Living Thames

THE PROGRAMME

Bioregional Convergence

Weaving two days of life, story and agency into the start of one living laboratory.

Fri 16 & Sat 17 October

At Adventure Dolphin Centre · Tolhurst Organic Farm, Hardwick Estate

Tickets at livingthames.org

THE BIG PICTURE

Flowing from listening to collaboration

Friday 16 Oct

10:00 – 17:45

Ground, meet, walk the land, story the bioregion

Adventure Dolphin Centre

Friday evening

18:30 – 22:30

Dinner, celebration & a ceilidh

Tolhurst Organic Farm

Saturday 17 Oct

From 09:20

Our places, our agency, moving towards

Tolhurst Organic Farm, Hardwick Estate

THE ARC OF THE CONVERGENCE

Ground · Connect · Experience · Story · Harvest · Move towards

- Joe Brewer & Penny Heiple from The Design School for Regenerating Earth

DAY ONE

Friday 16 October

MORNING

Arrival, attunement & finding each other

- Adventure Dolphin Centre

10:00 **Grounding, connection & listening**
Stepping into the landscape to attune to place and community

10:50 **Welcome to the Convergence**
An introduction to the gathering and to Living Thames

11:00 **Joe Brewer** TALK
Bioregional regeneration & the Dandelion activation strategy

12:00 **Ground rules**
A pro-social container to help our temporary community be alive, resilient and welcoming to all

12:15 **Getting to know each other**
Surfacing our collective intelligence and shared purpose

13:15 Lunch

AFTERNOON

Onto the land, into the story & harvest

- Adventure Dolphin Centre

14:15 **Field site visits**
We will step onto the land to connect, listen and learn with local regenerative farmer James Norman

15:00 **Storying the bioregion** WORKSHOP
A foundational piece in the bioregional toolkit. The layers of land, life and meaning alive in your place

17:00 **Harvesting insights** WORKSHOP
Orienting towards strategic action, individually and together

17:45 **Departures**
On to Tolhurst Organic Farm for the evening

EVENING

18:30 – 22:30

Arrive from 18:30 or 19:00

Dinner, celebration, music & dancing

- An evening talk by Joe Brewer
- Celebrating the season and life across the bioregion
- Dancing with a local ceilidh band
- Tolhurst Organic Farm, Hardwick Estate

DAY TWO

Saturday 17 October

MORNING

Starting from our own places

Tolhurst Organic Farm, Hardwick Estate

08:30 Arrivals
Settle in for a 09:20 start

09:20 **Welcome to the Convergence**
An introduction to the gathering and to Living Thames

10:00 **Joe Brewer** TALK
Bioregional regeneration & the Dandelion activation strategy

10:30 **Grounding, connection & listening**
Back into the landscape to attune together

11:15 **Our places** WORKSHOP
What's missing? What's alive for you? What are the challenges and barriers?

13:00 Lunch

AFTERNOON

From abundance to agency

Tolhurst Organic Farm, Hardwick Estate

14:00 **Field site visits**
On the land with the people of the Hardwick Estate

15:15 **Nurturing abundance & exploring agency** WORKSHOP
What could greater vitality, viability and evolutionary capacity look like for you and your place?

16:45 **Closing ritual: Moving towards**
What are the capacities and capabilities we want to strengthen, and where does our energy and agency sit?

> **"Bioregioning is an invitation to move towards pro-social ways of being and acting."**

Move from problems to possibilities in your place

1. **Tickets & details**
   Go to livingthames.org for tickets
2. **Keep this programme**
   Have the running order handy on the day
3. **Share it**
   Pass it on to someone who belongs in the room