## Food Sovereignty for UK Organic Farmers



# **Principles of Food Sovereignty**

Food Sovereignty:

- Focuses on food for people
- Values food producers
- Localises the food system
- Puts control locally
- Builds knowledge and skills
- Works with nature

### Organic Farmers are doing it already!

- Healthy food = starting point for organics
- Better quality of life (though not better paid!)
- Local and direct marketing common among organic farmers
- Low reliance on inputs → less connected to agri-industrial system → retain greater power locally and on the farm
- Development of skills and knowledge essential
- Working with nature  $\rightarrow$  central to organic philosophy

#### First UK Food Sovereignty Gathering July 2012, Organiclea in North East London



# Formation of the Landworkers' Alliance – One outcome of the first Food Sovereignty Gathering



#### Second UK Food Sovereignty Gathering October 2015, Hebden Bridge



#### National Food Policy Consultation Aim: To create a "People's Food Plan" to campaign for a National Food Policy in the UK based on Food Sovereignty Principles

