



Taking Back Control of Our Lives Local Solutions to Global Problems

An Evening with Sir Julian Rose
Thursday 25th March 2010

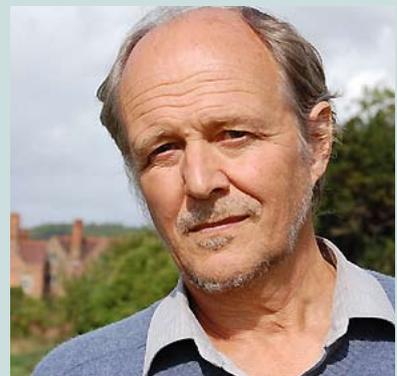
6.30pm drinks & light buffet at Gaia House, 18 Well Walk, Hampstead, NW3 1LD.
7.30pm Talk & discussion at Burgh House, NW3 1LT (opposite Gaia House)

We only need to glance up while walking down a street in almost any town in Britain to see a CCTV camera peering back at us. There is now one camera for every 14 people in this Country. That is almost twice the rate as the USA, which is already well covered. Orwell's prophetic warnings are increasingly evident – but are we doing anything about it?

Why is this happening now? Why are we being told that all such invasions of our privacy are necessary? In order to protect our lives from 'the threat of terrorism'? Why are we being told to accept genetically modified foods and not to fear a nanotechnology diet? Why are our soils still being destroyed by vast agribusiness cartels? Why are we continuing to elect governments which appear both unable and unwilling to curtail the power of corporate dominance? Are we already so dumbed down that we cannot imagine anything better?

In his book *Changing Course for Life – Local Solutions to Global Problems* Julian tackles these questions head-on, calling for a new commitment to utilise our creative endeavours to reshape our perilous planetary existence into something fit for genuinely 'human' communities of the future. Its is a wake up call for us to take back the control of our lives.

Sir Julian Rose is a leading exponent of organic farming. He began the transformation of the Hardwick Estate in South Oxfordshire to meet the standards of organic farming in 1975, one of the first to do so. It blossomed into one of Britain's leading organic mixed farms and a space in which Julian conducted educational walks for socially deprived and urban youngsters, as a way of discussing the realities of ecological food production. In 2000, Julian launched a project to make the market town of Faringdon, Oxfordshire, self-sufficient in 'food, fuel and fibre' by 2015. In the same year he was invited to become a co-director of the International Coalition to Protect the Polish Countryside, co-launching a highly successful 'Campaign for a GMO Free Poland' as well as leading a high profile defence of peasant farmers, whom he holds-up as the true guardians of biodiversity and quality food throughout the world.



Booking Essential. Tickets £12. Concessions £8. Reserve your place online at:

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