

OLIVIA OLDHAM

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EDUCATION

University of Edinburgh

PhD Candidate – Agriculture and Food Security 2022-present

- Thesis on relationship between collective land governance and agroecological transformation

University of Oxford

Master of Science Nature, Society and Environmental Governance (Distinction) 2019-2020

- Modules in Political Ecology of Food; Global Environmental Change & Food Systems
- Thesis on the UK ‘new grains movement’

Victoria University of Wellington

Bachelor of Laws (Honours, First Class) 2015-2019

- Thesis on interest on international commercial contracts and the ‘new economy’ based on principles of community cooperation, sufficiency, and sustainability (A). 2019
- NZILA Insurance Law Prize (top of class) 2018
- Dissertation on the incorporation of tikanga Māori in decisions on GMOs in New Zealand (A+). 2017
 - o Won NZ Environmental Defence Society long-essay prize
 - o Published in vol 22 New Zealand Journal of Environmental Law
- Top of class in Administrative Law
- Included on the Dean's List for Academic Excellence 2016
- Chris Highfield Memorial Prize in Judicial Review (top of class)

Bachelor of Arts, International Relations and Development Studies (First Class) 2012-2014

- GPA 8.3/9
- Individual research paper in South Korean agricultural politics (A) 2014
- John F Kennedy Prize for best undergraduate essay on American government and politics 2013
- Included on Dean's List for academic excellence

PUBLICATIONS

Kai sovereignty and mana motuhake at Ihumātao. *Oldham, O; Newton, P. and Short, N.* Elementa: Science of the Anthropocene. (Under review).

A Critical Analysis of the Incorporation of Tikanga Māori in Decisions on Genetic Modification. *Oldham, O.* (2018). 22 NZJEL 87.

Gut Health for Soil. *Oldham, O.* (2 Dec, 2021). Wicked Leeks.

<www.wickedleeks.riverford.co.uk/features/soil-biodiversity-health/gut-health-soil>.

Farm of the Future. *Oldham, O.* (22 Nov, 2021). Wicked Leeks.

<www.wickedleeks.riverford.co.uk/features/biodiversity-environment-ethics-farming/farm-future>.

Switching on Community Power. *Oldham, O.* (21 May, 2021). Footprint.

<www.footprintmag.net/switching-on-community-power/>.

The Power of Food: Destructive Legacies and Regenerative Future. *Oldham, O.* (27 Feb, 2021). Imprint Mag. <www.imprintmag.co.uk/post/the-power-of-food-destructive-legacies-regenerative-futures>.

The Great Salary Divide. *Oldham, O.* (24 Feb, 2021). Wicked Leeks. <www.wickedleeks.riverford.co.uk/features/ethical-business-fairtrade-inequality/great-salary-divide>.

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

Presentation to Dorset Climate Action Network *March 2024*
The role of property in sustainable food systems

Guest lecture MSc Sustainable Lands and Cities, University of Edinburgh *March 2024*
#ProtectIhumātao: Māori land reclamation and community land governance beyond ownership

Presented at ORFC 2023 *January 2023*
Intergenerational Land Ownership Beyond the Family Tree
Green investment: opportunities for nature friendly farming or a new land grab?

Presented at Eat New Zealand Grains *November 2021*
What the New Zealand 'new grains movement' can learn from the UK

Chaired session at ORFC 2021 *January 2021*
We are the River—An Exploration of Indigenous Food Sovereignty and the Legal Personality of Nature in Aotearoa New Zealand with Prof Catherine Iorns & indigenous activists Erin Matariki Carr & Tame Iti

Community Forum & Panel – Independently Organised *July 2017*
Waste in the Food System

Independent Submission to Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Select Committee (NZ) *Sept 2016*
The ratification of the Paris Agreement

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Farming the Future *June 2021-March 2022*
Programme Manager

- Oversight and management of grant rounds
- Stewardship through facilitated process to develop governance structures
- Regular communication with agroecological & regenerative food & farming community

Farmerama Radio *2018-Present*
Co-Producer (Less and Better?) *October 2022-March 2024*

Community Development Lead *2020-2023*

- Interviews with members of the regenerative & agroecological food & farming community
- Community development, organisational strategy, grant writing, social media, event planning

Project Manager (various projects)

- Coordinating and engaging with range of stakeholders & project partners
- Ensuring project runs to time and completed to professional standard

Freelance Projects

*December 2021-
Present*

Land Governance Project with CIVA, Real Farming Trust and others

- Establishing a network of individuals and organisations working in land use change, governance & reform in relation to food and farming.
- Coordinating meetings, conducting research, grant writing

Writing Support, National Lottery Community Fund

*January 2021-
December 2021*

- Ad hoc writing support to the Deputy Director Funding Strategy on topics including imagination infrastructure, participatory funding, and impact.

Oxford Real Farming Conference

*October 2020-
January 2021*

Programme Assistant

- Speaker liaison and management, planning and executing talks, delivering a large international conference with over 500 speakers from over 70 countries.

Farms to Feed Us

May 2020-May 2021

Storytelling Editor & Projects Manager (Voluntary)

- Social media development, grant-writing, article writing, organisational strategy

NewCanaanite.com

Summer 2019

Journalism Intern

- Interviewing local community members
- Writing articles on local news

Victoria University of Wellington

Research Assistant for Prof Catherine Iorns, Sustainable Food Systems

*January 2017-April
2019*

- Grant writing, research & literature reviews
- Organising & leading a symposium with local and international academics & civil society leaders

Research Assistant for Prof Geoff McLay, Law Reform

July 2017-July 2018

- Research, literature review and editing to support publication of a paper in a special edition on law reform in *The Theory and Practice of Legislation* < DOI:10.1080/20508840.2018.1475900 >

Undergraduate Tutor, Law

February-July 2017

- Planning & teaching lessons, facilitating student learning & understanding
- Marking essays & exams

New Zealand Law Reports

*January 2017-June
2019*

Assistant Editor

- Selecting cases for publication, managing administration
- Leading a small proofreading team

Select Committee News

*February 2015-March
2019*

Reporter

- Writing reports on Select Committee meetings in the NZ Parliament to a publishable standard and to strict deadlines

Chapman Tripp

Summer Law Clerk

*November 2016-
February 2017*

- Research, drafting commercial legal advice in the property and litigation teams

COMMUNITY & VOLUNTEERING

Community Land Academics Network

PGR Sub-group Lead

2023-present

- Coordinating regular meetings with sub-group members

Oxford Climate Society

Media Director

*February 2020-
February 2021*

- Blog writing & management of blogging team
- Online event planning & chairing

Linacre College, Oxford

Environment Officer

*November 2019-May
2020*

- Membership on numerous College committees, organising student engagement & achieved College divestment from fossil fuels