

(Un)Earthing New Pathways  
for a Justice Transition:  
Cultivating Hope and Food  
on Contested Terrains  
in Scotland, Amazon and the Arctic



## Isle of Skye workshop, 24-28 April 2022

Between 24 and 28 April 2022, a community of practice and struggle journeyed to Isle of Skye.

Here, 'community' reflects the Latin noun, *communitas*, as the spirit of community, a feeling of social equality, solidarity and belonging together; 'practice' reflects a commitment to put our shared learning into action; and 'struggle' makes explicit that issues of land, territory, food, justice and dignity are contested sites.



### ***25 April: Grounding our discussions***

With the invaluable support of Iain MacKinnon, the group first met residents in Dunvegan, navigating local issues of land and inherited power. The return by James Oliver to the fields of his youth was peppered with historical and more recent accounts of Glendale land resistance, of belonging and aspiration to move the discussion of land reform beyond the market. The irrepressible Donald Murdie presented the remarkable and diverse production in the volcanic soils of his croft overlooking the sea at Galtrigill.

### ***27 April: Land reform in Scotland***

A discussion with Megan MacInnes, Scottish Land Commissioner, allowed to reflect on a new rights agenda in Scotland and land reform.



**26 and 27 April: River of Life**

In the amazing setting of Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, the participants embarked on a metaphorical 'river of life' exercise that allows participants to articulate: a) the well/spring/source of their life's work on land and in food production; b) the tributaries – the experiences, contributions that have been important to this; c) the bend in the river – the obstacles, challenges to land access and sustainable food production; d) the navigation – the strategies and mechanisms to overcome these challenges; and e) where the river meets the sea – the destination and ambition for this work.

...and had a ceilidh.

