up-to-date information about food insecurity that is policy-relevant and contributes to strengthening political will—information that aims to 'speak to people and lead to change'.

Cecilia Tacoli

Cecilia Tacoli is a Principal Researcher at the Institute for Environment and Development. Her work explores the relations between rural and urban areas, people and enterprises; the ways in which these are transformed by urbanization processes; and their impact on urban and rural food consumption and insecurity in the global South.

Dee Butterly

Dee Butterly is a young producer living in West Dorset where she co-runs an organic two-acre market garden. Prior to this, Dee co-ordinated The Hermitage Community Vegetable Garden and was a founding member of The New Leaf Co-operative. Dee is a member of the Land Workers Alliance and is the Coordinator of the People's Food Policy.

Karen den Hertog

Karen den Hertog has a Master's in Public Administration and works with the Public Health Service of Amsterdam (GGD Amsterdam). Being born with a physical handicap herself, she has an internal drive to create and implement new policies in order to increase the quality of life of those who are less able to do so themselves. Since 2012, Karen has worked for the Amsterdam Healthy Weight Programme, since 2015 as deputy programme manager. The mission of this programme is a healthy weight for all Amsterdam children by 2033.

Tom Wakeford

Tom Wakeford is one of the People's Knowledge collective and Reader in Public Science at the Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience, Coventry University. He is Policy Adviser to the Commissioners to the Indian Supreme Court (Right to Food Case) and an adviser to the European Commission's Joint Research Centre on public dialogue.