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**THE THIRD HARMONY CONFERENCE
UNIVERSITY OF WALES TRINITY SAINT DAVID
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**CONFERENCE THEME: ACTION AND ACTIVISM IN PURSUIT OF
HARMONY**

<http://www.harmonyinitiative.net/>
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Last year we asked what Harmony is? Given that there may be no final answer, this year we ask how and whether we can create Harmony through action and activism. Harmony may come in different forms – social, environment or spiritual, for example. Contributors to the day include two of the University's Professors of Practice, teaching and other staff, students, local activists and activists from elsewhere supported by members of the University.

The inspiration for the Harmony Initiative is the book *Harmony: A New Way of Looking at Our World* (London: Harper Collins, 2010) written by HRH The Prince of Wales, the University's Chancellor, Tony Juniper one of the University's Harmony Professors of Practice, and Ian Skelly.

Our guiding definition of Harmony was composed by David Cadman:

'Harmony is an expression of wholeness, a way of looking at ourselves and the world of which we are part. It's about connections and relationships. The emotional, intellectual and physical are all connected. We are connected to our environments, both built and natural; and all the parts of our communities and their environments are connected, too. Harmony asks questions about relationship, justice, fairness and respect in economic, social and political relationships. As an integrative discipline it can be expressed in ideas and practice'.

To which we can add this background from Nick Campion

'The Greek philosophers developed the concept that the entire universe is a single integrated whole. The movements of the stars and planets make sounds as they travel, and, if we could hear these, they would make a beautiful sound. This is the foundation of the 'Harmony of the Spheres'. The same ideas of universal balance and the integration of all things also occurs in many non-western and indigenous cultures. Our current concern is to contextualise such notions within a framework of social justice and equality'.

Timetable

9.30 Tea and coffee available in the Arts Foyer

10-11.00 Action and Activism

10-10.05 Dr Jane Davidson opens the conference

10.05-10.10 Dr Nick Campion Introduction to Harmony and the day

10.10-10.25 Professor John Sauven: a personal statement on Action and Activism

10.25-10.40 Professor David Cadman: a personal statement on Action and Activism

10.40-10.50 Dr Carolyn Hayles: a personal statement on Action and Activism

10.50-11.00 Mickey Gordon: a personal statement on Action and Activism

11.00- 12.00 Local Action

A panel chaired by Dr Jane Davidson, Pro Vice-Chancellor for External Engagement and Sustainability, University of Wales Trinity Saint David.

On the panel we are joined by Patrick Holden, Chief Executive of the Sustainable Food Trust, Angie Polkey a founder member of the Lampeter Permaculture Group and Tom Yearly, Head of Sustainability Delivery, University of Wales Trinity Saint David. The idea for the panel arose out of conversations in Lampeter concerning the relationship between the University's sustainability agenda and local interests and concerns. The three panellists will each talk for 10 minutes and then we will open up for thirty minutes of questions and discussion.

Our chef, Kevin Hodson, will give us a preview of lunch.

12.00- 12.15 Short Break

12.15-1.00 pm Action in Practice

Dr Mike Durke (Faculty of Business and Management)

Mickey Gordon: the Barpack project

Sally Payen: artist and activist

1.00-2.00 Lunch; seasonal local food experience

Our chef, Kevin Hodson, has prepared lunch using as far as possible, local, organic or fair trade ingredients.

- Beetroot and apple soup – made from organic Welsh produce.
- Vegetarian Welsh cawl – made from organic produce, but sourced from all over the world.
- Selection of Mark Lane bread rolls and breads.
- Selection of Welsh cheeses sourced from all over Wales and supplied by Castell Howell.
- Fairtrade tea and coffee, from a national supplier.

2.00-4.00 Interviews, Conversation and Harmony at the University.

2-2.40: Dr Louise Emanuel, 5 minutes on sustainable requirements for her students and then 5 students to interview Carolyn Hayles

2.40 – 3.20: Tania Davies: 5 minutes on sustainable requirements for her students and then 5 students to interview John Sauven

3.20- 4.00: David Cadman: in dialogue with Interfaith PhD students. Angus Slater or Catrin Williams will introduce the session with a few words about the new professional programme for interfaith PhDs.

4.00-4.15: Nick Campion: A Wider Perspective: Harmony and the Sky

4.15–4.45: Closing panel with John Sauven and David Cadman and the speakers: conclusions from the day

Speakers, Staff and Presenters

David Cadman is a Harmony Professor of Practice at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David. He is a Trustee of [The Prince's School of Traditional Arts](#) and a Fellow of [The Temenos Academy](#). David Cadman's recent publications include *Speeches and Articles 1968-2012*, a collection of speeches and articles of The Prince of Wales, of which he was co-editor.

[Nick Campion](#) is Director of the [Sophia Centre for the Cosmology in Culture](#) and programme director of the [MA in Cultural Astronomy and Astrology](#) at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David, and the MA in Ecology and Spirituality (jointly with Schumacher College). He is Associate Professor in Cosmology and Culture. He is the Harmony conference organiser.

[Jane Davidson](#) is Pro Vice-Chancellor for External Engagement and Sustainability at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David. She is former Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing in Wales, where she proposed legislation to make sustainable development its central organising principle – the [Wellbeing of Future Generations Act](#) came into law in April 2015.

[Tania Davies](#) is Health Portfolio Programme Director at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David. She has a background in psychotherapy, substance misuse counselling for young offenders, and working with disabled children under five

[Mike Durke](#) is a Senior Lecturer in the [Faculty of Business and Management](#) at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David. His research interests include the diverse challenges of realigning public services in the UK, looked- after-children, and the challenges facing democracy and political structures.

[Louise Emanuel](#) is the Lead for the Carmarthen Business Portfolio, Programme Director for BA Business Management, module tutor for Management Ethics, Entrepreneurship and Community Engagement for the BA Business Management programme, and tutor for Entrepreneurship on the online MBA programme, at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David.

Mickey Gordon (MBE), canoeist, youth worker, expedition leader, has been a regular visitor to the Nepalese village of Barpak since his first expedition in 1985 in order to locate the source of the Dudh Khosi river. He returned in 1988 for the Channel 4 film 'Thin Air White Water' and, since the earthquake of 2015, has been raising funds to assist with rebuilding and recovery.

[Carolyn Hayles](#) is academic lead for [the Institute of Sustainable Practice, Innovation and Resource Effectiveness](#) (INSPIRE) at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David, Carolyn has a responsibility to support sustainability teaching across the university as well as to develop INSPIRE's research profile.

Kevin Hodson is the University of Wales Trinity Saint David's chef and was part of the team which obtained the [Food for Life Gold Catering Mark](#) from the Soil Association for its banqueting and events services across all campuses.

[Patrick Holden](#) is the Founding Director and Chief Executive of the [Sustainable Food Trust](#). He was the founding Chairman of British Organic Farmers in 1982 before joining the Soil Association, where he worked for nearly 20 years, during which time the organisation led the development of organic standards and the market for organic foods. He farms near Llandovery

[Sally Payen](#) is an artist and activist and [Salt Road](#) director. Her many works include her Arts Council England funded ['The Fence and the Shadow'](#), in 2017, a series of paintings based on her

exploration and research about the contested landscape of Greenham Common and the women's peace camps of the 1980s.

[Angie Polkey](#) is a founder member of the [Lampeter Permaculture Group](#). Her background in ecology and conservation helps her understand - and teach - the natural principles, patterns and processes that have inspired permaculture. She has a small-holding outside Lampeter.

John Sauven is a Harmony Professor of Practice at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David. He is the Executive Director of [Greenpeace UK](#). He has co-ordinated many international campaigns including to prevent the destruction of the Amazon by soya producers and cattle ranchers and of deforestation for paper and palm oil production in Indonesia. He also writes for the [Guardian](#) online.

[Tom Yearly](#) is Head of Sustainability Delivery, University of Wales Trinity Saint David. He is a Chartered Environmentalist and Energy Institute European Energy Manager and is responsible for leading the Sustainability Delivery Team and delivering the University's sustainability objectives in respect to all of its operations.

The Organising Team

Dr Nick Campion, Principal Lecturer, Faculty of Humanities and the Performing Arts, Director of the [Sophia Centre for the Cosmology in Culture](#),

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We are also grateful for help and assistance from Gary Thorogood

We welcome stalls from the following Celf Llambod Arts; People's Market; Lampeter Folk Group; Lampeter Food Project; Totally Locally Llambod; Lampeter Permaculture Group/ Grwp Paramaethu Llambod- sharing with Transition Llambod; Incredible Edible Group / Bwyd Bendigedig Llambod – sharing with Banc Hadau Llambod -The Seed Library; Long Wood Community Woodland; Merched Medrus group/Ceredigion WiRE; RBLA Archives

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