



THE STATE OF SEED SURVEY : BUILDING SEED SOVEREIGNTY ACROSS BRITAIN

Hello everyone!

We hope the farming season is going well as we reach mid summer. It's no doubt a busy time, especially catching up from the wet May.

Thank-you so much to everyone who filled out the survey 'The State of Seed' and taking the time to do it. We had an incredible response and it was fascinating going through and evaluating what everyone shared.

Report of the survey results and analysis

We have put together a report of the survey results and analysis [here](#). We have kept all answers, quotes and data anonymous.

Follow up and next steps

[An online follow up this Autumn.](#)

After the summer farming season has calmed down, the Landworkers' Alliance are going to organise an online meeting for everyone who filled out the survey to discuss the results and explore next steps and ideas based on the ideas and suggested directions in the survey. Dates and outline of the session will be designed later in the summer, but we will get in touch with you again in September.

[The Seed Sovereignty Programme's Seed Gathering 2021](#)

The Gaia Foundation Seed Sovereignty Programme is organising their first Seed Gathering on Saturday the 23rd and Sunday 24th October this year. This will be online and will support our seed networks across the UK and Ireland - seed producers, suppliers, community initiatives, academics and those who use seed (that's you!). Keep an eye out for further details and how to book tickets by checking <https://www.seedsovereignty.info/>

This is being organised in partnership with the UK Grain Lab, the Landworkers' Alliance and The Organic Research Centre.

Building Seed Sovereignty in the UK: 'International Seed Network exchanges'

Funded through Farming the Future, the Landworkers' Alliance and the Gaia Foundation's Seed Sovereignty Programme will work with a collective of 10 - 15 UK based commercial and community market gardeners and seed growers from Autumn 2021 onwards through to the 2022 growing season to participate in three virtual exchanges with seed projects in Europe and USA, exploring the following themes in our seed systems:

- (1) celebration and culture
- (2) growing diversity
- (3) building resilience and adaptability.

Participants will also receive a range of seeds from the exchanges to trial in the 2022 growing season.

For more information about the project please go [here](#).

To apply to this project please go [here](#).

The application deadline to apply for the project is Monday 30th August at midnight and we will be selecting participants by the start of August.

For any questions please contact Dee Butterly at dee.butterly@landworkersalliance.org.uk

Prize draw

As you know, there was a great range of prizes to be won, with everyone who filled out the survey entered into a prize draw. We will contact the five winners of our prize draw directly to arrange receipt of the prizes.

We hope to see you all at the online follow up we will organise in the autumn. Please watch this space! If you have any questions please feel free to get in touch.

Many thanks,

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