

# London Charter for Land Justice

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London belongs to **us**, those who have made our homes here and care about its future, **not** corporations, property developers, and others who put profit before the needs of people and the environment.

This Charter sets out our vision, principles and ideas for change that will help build a movement for land justice.

Join us!

# Vision and principles

- Land includes not only the ground beneath our feet, but also water and what lies above (air) and below (minerals). Land is alive. We are in a relationship with it. Listening and learning from the land is fundamental to land justice. We support the ‘rights of nature’.
- Land must be considered as a Commons, a source of wealth that belongs to all of us and which should be protected and managed on the principle of stewardship for the benefit of current and future generations.
- Land is fundamental to meeting people’s needs that make up their human rights. Land must deliver an equitable and just food and housing system, which provides nutritious food, quality safe housing, accessible to all.
- London must be a place that is both people and nature-friendly. Decisions about land should promote resilient communities of care as well as addressing climate change and pollution, and enhancing biodiversity. This will involve a strategy of ‘just transition’ which protects the livelihoods of workers and communities, as well as the rights of nature.
- Decision-making regarding land use and governance must be inclusive, democratic, and fully participatory.
- Land reform in London and the UK must take place in the context of the global situation, ensuring solidarity with struggles against Extractivism and for land rights and economic, social and racial justice elsewhere in the world. We turn to indigenous peoples for guidance and inspiration as they are and have been at the forefront of this global fight for land justice.

## **In order to bring about this vision, we demand:**

1. Stop the sale of public land and transfer land used in a way that is harmful for the environment or community to a governance model based on stewardship
2. Increase public, community and co-operative forms of ownership and address the concentration of large scale land ownership, reducing the amount of land in the hands of property developers and corporations
3. Introduce a Community Right to Buy, supported by a Land Fund, such that the community can take direct control of the stewardship of the land
4. Establish Land Commissions, Land Assemblies, and other forms of collective expression, with the full involvement of the grassroots level, to achieve land justice and land reform in each London Borough
5. Open the books to all citizens and make information about land ownership and use, as well as future property developments, free, transparent, and accessible
6. Develop an extensive and well-resourced education programme, in schools, colleges, universities, and community education, so that all citizens have the skills and knowledge to become land stewards and participate fully in caring for the land in their locality

We will be gathering supporters over the next month and presenting the Charter, with a full list of supporters, at the Land Justice Fair on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in supporting this Charter for Land Justice in London, get in touch with Land Justice London.

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