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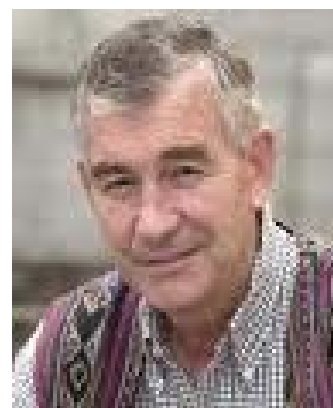
Alastair McIntosh is an Isle of Lewis-raised writer, broadcaster and campaigning academic best known for his work on land reform on Eigg, in helping to stop the Harris superquarry; also for developing human ecology as an applied academic discipline in Scotland. Based in Glasgow, he specialises in the fullness of community, understanding this to be a triune dynamic of 'soil, soul and society', of which food is a part. A prolific writer, he contributes regularly to BBC Radio Scotland's 'Thought for the Day'. Books include *Hell and High Water: Climate Change, Hope and the Human Condition* and *Soil and Soul: People versus Corporate Power*.

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SHAY CULLEN

Shay Cullen is an Irish Columban priest who has been based in the Philippines for more than four decades. Nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize three times for his human rights work with the Preda Foundation in Olongapo, he began Preda Fair Trade in 1975, benefiting farmers co-operatives and indigenous people. The processing and export of Preda dried mangoes helps thousands of farmers. He oversees twelve major projects at the Foundation, including environmental protection and tree planting. Shay is the author of *Passion and Power*, an autobiography, and writes a weekly column in *The Manila Times* that is published in other newspapers and on-line. In Britain, he produces a weekly column in *The Universe Catholic* newspaper.

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ELIZABETH DOWLER

Elizabeth Dowler works on food and poverty: local initiatives and policy evaluation; food security, rights and justice; and 'reconnection' to sustainable food systems, especially consumers' perspectives. A registered Public Health Nutritionist, she is professor of food and social policy in the Department of Sociology, University of Warwick. Liz is also a director/member of the Food Ethics Council, an independent research and advocacy group working to make the food system fairer and healthier. She is involved in their current Food and Fairness Inquiry. Liz is a member of Defra's Council of Food Policy Advisers, and of the Food Standards Agency expert panel reviewing guidelines on infant and follow-on formula. She has worked in many parts of the world with health, agricultural, social and planning sectors, and for international agencies. Liz is a member of the Iona Community – an ecumenical Christian community of men and women working for peace and justice.

www.foodethicscouncil.org; www.defra.gov.uk; www.iona.org.uk.



VANDANA SHIVA

Vandana Shiva was one of TIME magazine's 'Heroes for the Green Century' in 2002. She believes that the food issue lends itself to local activism in our time, in part because it involves such a strong mutuality of interest between producer and consumer. The small producers want to survive and urban consumers want healthy, tasty, and uncontaminated food. From being active in the Chipko movement in her native India in the 1970s she has supported people's movements internationally, such as La Via Campesina and the World Social Forums which favour food sovereignty. This is a policy framework where local communities define their own food, agriculture, livestock and fisheries systems, in contrast to having food largely subject to international market forces. She is the vice-president of Slow Food International, and her books include *Biopiracy: The Plunder of Nature and Knowledge*; *Stolen Harvest: The Hijacking of the Global Food Supply*; and *Soil Not Oil: Climate Change, Peak Oil and Food Insecurity*.

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