



WISDOM KEEPERS

REIGNITING THE ANCIENT WAYS



WISDOM KEEPERS SUMMER PROGRAMME

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INTRODUCTION

Wisdom Keepers are Elders and spiritual leaders from indigenous communities and Wisdom traditions carrying profound ancestral knowledge about how we can live with each other in sustainable and harmonious ways.

Wisdom Keepers creates a unique platform enabling face to face interaction between festival goers and traditional wisdom ways at an accessible and experiential level.

Such direct interactions offer people the opportunity for deep learning, and to gain potent tools with immediate and practical application to their own life and their community.

A short film on the Wisdom Keepers can be viewed [here](#).

The Wisdom Keepers website is [here](#).



MODERN ILLS, ANCIENT ANSWERS

World GDP: \$ 80T | World Debt \$ 63T | Ecological Debt: 40 + Planets

The state of the world today is the result of hundreds, if not thousands of years of dis-harmonious, fragmented, and highly destructive ways of interacting with each other and with the earth, much of this trauma the by-product of a shift to a global economic structure that relies on endless resource exploitation and constant growth simply for its own perpetuation.

Meanwhile, as our own society and world views consistently fail to provide answers and meaning to our modern problems, there is growing awareness of the extraordinary wisdom originally developed and perennially sustained by the world's ancestral indigenous peoples and pristine spiritual traditions – peoples whose cultural genesis can be traced back thousands of years.

These indigenous traditions constitute only 4% of the world's population are the ancestral guardians of 80% of the Earth's remaining biodiversity. It is no surprise that many of us are starting to turn to such traditions who know how to live in balance and reciprocity with the Earth and each other, and have been doing so for millennia, to understand how to live well, and how to help them continue to do so.



THE WISDOM KEEPERS



Julia Julia FAIR ISLES TRADITION



Water Seer, Sculptor and Spiritual Mentor, Julia is based in West Sussex, England, where she combines shamanism and the inherited teachings of her lineage in order to build bridges of communication across the Realms of Being in loving Service. She believes, most passionately, that All are capable to participate in the Guardianship of this dear world and can be guided and enabled into their own deep communication with these Other Realms. Her message is that in the re-discovering and reclaiming of the ancient spiritual practices of our native culture, all can move into their own potent Sovereignty, thus effectively embodying and anchoring their unique Gift into the world leading to a natural blooming and Bliss in the realisation of the love of Self and of all life. In this, Inner Peace, naturally creates Outer Peace.

Founder of Sacred Waters of Sussex, Julia works with communities to gently clear, clean and restore ancient water sites. In this joyful and deeply healing work, the discovery of the natural treasure in their midst allows communities to become reconnected, re-invigorated and strengthened which then leads to the formation of new streams of positive creative consciousness and real action in taking loving Guardianship of their own 'patch'.

In working with the natural Weald Clay of her native county, Julia's sculptures are a physical representation of the energetic forms of living Water, Water Guardians, Undines and Elemental Beings of Sussex with whom she has formed relationships since being a small child. These sculptures are a physical Bridge to assist humans in finding an opening to their own perception and connection to the Other Realms of Being and to a deeper, embodied peace.



Chris Park

DRUIDIC TRADITION



Chris lives in a luxurious hedge with his family on the Oxfordshire/Wiltshire border. Surrounded by beehives, cow pats and sweet organic land, he maintains a good life through arts & crafts and varying projects. He keeps bees there in an array of different styles from log-hives to a bee-house and most things in between.

You can view some of his work on this [website](#). You'll see that it is wide ranging – experimental archaeology, nature awareness, coracle building, bronze & iron age construction, ecological crafts, performance, folk music and storytelling (to mention a few). He works with schools, wildlife trusts, local authorities, mental health projects, communities, families and more - always aiming to strengthen our connections to the natural environment and to each other, building knowledge, skills & community. Encouraging us to gain a greater awareness of roots and culture, deepening one's sense of place, identity and wellbeing.

His life took an interesting direction after he joined a fascinating project called 'Surviving the Iron Age' for the BBC in which followed 17 volunteers living as Iron Age Celts. Over 6 weeks of a wet Welsh autumn, they had to maintain their settlement just as the Celts did 2000 years ago.

Chris was the 'Druid' of the settlement, and has been an active member of the Order of Bards, Ovates & Druids for over 20 years. He hosts ceremonies and gatherings in a sacred grove in The Vale of the White Horse. As a druid priest, he has worked as a celebrant and teacher. With different hats on he is a professional storyteller, musician and ceremonial piper.

A prolific beekeeper, he teaches skep making, skep-beekeeping, mead making and apitherapy, lecturing to beekeeping associations and other societies upon related subjects.

Often seen extolling the virtues of mead, metheglin and other traditional honey drinks, he tries to live an ecological lifestyle, growing some food, fetching wood and water, living close to the earth. He has welcomed visiting groups, elders, teachers and wisdom keepers from around the world to the U.K. who have the calling to travel as ambassadors for their communities and cultures. Enjoying the comparative mythologies, rich diversity and the beautiful quintessence of being that shines through all spiritual traditions.



Jyoti

TURTLE ISLAND TRADITION



Jyoti (Jeneane Prevatt, PhD) is an internationally renowned spiritual teacher. She has cultivated projects that demonstrate ways of life that honor the Earth and all Peoples.

As the Spiritual Director of the Center for Sacred Studies, she co-founded Kayumari, an international spiritual healing community with centers both in America and Europe. She has devoted her life to bringing unity to the planet by facilitating the development of alliances between individuals who are the guardians of indigenous culture and traditional medicine ways.

Other projects she has helped to convene are the International Council of Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers and the Unity Concert. She sits on The Fountain, whose mission is restoring an economic model based on collaboration and reciprocity guided by Nature and the Sacred. Through this work collaborative relationships with organizations that are focused on economic, social and environmental solutions have developed, creatively addressing the global challenges of our times.



Kurikindi

KICHWA
TRADITION



Kurikindi is a Kichwa Amazonian Shaman. He was born in the rainforests of Ecuador and into to an ancient line of shamanic families. Kurikindi has over 36 years of experience. Since very young he was immersed in the shamanic way of life. He feels that growing up in his atmosphere was a great privilege and an honour. His family travelled long distances and to other countries in South America to spend time with shamans from other cultures and nationalities to learn and share knowledge and experiences.

Kurikindi had the unique opportunity to learn from, and work a long side both male and female shamans as both of his parents, grandparents and great grandparents were practicing shaman. Kurikindi's life changed dramatically when he was 12 years old. He had to save the life of a powerful and well known Shaman, his father. After this and although still very young, he was recognized as an adult practicing shaman. Until then, he had only been an apprentice. At 46 years old, still young by most shamanic standards, he finds himself here in the UK, ready to talk, to teach, to learn and to listen.



Elizabeth Jenkins

Q'ERO TRADITION



Spiritual teacher of the Inka-Nature Wisdom Tradition and international bestselling author, Elizabeth B. Jenkins, MA, MFT, is an American writer of popular spiritual books. She is a licensed psychotherapist, cultural investigator and organic farmer.

In 1989 a profound spiritual encounter in Peru radically changed the course of her life. The next 25 years have been devoted to understanding, integrating, and deepening that transformation, which marked the beginning of an intense journey in communication with Nature and Mother Earth. In 1992, she began her work in the United States with individuals and small groups as an Initiation guide and spiritual teacher. In 1997, with the success of her international bestselling book *The Return of the Inka* (originally published as *Initiation*), she began to travel throughout Europe and throughout the world, training thousands of people in the Fourth Level Wisdom of the Inkas.

Elizabeth is also the author of *The Fourth Level* (2013) and *Journey to Q'eros* (2009) which, with *The Return of the Inka* (translated into 24 languages) are widely regarded as the most influential books on the Inka Nature Wisdom Tradition. Her profound yet simple teachings have helped countless people from diverse paths throughout the world, to achieve wellbeing and find inner and outer harmony and personal power. At the core of the teachings lies the transformation of consciousness, a spiritual awakening that she sees as the next step in human-nature evolution. An essential aspect of this awakening consists of transforming our fear-based state of consciousness to one of trust and personal responsibility by deepening our intrinsic Nature Intelligence (NQ). This is a prerequisite not only for personal happiness but also for healing our 'victim-perpetrator' relationship with Nature, climate change, and the growing biophobia epidemic on our planet.

Elizabeth is a sought-after public speaker and teaches and travels extensively throughout the world. She lives with her partner Barney and their two sons on an organic farm on the Big Island of Hawaii where she farms, writes and conducts intensives, workshops and seminars on the subjects of: Inka Nature Mysticism, Q'ero Healing Practices and Organic Farming. In 2004, she established a partnership with Native Hawaiian Kahuna, and the indomitable Mother Nature of the Big Island, to bring people and nature together through education, service and sami.



Jeff Firewalker Schmitt

ANDEAN TRADITION



Jeff Firewalker Schmitt, PhD, is a Scientist, Folk Healer, Tabaquero, Ceremonialist and Musician; he is a walker-between-worlds. Jeff has also practiced and taught Chinese martial arts for most of his life. As a 35-year veteran scientist, Jeff has published over 100 papers and patents. As a social entrepreneur he has helped start five companies, one of which was taken to the public markets in 2002. Jeff is a dedicated practitioner and student of the folk healing traditions of Peru and North America: www.firewalker.be.

Jeff enthusiastically works with clients using sacred healing and counseling methods; one of his greatest joys is bringing people together in sacred community to facilitate personal and planetary healing. He is also a teacher of the healing arts of South America and the Andes: www.eaglecondorcouncil.org. Over the past 25 years he has given nearly 200 invited presentations, including a TEDx talk and keynote at the Global Philosophy Forum. As a university professor, he taught advanced undergraduate, graduate-level and interdisciplinary courses.

Jeff has enjoyed a decades-long relationship with the sacred healing plant, tobacco. For many years, Jeff studied the neuroprotective properties of compounds found in tobacco and helped start a company to fight diseases like Parkinson's and Alzheimer's based on this research. Over the years his relationship has shifted to working with tobacco as a teacher and catalyst for sacred healing. After a concentrated apprenticeship with noted Curanderos, traditional healers or shamans, Jeff was given the title Tabaquero or 'one who heals with tobacco'.



Erika Gagnon

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ANDEAN TRADITIONS



Erika Gagnon is a Canadian ceremonial leader and wisdom keeper of mixed race ancestry, who has walked the “ Camino Rojo/Red Road ” for 24 years, working with Indigenous elders of North & South America and their ceremonies, traditions & medicinal plants. She has walked through the altars of the Vision Quest, Sun Dance and Danza de los Epiritus, and has the blessing of her elders to continue their traditions and lead Temazcal (sweat lodges), water blessing, tobacco and other healing ceremonies.

Erika openly shares wisdom on traditions and ceremonies of the Americas, plant medicines, sacred altars, ancestral lineage, the origins of disease, and how to transmute toxic thoughts & destructive energies that can cause discord in our body, mind, spirit & soul.



Jarmbi

NGARAKWAL
GITHABUL TRADITION



Jarmbi is a Custodian of the Northern Rivers from the Githabul and Ngarakwal tribes. Jarmbi's journey to becoming an awakened indigenous man began after a turbulent childhood and adolescence; after becoming a husband and father of two boys, with the what may seem curious mix of alcohol and spirit, he found himself on a journey of self-discovery at the age of 31. Once alcohol was removed from the picture he understood his pathway was predestined to coming back to his tribal homelands in the northern rivers as a sovereign, connected spirit.

Over the course of the path walked during the last ten years, Jarmbi's understanding of his own spirit was assisted by many guides along the way. Most of the knowledge embodied is "human", not so much indigenous to any one country, but to humanity's connection to the Earth, the Mother and Father. This knowledge is nothing new and is well known in many cultures around the world but has been seemingly forgotten and easily misplaced by the majority. Taking notice of spirit, releasing society and self expectations and judgement, focusing on connection and self-empowerment, all assisted on Jarmbi's evolution into the spirit walker he is today.

Jarmbi the activist came to life during the plot to refine gas in the James Price Point in Broome. He was invited to his first official engagement by Kerri-Anne Cox at an event in Byron and here and gathered support and funds to travel to Broome. He arranged for ashes to come from fires from all over the country to hold a Fire Ceremony on the land in Broome, which has been recognised as a pivotal point in combining and containing the energies against the mining in this area. At this time Jarmbi also recognised that ceremony was the missing link in activism; the one thing that needed to be introduced to anchor intention, connecting all with Mother Earth with the key being that it is not about "us and them" but surrendering to a commitment to our Mother. No ego, no sides, no judgement. Just standing tall for what is right. Having this understanding and connection is crucial to the future of all humanity. Jarmbi's mission is to assist and awaken this in all he meets, opening hearts and spirits to what has been rooted there all along and is indeed our birth right.

Simplicity is the key – what is good and what is bad for the Earth? Understanding where spirit lives inside us – connecting to that space and not coming just from the ancestral realm but straight from source – going back further and deeper than all blood lines. What Jarmbi will bring is an understand-

ing and anchoring of grounding and showing what it feels like to walk with source in everyday life. He will be sharing a general understanding of what it is to be a human being and how a human being in this day and age can connect to source.

“In order to have sustainable community you have to make sure the people are sustainable. This means healing trauma through reconnection self; Who you are, what you are and what you're here for. This understanding is an integral part of any direction we take stepping into the future.”

– Jarmbi, Ngarakwal / Githabul Custodian.

Video link.



Kazumi Ohishi

OKINAWAN SHAMAN
FEMALE ORACLE
TRADITION



Born in Okinawa, an island off the south coast of Japan, Kazumi is a Kaminchu, a type of shaman who deals with the Gods. They communicate with higher beings, using the physical body to receive messages. Kaminchu are born psychics and each one carries a different spiritual role.

Traditionally a Kaminchu does not appear in front of people, however Kazumi has been receiving messages regarding the future of the Earth and Humankind and so she has come to the decision that is time to reveal these messages and predictions regarding the spiritual and natural world to people around the world.

In accordance with the messages she receives as an Oracle, Kazumi has been travelling around the world communicating with the Gods and giving prayers and ceremonies with the Mayan elder, Don Alejandro, as well as the Council of the 13 Grandmothers and the Kogi Mamos (spiritual leaders) of Columbia.



Anthar Kharanna

COLOMBIAN
TRADITION



Anthar Kharana is native from the land of the Hacaritama people up in the Andes in the north of Colombia, a land where ancient warriors used to live. He is a guardian of traditional medicines and of the the Sacred Fire of the Americas, guided and supported by wise Elders from his homeland from an early age. He is also a music composer and sound healing practitioner.

As a Sundancer he carries the Chanupa (peace pipe) and Inipi (sweat lodge) medicines from the lineage of Leonard Crow Dog and became one of the Sons of the alliance of the Eagle and Condor, a New Nation united by the agreement of the Elders of the North and South America to become One. Anthar has been ordered as a Spiritual leader of the Pachamama Native American Church to continue spreading the word worldwide.

Over the last 15 years Anthar has been traveling and sharing the wisdom of the Sacred Fire and Ancestral Sound and its relation to the Plant and Animal Kingdom Medicine. He leads traditional ceremonies, sound journeys, conferences, workshops, concerts, therapies and retreats in different countries around the world including, Colombia, Chile, England, Scotland, Wales, Ibiza, Bali-Indonesia, Poland, France, Portugal, Romania, Seoul, Italy and Switzerland.

As a composer and multi-instrumentalist Anthar has created different albums of inspirational music and is an active composer for different international dance and theatre companies including Protein Dance, Sinman Dance, Vocab Dance and Fashion for Conservation.

He is the Founder of Tribal Sound Healing in the UK and Colombia and Director of the School of Ancestral Wisdom in Colombia. He also co-directs the first school of sound healing in Scotland ANSU School of Sound & Tribal Healing Arts.



Dion Kummt'sa Ben Dieret

SANGOMA
TRADITION



Dion Kummt'sa Ben Dieret is a traditional healer of the Khomani San, from the Xo tradition in central and northern Namibia. He was trained in the trance and medicine dances by Dr. Kunta, and in ceremonial and ritual work by Oom Jan. Baba Credo Mutwa, the esteemed South African sanusi, is his spiritual guide.

He has represented the rights of his people before the United Nations, the South African National Assembly, and the South African Human Rights Commission. He is

a trustee on Indigenous Knowledge Systems of Southern Africa (IKSSA), which was established in 2013 with Baba Credo and Oom Jan. Kummt'sa's role on IKSSA is to transfer indigenous knowledge from the elders to the youth.



Emma Stow

AVALON
TRADITION



Emma Stow is an energy healer, writer and speaker known for her international work on the soul. Her background in intuitive healing, astrology and sacred land has given her direct experience with the greater connections of our lives and those of our planet and to this unique time of transformation.

She has held retreats since 2009 in the UK and USA and has also completed 2 speaking tours of the USA. She has 15 years experience of private sessions and in 2012 wrote 'Revolution of Being' a guidebook to living in times of change.

In 2007 she had a powerful awakening experience in the sacred land of Avalon and was asked by the land to work there. She spent years walking, learning the routes by heart to map the stars on the Earth culminating in the 50 mile Summer Solstice pilgrimage of 2012. Her focus is on spiritual empowerment, soul connection and love as the catalyst for personal and global change. She is also a poet and singer and directs the show Love Space to bring people from different backgrounds, ages and performance genres together to celebrate life.

www.emmastow.com

www.glastonburyzodiacpilgrimage.co.uk

www.wordsmusicmotion.wixsite.com/wordsmusicmotion

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

June 13th - July 3rd

MICHAEL AND MARY LINE PILGRIMAGE

June 14th - 17th

Kiva Gathering ([link](#)),
Royston, Cambridge

June 20th - 21st

Summer Solstice Celebrations,
Avebury, Wiltshire

June 22nd - 24th

Wisdom Keepers Gathering
Wasing, Berkshire

June 25th - 30th

Glastonbury Festival

July 1st - 3rd

Pilgrimage Concludes, Cornwall



OPPORTUNITIES

The Wisdom Keepers are available for interview about their own traditions' understandings of the challenges that humanity faces at this time, and solutions to them.

These can be arranged remotely to allow for editorial deadlines.

Also participating in Wisdom Keeper summer programme to allow deeper interaction with the larger group.



WISDOM KEEPERS AT BOOM FESTIVAL

IDANHA-A-NOVA, PORTUGAL 2016



WISDOM KEEPERS AT ECLIPSE FESTIVAL

OREGON, US. 2017



WISDOM KEEPERS AT SUMMER SERIES

LONDON, UK. 2018



ORGANISER



Ben Christie

WISDOM KEEPERS LIAISON

As liaison to the Wisdom Keepers, Ben helps co-ordinate the programme of activities and team at festivals and other cultural events. In the course of this work, Ben has been fortunate enough to gain experience of many different countries, environments and traditions involved at first hand and can share this accordingly.

With a deeply held belief in the possibility of a more equitable, sustainable and harmonious world, Ben works to support NGOs and ethical businesses develop and achieve their goals using his experiences in a career spanning the media and renewable energy.

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