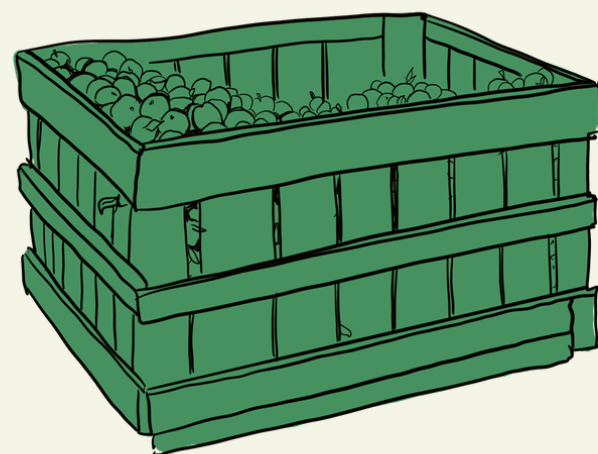


Land Justice & Ownership

Justice and equity are central to the work our funded partners undertake on the issues of increasing access to land for sustainable food production – whether its expanding farmland ownership models, fair routes to farm land tenancies, or build lasting, inclusive connections to the land.

A just transition to a fairer food and farming system means putting more economic power in the hands of local communities. This includes giving people greater control over how food is produced and distributed, and expanding local ownership and/or stewardship of land and assets. To build a resilient food system, we need to back family farmers, smallholders, and local food producers—helping them manage land and resources sustainably, gain financial independence, and strengthen their ties with the communities they serve.

Making these changes inclusive requires embedding social equity and racial justice into every step. That means tackling barriers like restrictive land tenancies, while also creating fair pathways for skills development and career growth. By supporting continuous learning, building strong peer networks, and encouraging diverse and thriving enterprises, we can create livelihoods that welcome and reflect all voices.



Our work on land access shows how projects can feed into each other, creating cumulative impact.

Early initiatives explored preserving agricultural land, opening democratic ownership channels, and highlighting the knowledge and experience of BPOC food growers.

Insights from these projects directly informed subsequent work, from reports and investigations into systemic barriers to services that match land with growers.

The trust built across the field of action through long-term collaboration has enabled deeper work on a movement-wide Food, Farming and Land strategy to emerge.

What we mean by:

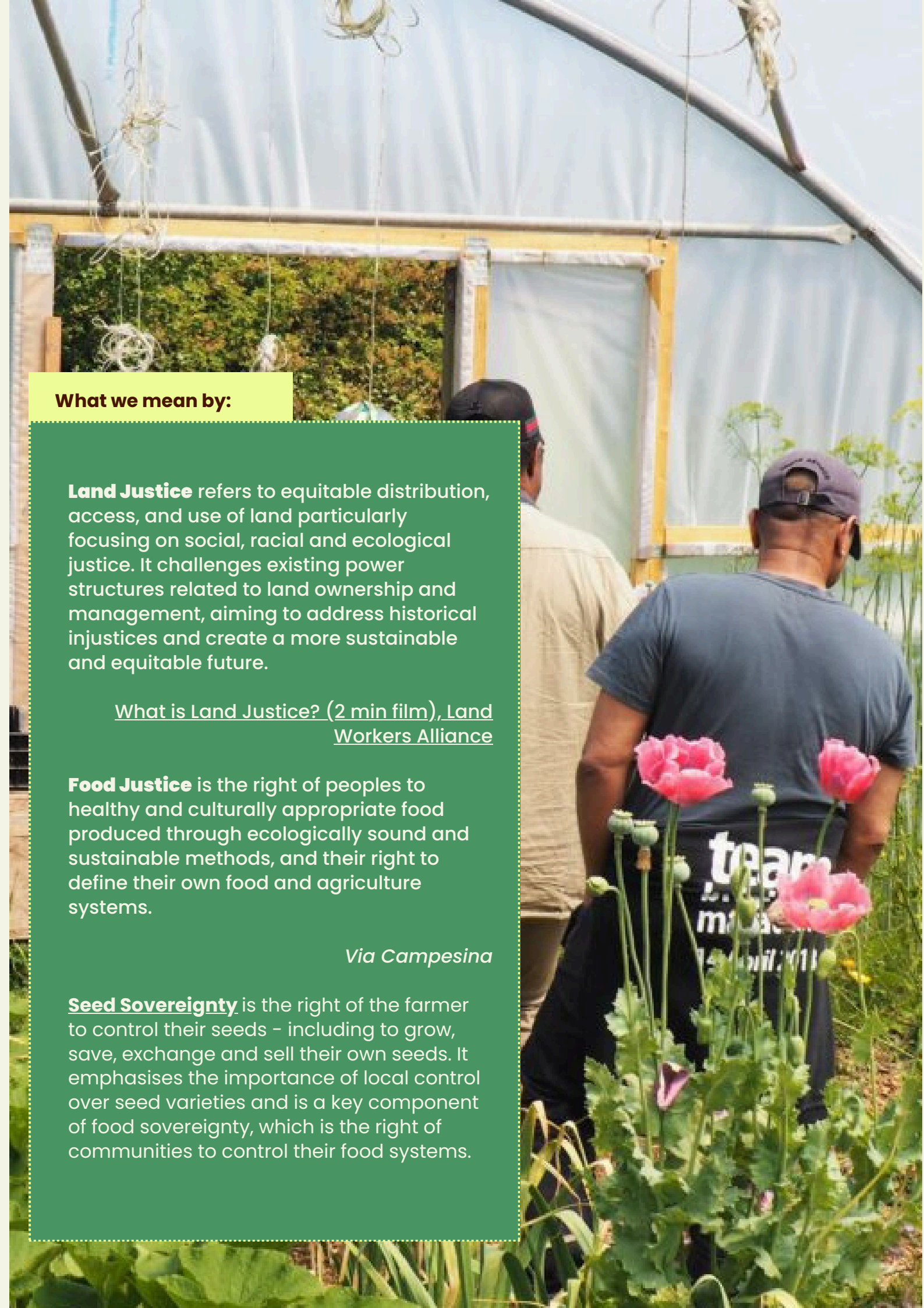
Land Justice refers to equitable distribution, access, and use of land particularly focusing on social, racial and ecological justice. It challenges existing power structures related to land ownership and management, aiming to address historical injustices and create a more sustainable and equitable future.

[What is Land Justice? \(2 min film\)](#), [Land Workers Alliance](#)

Food Justice is the right of peoples to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods, and their right to define their own food and agriculture systems.

Via Campesina

Seed Sovereignty is the right of the farmer to control their seeds – including to grow, save, exchange and sell their own seeds. It emphasises the importance of local control over seed varieties and is a key component of food sovereignty, which is the right of communities to control their food systems.



Family Farm Succession

An investigation into how family farm succession – the process by which family farmers retire and contemplate selling – could be essential to preserving agricultural land and opening up new channels for democratic ownership.



Community Models for Farm Ownership

This report examined alternative models of farmland ownership through briefings on finance, housing, collective enterprise, and community buyouts.



Landmatch Event

For all involved in land matching to come together to discuss ideas and create a proposal for a landmatching service.



Developing Governance Model

The same group came together to develop its governance structures.



Pathways to Land explored financial pathways to securing land appropriate to the needs of BPOC producers (Black and people of colour), who often face barriers to accessing finance based on their identity.

Impact in motion: Just Access to Land

FtF
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Grant



England
Landmatch
Service
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Esmee
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Landmatch England connects landowners and landseekers through a user-friendly registration and search process, making it easier to find, share and manage land for food and farming, as well as fuel; fibre and woodland, with practical support and guidance.

Landmatch service embedding needs of most marginalised

Utilising findings from 'Pathways to Land' to make sure that the Landmatch Service incorporates the needs of marginalised groups.






Rootz into Food Growing

This research highlighted the passion, knowledge, and lived experience that BPOC food growers bring to London's social enterprise growing scene.



Jumping Fences

Jumping Fences investigated the deeper, systemic barriers that prevent BPOC growers from accessing land for agroecological farming in Britain.

-  Service/Initiative
-  Farming the Future Funded
-  External Funding Leveraged