

# The 2023 City Food Policy Symposium

**From trade-offs to co-benefits in times of crisis: finding positive food policy solutions to multiple food system challenges**

**27 April 2023**

Oliver Thompson Lecture Theatre, Northampton Square, City, University of London

**10.30am – 11.00am: Arrival and registration**

**11.05am - 11.10am: Welcome**

**11.10am - 11.15am: A few words from our sponsors**

*The Master Reverend Keith Powell, the Worshipful Company of Cooks*

**11.15am - 11.35am: Keynote address**

*Rob Percival, Head of Food Policy, The Soil Association*

**11.35am - 12.55pm: Plenary session**

**Experiences of trade-offs and co-benefits for food policy in times of crisis – national, regional and local perspectives**

*Led by Professor Christina Vogel, Deputy Director of the Centre for Food Policy, City, University of London*

**Speakers will include:**

- **Sarah Pullen**  
*Birmingham City Council*
- **Tristan Gorgens**  
*Department of the Premier, Western Cape Province, South Africa*
- **Dr Kelly Parsons**  
*The Mandala Project*
- **Dustin Benton**  
*Green Alliance*

**12.55pm – 1.30pm: LUNCH**

*All lunch options are vegan. For additional dietary requirements please go to the registration desk*

**1.30pm – 2.30pm: Panel discussion  
Equality in Crisis**

*Led by Dr Rebecca Wells, Senior Lecturer at the Centre for Food Policy, City, University of London*

This will be a chaired discussion of the emerging issues followed by questions from the audience.

Speakers will include:

- **Hilary Patel**  
*Department for Work and Pensions*
- **Dr Chi-Chi Ekhator**  
*The Ascension Trust*
- **Sarah Williams**  
*SUSTAIN Alliance*
- **Koen Deconinck**  
*Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)*

### **2.30pm - 2.45pm: Networking break**

### **2.45pm - 3.30pm: Workshops: first session**

Workshop sessions will be in small groups and last 45 minutes. There is a total of 8 sessions, each of them running twice with a break in between.

The recommendations stemming from the workshops will, along with the learnings from the rest of the Symposium, be included in the Symposium Report.

Workshops will be facilitated by representatives from *Food Farming and Countryside Commission, Rio Nuevo Chocolate, Piper's Farm, Eating Better, The Orchard Project, Feedback, UCL*

Workshop sessions will include:

- **Trade-offs between dairy and meat production and environmental and human health**
- **Pathways to sustainable land management**
- **Pathways to reducing food waste**
- **Reimagining a fair supply chain**
- **Reimagining the role of food education in food policy**
- **Taking a design-led approach to food system challenges**
- **Navigating food security in farming transitions**
- **Placing food sovereignty on the agenda**

### **3.30pm – 3.50pm: Coffee Break**

### **3.50pm - 4.35pm: Workshops: second session**

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**4.40pm – 5.00pm: Closing Remarks**

**5.00pm – 6.00pm: Networking reception**

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