

The Honorary Graduand: Dr Angela Elizabeth Raffle

The Orator: Dr Matthew Jones

Dr Angela Elizabeth Raffle is to be awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science.

Angela qualified in medicine in 1980, and after working as a junior doctor in England and overseas, specialised in Public Health, practising mainly in the sphere of health screening programmes and services to help those affected by cancer – ranging from tobacco control through to end-of-life care. As well as her local role in Bristol, she has worked as a consultant to the UK National Screening Programmes since 1996. She campaigned tirelessly to improve information-giving and ethics in relation to screening; researching, writing, and speaking about the need to recognise the full and diverse consequences of any programme, and the need for high quality delivery. She is lead author of what in England is affectionately called ‘the screening bible’ (Screening; evidence and practice OUP 2019 2nd edition).

In 2008 Angela became involved in the Transition Towns movement, leading her to shift her public health work to climate change, resource depletion, and social justice. She commissioned the ‘Who Feeds Bristol’ report, helped set up Bristol’s Food Policy Council of which she was vice-chair, and played a major role in helping Bristol achieve Silver, and subsequently Gold, in the Sustainable Food Places Awards. She was part of the volunteer group that set up The Community Farm in the Chew Valley, a non-profit, community-owned organic farm that welcomes people onto the land. She currently chairs the Farm’s management committee. She is a qualified trainer in innovative methods of problem solving and conflict transformation, and has helped numerous groups and projects, working to bring peaceful and non-violent methods of opposing oppression.