

PHOTOGRAPHY

## In pictures: working the soil to save the Earth

A new exhibition shows people of all ages and backgrounds practising regenerative agriculture



On Mallon Farm in County Tyrone Charlie Mallon is reviving the tradition of growing flax for fibre  
YVETTE MONAHAN

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**W**e Feed the UK is a photography and poetry series celebrating regenerative food production in the UK which opened at the Open Eye Gallery in Liverpool this month and will then tour the UK. It has paired up ten photographers with ten farmers in ten regions to tell the story of a better way of growing food — one that brings together communities and restores nature.

Ally Nelson, project lead for We Feed The UK at the Gaia Foundation, said: “Across the UK, regenerative farmers are galvanising communities to think differently about how we produce and consume our food. We Feed The UK celebrates their role as custodians of sea, soil and seed, through the powerful mediums of photography and spoken word.”

The project has also worked with Hot Poets, whose co-director Liv Torc said: “Hot Poets aims to be the words beneath the wellies, elevating the stories of ten UK regenerative farmers in a powerful new poetry collection, filmed on the land and available for everyone to watch, feel and share.”





At Fordhall Farm in Shropshire, the first community owned farm in England, Ben and Charlotte Hollins take a regenerative and collective approach to organic farming

AARON SCHUMAN



The Penpont Project in the Brecon Beacons is trying to "reverse devastating ecological breakdown and create a global gold standard for youth-led environmental action", as well as helping frogs

ANDY PILSBURY





Hana Salih and Khadijah Haq are part of the Penpont Project which brings together young people, farmers, landowners and the charity Action for Conservation

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Nikki Yoxall runs Grampian Graziers in Aberdeenshire and leads Regenerative Women on the Land, a support network for female farmers and growers

SOPHIE GERRARD





Lauriston Agroecology Farm, in northwest Edinburgh, is a co-operative of mostly women growing food, biodiversity and community on a 100-acre urban site

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Prudence Middleton, from Radleys Primary School, with a sunflower grown at No Diggity Gardens in Walsall where "carbon is kept in the ground using the no-dig method"

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Stuart Johnson of Wharmley Farm in Northumberland was named Soil Farmer of the Year in 2023 after changing his intensive system to use livestock to build soil fertility to benefit cereal crops  
JOHANNAH CHURCHILL



Sandra Salazar D'eca, Paulette Henry and Pamela Shor run Go Grow With Love and Black Roots, multigenerational community growing projects in north London  
ARPITA SHAH





Falcon Fields Allotment in Enfield is home to Go Grow With Love  
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Jon Tonks, a photographer, is starting a 12-month study of sustainable fishing on the south coast of England, including Bill Johnson  
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Sustainable fishing off the coast of Cornwall

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Ellis Hicken, from Radleys Primary School, at No Diggity Gardens in Walsall, where the circular system of growing food and composting waste is nourishing the soil and local people

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