

BMIB5004

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Management and Organisation

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Thursday 26th March, 5pm - HU0.10

To close this year's delivery of the module BMIB5004 Critical Management and Organisation Studies, we will screen the film 'Six Inches of Soil'.

The screening will be followed by a panel with Dr Lucy Michaels, the film's impact producer, researcher and story advisor, and Hannah Watkins, a local grower and regenerative workshop facilitator with Hortus Cognitor.

About the film

'Six Inches of Soil' is the "inspiring story of British farmers standing up against the industrial food system and transforming the way they produce food - to heal the soil, benefit our health and provide for local communities."

The film introduces the story of three new farmers on the first year of their regenerative journey to heal the soil and help transform the food system - Anna Jackson, a Lincolnshire 11th generation arable and sheep farmer; Adrienne Gordon, a Cambridgeshire small-scale vegetable farmer; and Ben Thomas, who rears pasture fed beef cattle in Cornwall.

As the trio of young farmers strive to adopt regenerative practices and create viable businesses, they meet seasoned mentors who help them on their journey. They are joined by other experts providing wisdom and solutions from a growing movement of people who are dedicated to changing the trajectory for food, farming and the planet.

Our farmers will have to navigate a broken food system, farm in a landscape degraded by industrial agriculture and learn how to reconnect people with the soil, where their food comes from and how it is produced.

SIX INCHES OF SOIL

THE REVOLUTION IS
UNDERGROUND

"I never thought I could watch a movie about soil and get emotional"

www.sixinchesofsoil.org

Director
COLIN RAMSAY

Producer
CLAIRE MACKENZIE

Editor
DARIA HUPOV

Executive Producer
MARK ALDRIDGE

Music Composer
PETER MICHAELS



SPRINGTAIL PRODUCTIONS

Animation
BROOK MORGAN

Our Guests

There are approx. 178,000 farmers working in the UK who manage 71% of the uk's land, providing half of the food we eat, we import the rest.

Current “industrial” mainstream farming practices significantly contribute to soil degradation, biodiversity loss and climate change.

Regenerative farming practices, (within an agroecological system) promote healthier soils, provide healthier, affordable food, restore biodiversity and sequester carbon.

We don't shy away from tackling complex and thorny issues. Alongside hard-hitting facts, we also convey what it feels like to farm agroecologically - to farm with authentic connection with the land, changing seasons and the environment, to produce food for people you know and care about in the local community: to spend your days with your hands in the soil.

The film looks at the history of British farming and asks "how did we get here?" Through a short animated chapter that brings the audience up to speed with the industrial heritage of farming and the solutions that are within reach.

We show that agroecological farming is not simply a job, but a way to live values and engage in practices which not only nourish the planet but also the farmers themselves.

(Source: sixinchesofsoil.org)



Please sign up here to attend the event.
Six Inches of Soil - Film screening and panel



Dr Lucy Michaels

Lucy is a Leicester-based academic, professional researcher and environmental activist who has worked on food and farming issues for more than 25 years. She is currently a research fellow in dietary inequalities at the Centre For Research In Public Health And Community Care (CRIPACC) at the University Of Hertfordshire.

Her research on food systems spans industrial animal production, retailer power in food systems, UK pulse consumption in Leicester schools and households, and soil care and belonging in Leicester's community gardens and growing spaces.

Lucy drew on this research experience and expertise as an impact producer, researcher and story advisor on the film *Six Inches of Soil*.

Hannah Watkins

Hannah is the grower at Community Harvest Whetstone (CHW), a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Scheme Co-operative based at Whetstone Pastures Farn near Blaby, in South Leicestershire. In addition to her work at CHW, she runs a project called Hortus Cognitor which aims to facilitate regenerative land-based movements, through education, training and skills sessions.

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“Despite all our accomplishments, we owe our existence to a six-inch layer of topsoil and the fact it rains.”
Paul Harvey (1978) U.S. radio broadcaster