

Widening the Movement

Collaboration matters, but so does who has access to funding and influence.

Too often, resources are concentrated in established institutions, while minoritised and community-led organisations working on food and farming remain underfunded.

For us, widening the movement means proactively directing funding towards those most affected by systemic inequities in the food system—ensuring leadership, voice and resources are more equitably shared and the capacity to collaborate is nurtured.

Our aim is not simply to broaden participation in the movement, but ensure greater agency and influence, enabling those historically excluded from food and farming policy and philanthropy to shape movement narratives, strategies and solutions at a systemic level.



Supporting Minoritised Voices

Real change requires sustained investment in the relationships, research, leadership and care structures that enable historically excluded communities to thrive within food and farming.

Our support in this area has focused on practical routes into land-based livelihoods, solidarity with those facing exploitation within the agricultural workforce, and the community infrastructure needed to sustain long-term participation. This work strengthens agroecology as a movement rooted in justice, dignity, and belonging rather than simply a set of practices or principles.

Building Relational Infrastructure

Land in Our Names (LION) is a BPOC-led grassroots collective working to address racial inequities in access to land and food. It reimagines land stewardship through the lens of climate justice, racial justice, and community power.

Beyond its direct organising, LION plays a critical bridging role across the agroecology and farming movement. It connects minoritised-led groups with established farming and land-based organisations, strengthening collaboration and shifting the field toward greater equity.

As the network map illustrates, four collaborative initiatives are connected through LION, with each partner contributing distinct strengths and expertise. Across initiatives, LION provides consistent relational infrastructure – building trust, aligning partners, and sustaining coordination – while ensuring continuity of knowledge, learning, and relationships over time.

Connective roles prevent duplication, protect and build on prior investment, and in LION's case enable shared pathways into agroecology rooted in justice and collective power.

The four funded initiatives:

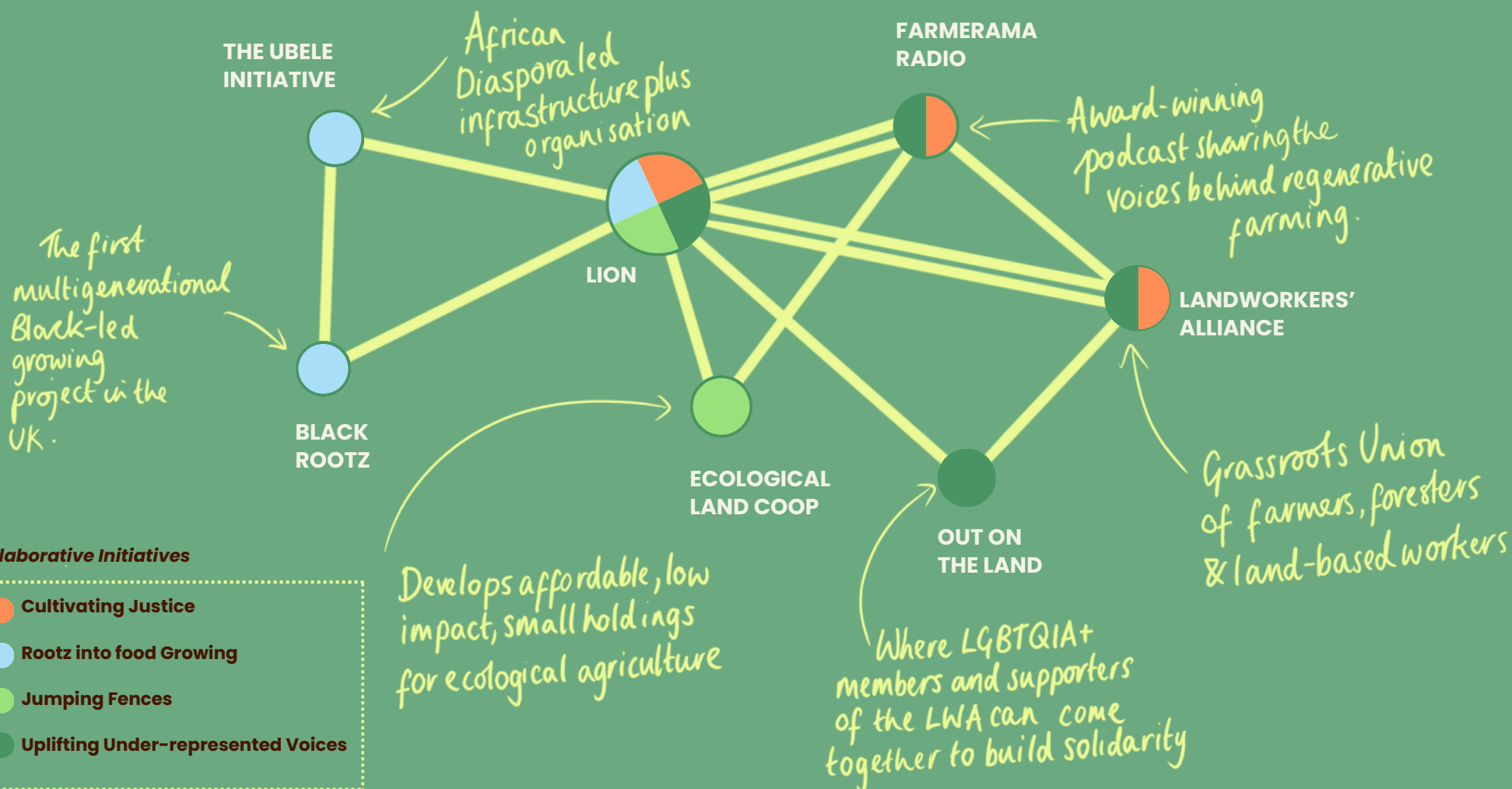
Jumping Fences brought partners together to map the barriers BPOC communities face in accessing land-based livelihoods.

Rootz into Food Growing united organisations to build a pan-London network of BAME-led commercial growers, combining research, movement-building and practical enterprise support.

Cultivating Justice co-created a series of events, podcasts and workshops to represent groups not traditionally recognised or empowered in food, farming and land systems.

'Uplifting Under-represented Voices' continued on from Cultivating Justice. The partnership, LION, Farmerama and Out on the Land, continued to use storytelling and cultural work to amplify collective narratives and strengthen solidarity across the network.

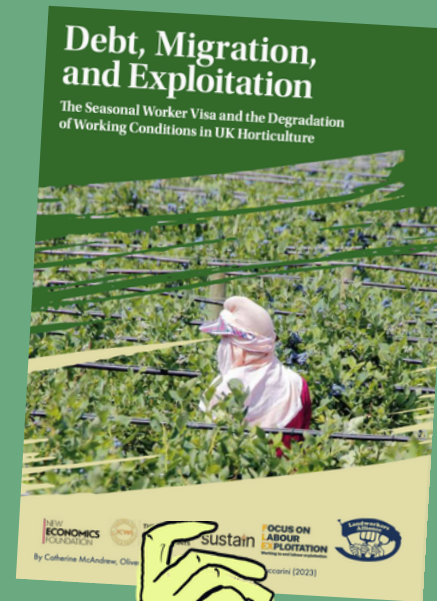
Learnings from this work have since been embedded in the development of Landmatch England through their collaboration with Pathways to Land Collective to ensure user needs, especially those most marginalised, are met as widely and deeply as possible.



Migrant Workers' Solidarity

Justice in farming must extend not only to land access and ecological stewardship, but also to the rights and working conditions of those whose labour sustains the food system.

As articulated in [this blog](#) by Landworkers' Alliance, the struggle for food sovereignty is inseparable from struggles for labour justice: migrant workers who harvest and nurture our food are often subject to structural exploitation embedded in supply chains and visa regimes, with limited rights, insecure work and financial precarity that undermine their dignity and well-being.



2021-23

For three years we supported coalition-building for practical grassroots action in solidarity with migrant workers in conventional agriculture. This collaboration brought together six organisations concerned about the mounting challenges facing agricultural workers in the UK, combining research, organising and advocacy.

The resulting report identified drivers of exploitation operating at the level of the farm, the supply chain and the migration system itself. They also developed a set of recommendations for the UK Government, labour market enforcement bodies, supermarkets, trade unions and social movements seeking to campaign for improved conditions ([see p.49](#)).

The collaboration's work shifted the conversation from isolated abuses to the structural conditions that enable exploitation — and laid the groundwork for continued efforts to centre worker representation and accountability within food system reform.

2024

The Landworkers' Alliance partnered with the [Workers Support Centre](#) to deepen its focus, increasing transparency around labour practices and exploring the feasibility of a worker-centred support and advocacy model. The organisations engaged nearly 700 workers via their casework and outreach programme.

"A Right to Food means that all farmers, farmworkers & food producers are guaranteed a decent livelihood for providing for our basic human right to good food for all."



2025

In April 2025, the Landworkers' Alliance organised the Food in Our Hands march, amplifying the voices of agricultural workers and reinforcing the message that exploitation is not incidental, but a structural feature of the current food economy. The march brought together farmers, growers, food system workers, hospitality professionals and activists advocating for food sovereignty, agroecology and the rights of migrant farm workers.

These concerns are echoed in a powerful **first-hand account published by Ethical Consumer**. Written by migrant workers as part of the latest stage of the migrant workers solidarity project, it details unsafe conditions, poor housing, and barriers to healthcare—exposing the structural vulnerabilities embedded within the UK's seasonal farm labour system.

Backing Young Leadership

Young people are at the forefront of the climate crisis, yet rarely resourced to lead within food and farming policy spaces.

Farming the Future have invested in youth-led organising as a long-term lever for change. This led to the development of a coalition uniting young people around climate action through food and farming – building shared priorities and a coordinated voice. The result is the launch of the UK Youth Food & Farming Forum, a national platform amplifying youth leadership in policy, narrative, and sector strategy.



The project has enabled young farmers to share the positive work the agriculture industry is already doing.

Charlotte Garbut, Chair of NFYFC's Agriculture and Rural Issues Group on How Farming can Cool the Planet.

BRINGING YOUNG PEOPLE TOGETHER

'**How Farming Can Cool the Planet**' was our starting point, giving a platform for young people, including young farmers, food activists and students, **to share their realities and lived experiences related to food and farming in the context of the climate and nature crises.**

Through farm visits, events and resources, around 300 young people engaged directly with the project, with many more reached online.

More powerful than the numbers were the relationships formed – bringing together young people with diverse experiences to explore agroecology, climate and food and land justice firsthand. By removing financial and practical barriers, participation was genuinely open and inclusive.

YOUTH VOICES IN POLICY

Building on this foundation, Sustain and the Nature Friendly Farming Network were brought into the existing partnership between SOS-UK, the NFYFC and FLAME to **strengthen youth influence in food and farming policy.**

Through **Back the Future**, the collaboration is supporting six young people with diverse experiences but a shared commitment to shaping a just transition. Together, they are developing the skills, confidence and platforms needed to ensure youth perspectives are heard in national policy debates.

This work has led directly to the launch of the **UK Youth Food and Farming Forum** in late 2025. Their mission is "to convene diverse youth voices (18-35) from across the food system and spark bold conversations which drive collective action towards a healthier, just and sustainable agrifood future".

CAPACITY BUILDING

The **Land Skills Hub** (supported through our 2024 Field Building programme) is emerging as a dedicated activist centre for intergenerational and intersectional learning – sharing both practical land-based skills and the political tools needed to advance land justice.

I've met people who I might not ordinarily come in to contact with but share the same values

Lawrence Weston, FLAME



Key Collaborators in this Space

SOS-UK

Students Organising for Sustainability UK are a student-led educational charity supporting students and young people to actively take a lead in environmental justice and transform education so that people protect the climate and nature.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS

NFYFC are one of the largest rural youth organisations in the UK dedicated to young people who have a love for agriculture and rural life. Led by young people, for young people, our Young Farmers' Clubs provide their 23,000 members aged 10 to 28 with a unique opportunity to develop skills, work with their local communities, travel abroad, take part in a varied competitions programme and enjoy a dynamic social life.

FLAME

FLAME is the Landworkers' Alliance Youth Group – a network of 16–30 year olds who are interested in landworkers, food justice and agroecology and want radical reform to our food and farming system.