

We need a transformed food system with emphasis on both food and land justice.

To do this we need:

- Access to land for agroecological farming and growing in both rural and urban areas
- Changes in how we use the land so that it provides good quality, nutritious food that is locally accessible and affordable
- Land reform: Redistribution of land to those who will use land for the common good rather than profit
- To challenge power relations in land ownership, control and access, and working relationships- decolonise!
- Facilitate the aspirations of all those who want to become involved in such land-based work, increasing both numbers and diversity of land workers
- Good incomes and working conditions for land-based workers
- A mass grass roots movement which understands the relation between land, food, social, and ecological justice

Ideas for Land Reform

1. Compile a complete, accessible, and transparent **land registry** of ownership and use so we know who owns what and what it is used for. This would help aspiring farmers and growers to identify potential land.
2. Develop a **national land strategy** that is based on **full participation** of everyone in society, especially those who have been traditionally excluded from decision-making. Establish a network of **Land Assemblies at local and regional levels** that covers ownership, land rights, land management and the use of land, both rural and urban. This will be necessary because there may be different ideas on the common good (housing, food, nature) and structures are needed so that people work together to accommodate different views on how land should be used and managed.
3. Land needs to be seen as a **common resource that belongs to us all** rather than a resource for speculation, investment and profit. We need to **end land financialisation**.
4. **Stop all sale of public land.** All land owned by the national and local State (eg NHS, Network Rail, MOD and Crown Estates) should be used for promoting social and economic justice, agroecological food growing, ecological restoration, and the long-term interests of society.
5. **Expand the amount of land in public, community, and co-operative ownership.** This means reducing the concentrated and highly unequal land ownership. There should be a limit on the size of land ownership with any excess transferred to the public for redistribution to those who will use it for the common good, such as agroecological farmers and growers. This policy could be supported by making large-scale land ownership and speculative buying economically unviable through the tax system.

6. Support community and co-operative land stewardship through a **well-financed ‘right to buy’ or ‘community stewardship’**. Land would be owned by the public but the local community or a group of farmers/growers would manage the land and any assets on that land.

7. Land owned by ‘the public’ does not mean simply putting land into the hands of the national or local State. If land is to be owned by ‘the public’ then **citizens must be fully involved in making decisions and managing** that land, making use decentralised structures such as Local Land Assemblies.

About the People’s Land Policy

The People’s Land Policy is a project to develop discussion and debate about what kind of land reform we need. By bringing together a range of people to discuss land and the issues that affect them we hope to contribute to the building of a broad-based, radical movement for land reform.

A key part of our work is to consider what we would like to see in a Land Reform Act for England and Wales, learning from the Scottish experience. We would also like to work with land campaigners in Scotland in order to develop UK-wide legislation that would enable radical land reform.

As part of this process we are working on a People’s Land Policy, learning from the experience of the People’s Food Policy developed by the Land Workers Alliance and others. We are in the early stages of this work and we welcome any feed-back you may have on our work so far.

Participants in the project include individuals involved in a variety of grass roots groups campaigning around community empowerment and anti-gentrification, housing, food and growing, and the environment. We also have members interested in planning.

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