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The environment as a context for learning

Edge Annual Lecture (online)

Wednesday 9 December

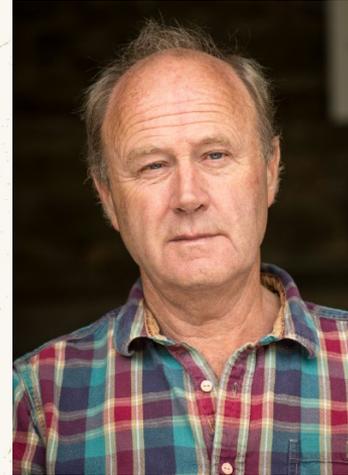
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Sir Tim Smit KBE

Sir Tim Smit is best known for his achievements in Cornwall. He 'discovered' and then restored 'The Lost Gardens of Heligan' with John Nelson, which is now one of the UK's best loved gardens having been named 'Garden of the Year' by BBC Countryfile Awards (Mar 2018). Tim's book 'The Lost Gardens of Heligan' won Book of the Year in 1997.

Tim is Executive Vice-Chair and Co-founder of the multi award-winning Eden Project in Cornwall. Since its opening in 2001, over 22 million people have come to see a once sterile pit, turned into a cradle of life containing world-class horticulture and startling architecture symbolic of human endeavour. Tim is also Executive Co-Chair for Eden Project International which aims to have an Eden Project on every habited continent by 2025.



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Rt Hon. Emma Hardy MP

Emma Hardy was born and brought up in the East Riding – a few miles from the seat of Hessle and West Hull that she now represents in Parliament. Before becoming an MP, Emma was a primary school teacher for over ten years.

She left teaching in 2015 to become a full-time organiser for the National Union of Teachers and served as Deputy General Secretary of the Socialist Educational Association before being elected to Parliament.

Following her election in 2017, and subsequent re-election in 2019, Emma has risen in the Labour Party to become Shadow Minister for Further Education and Universities in 2020.

Teaching and education are at the forefront of Emma's agenda and she is constantly fighting to ensure all of our young people receive the educational provision and support they need.



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George Lamb

George spent the first half of his professional career working in the entertainment industry - first as a band manager (Audio Bullys, Lily Allen) and latterly as a TV & Radio presenter (BBC 6Music, Big Brother's Little Brother, Britain By Bike).

Following a revelatory breakthrough in 2012 George has been figuring out how best to use his position and influence to make a positive, meaningful and lasting impact on society. In 2018 he founded GROW - a life skills education programme that works in schools and communities to promote mental wellbeing, physical health and a more hands on relationship with nature.

He also helps run the Southwark Legends (youth) Basketball Academy based at the Damilola Taylor Centre in Peckham and is a co-founder of Wildfarmed Grain - a regenerative farming business that grows delicious, nutritious grain in a way that respects the natural systems that all plants and animals (including us) need to survive and thrive.



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Shaun McInerney

Shaun has taught and led in inner city schools in the UK and in international schools for 25 years. As founding Principal he established The Studio, an innovative, tech-focused state school for 14-19 year olds in Liverpool, UK. Shaun recently developed a Changemaker curriculum at UWC Atlantic where he was Director of Learning Innovation. Both The Studio and UWC Atlantic are Ashoka Changemaker schools and Shaun has been actively involved in this network of 15 schools from across the UK. He is Senior Project Coordinator: Changemaker Education a role that focuses on helping Greater Manchester become the first Changemaker City Region in the UK.

