

## TFN Impact Report

<b>Name of your Organisation:</b>	The Landworkers Alliance
<b>Date of TFN event which you pitched at?</b>	18/06/18
<b>Name of the project TFN funded:</b>	Lobbying for a better post-Brexit agricultural policy in the UK
<b>Were you able to undertake your project as you outlined in the application?</b>	Yes
<b>Can you describe and/or demonstrate the specific impact that TFN funding has had against your initial objectives?</b>	<p>These are the specific outputs from the funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 political trainings held to empower membership to lobby for the bill;</li> <li>Official response to Agriculture Bill submitted for committee stage of Agriculture Bill;</li> <li>LWA called to present oral evidence to the Agriculture Bill committee;</li> <li>Members encouraged to lobby MP's to find supporters;</li> <li>3 amendments put forward by the LWA to be considered in the Agriculture Bill, sponsored by supportive MP's about agroecology, healthy, affordable food for all, and local food;</li> <li>1 amendment drafted by LWA with Labour front bench support and whip pledged when it comes to House of Commons;</li> <li>E-campaign gathered about 4,000 responses from people writing to MP's about the amendments;</li> <li>Good Food March held in Westminster with about 600 attendees to support agroecology in the Agriculture Bill;</li> <li>Joint work with Labour party on their Food Policy and with Conservative Environment Network on their manifesto;</li> <li>Event planned in parliament and House of Lords to lobby for amendments in September;</li> <li>Clear progress on advocacy within Defra;</li> <li>LWA appointed to the ELMS strategic and practitioner advisory panels for emerging post-Brexit schemes;</li> <li>2 tests and trials being considered by Defra about agroecology, horticulture and climate change;</li> <li>New Entrant proposals and Whole Farm Agroecology Scheme submitted to Defra;</li> <li>Meetings arranged about New Entrant Schemes and Agroecology with key Defra staff;</li> <li>3 study tours with key Defra staff of member farms;</li> <li>Productivity team held co-design sessions with specific feedback requested to co-design many Defra schemes;</li> <li>Establishment of Agroecology Learning Network;</li> <li>In-depth report prepared about the food system and climate change with a concrete proposal for reducing emissions. This has led to meetings with Climate Intelligence Unit, the Conservative Environment Network and several senior politicians, including the farming minister.</li> </ul>

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<b>What portion of the project did TFN fund?</b>	80%
<b>How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?</b>	1,500
<b>How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?</b>	The wider society
<b>Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?</b>	Yes
<b>If yes, how much were you able to raise and from whom?</b>	We are applying to Funding the Future for funds to continue this work. We will apply for £28,000 to hire a staff member full time and a further £20,000 to support consultancy and travel. Funding the Future is a collaboration between Sam Roddick and the A team.
<b>Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or introductions as a result of the event?</b>	No
<b>How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your objectives?</b>	We wouldn't have been able to achieve our objectives without TFN funding
<b>Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any other significant changes?</b>	We have definitely gained a political presence that is making an impact on implementation of concrete programmes with the agriculture department.  We plan to build up the grassroots movement to support a better food system; holding annual Good Food, Good Farming Marches.
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback on the experience of the TFN process?</b>	Very straight forward. Thank you.
<b>Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of the project?</b>	A few weeks ago I was at a meeting with several key Defra staff who had asked me to come and explain to them about Agroecology- what it meant and why it was important. They did not know that LWA had been responsible for putting forward the Agroecology amendments, but in the round of introductions, they mentioned that so many politicians and the minister had been asking them about what they were doing to promote Agroecology, that they thought they should find out more and how to integrate it into their work streams. They contacted us because we had been submitting so many Agroecology proposals and reports that they wanted to find out what they could do to support them. They had also been inspired to support sustainable farming by visits to our member farms. One civil servant told me that she had never realised there was a link with public health until she visited Growing Communities in Dagenham and saw people

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	<p>from all walks of life harvest fresh vegetables and eating a picnic together.</p> <p>I was delighted that they made it clear that that this meeting was arranged due to pressure from above to adopt the Agroecology amendments in combination with the inspiration internally to create a better food and farming system, inspired by visiting our farms. The Bill has not even been debated in the House of Commons, but the lobbying has already had an impact!</p> <p>Next week are hosting the head of Defra on a Community Supported Agriculture farm to see what more we can do together to create a climate-wise, sustainable and fair food and farming system for all.</p>
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