



“Wild Law” - Ideas into Action Research Paper Launch and Workshop

5pm Friday, September 26th – 2pm Sunday, September 28th, 2008
Lea Green Development and Conference Centre,
Peak District, Derbyshire, UK

The concept of Wild Law proposes a rethink of our legal and political systems to stop environmental destruction, but can we translate it into practical action? This event launches the first phase of international research by the UK Environmental Law Association and the Gaia Foundation to see if we can identify Wild Law in practice. The aim is to provide a Wild Law toolkit for decision makers and practitioners.

Find out whether Wild Law is more than just an idea and learn about practical examples in action.

Join a movement for change which would see Wild Law in use as a more effective means of protecting the environment at a time when human health and well-being depends on it.

Debate whether Wild Law can be treated as a coherent body of law and practice.

Workshop leaders include: **Mellese Damtie**, Ethiopian lawyer and biologist, former Dean of the Legal Department at Ethiopia's Civil Service College, where he supervises students to study the customary laws that traditional people use to govern their relationship with nature; **Andrew Kimbrell**, public interest attorney, activist and author, executive director of The Centre for Food Safety in USA and founder of the International Centre for Technology Assessment; and **Professor Lynda Warren**, emeritus professor at Aberystwyth University, environmental consultant and the research supervisor.

Also participating - Research paper coordinators, **Begonia Figueira**, of Gaia Law Ltd and ERIC Ltd, and **Ian Mason**, practising barrister and Director of the Earth Jurisprudence Resource Centre. Both are members of UKELA's Council; **Cormac Cullinan**, an environmental lawyer based in Cape Town, South Africa, author of *Wild Law: A Manifesto for Earth Justice*, director of the leading South African environmental law firm, Cullinan and Associates Inc., and CEO of EnAct International, an environmental governance consultancy; and **Ng'anga Thiong'o**, legal and policy adviser for Kenyan community NGO, Porini, and formerly to Green Belt Movement and Nobel prize winner, Wangari Maathai.

This event is facilitated by **Elizabeth Rivers**, former commercial lawyer and professional facilitator, and **Vicki Elcoate**, Executive Director of UKELA.

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Style of event

This is a residential workshop – some group work, some outdoors work, choice of smaller group work with DIY opportunities. The format is highly interactive and experiential. There are camping opportunities in the grounds if you prefer, but no reduction in price. Although the accommodation is in dormitories we have fewer guests than beds so there should be no crowding in the rooms. There is a pub across the road for a Saturday night outing, or just relax in the house. Food is plentiful, home made, with vegetarian options.

Cost

The price includes full board (some dormitory accommodation, no en suite), transport from the nearest train station (Cromford), workshop leaders and facilitation.

Full price non member	£300
UKELA or ELF member /Friend of Gaia Foundation	£250
Discounted (NGOs, community groups, trainee solicitors, pupil barristers, unwaged, retired)	£150
Students (limited places)	£50

You are welcome to bring along other family members to the workshop. Please indicate on the booking form. Children would not be able to attend the workshop sessions but all family members could join for meals (or be provided with a packed lunch on Saturday for their own outing). You would be allocated your own family room (not en suite). The cost of bringing family members is £68 per head.

Please return booking forms with a cheque payable to the 'UK Environmental Law Association' to:

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Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis