

## The Honorary Graduand: Joy Kathryn Carey BSc

**The Orator: Dr Sarah Hills**

**Joy Kathryn Carey BSc is to be awarded the Honorary Degree of Master of Science.**

Joy Kathryn Carey BSc is an independent Sustainable Food Systems Planning consultant with a focus on cities. She has worked in sustainable food and farming with UK and international organic and local food sectors since 1990.

Her career in food began with practical community-based horticulture in the early 90's, growing Asian and Caribbean Vegetables in inner city Birmingham followed by formal horticulture training and growing for an organic veg home delivery business in Norfolk.

From 1998 to 2009 she worked with and then led the Local Food team at the Soil Association in Bristol developing models like box schemes, farmers markets and local sourcing for school meals to connect food producers more directly with their customers. From supporting place based local food networks around the UK to changing public sector food procurement to securing a £1million project to promote and explore the potential for community supported agriculture schemes – all aimed at both changing food culture and influencing government policy.

Over the last 14 years she has undertaken a wide range of consultancies.

Between 2010-2014 she was lead researcher for the Countryside and Community Research Institute, (University of Gloucestershire) in an extensive national impact assessment of the Big Lottery Local Food Fund, a £58 million grant fund for community-led local food projects in England.

She is a founding Director of Bristol Food Network – an organisation that builds collaboration and partnerships to make Bristol's food system better for communities, climate and nature. She is author of 'Who Feeds Bristol: Towards a resilient food plan' (2011), a city region food system assessment report that informed the Bristol Good Food Plan (2013), and much subsequent work including a contribution to the UWE MOOC 'Our Green City' in (2015). From 2018 Joy led Bristol's collaborative effort to become recognised as a Gold Status Sustainable Food City. That work continues today as Bristol Good Food 2030, part of Bristol's integrated response to addressing quality of life, nature emergency and the climate crisis. Additionally, Joy joined the Bristol Green Capital Partnership board, taking a lead on the food theme from 2016 to 2022.

At an international level Joy's work on sustainable food systems includes looking at climate change risks to City Region Food Systems (CRFS), for which she has developed food system-related indicators for monitoring, enabling cities to both develop food strategies and track progress over time. In 2021 she created the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact monitoring framework practical handbook and resource pack for use by cities all around the world, commissioned by the UN Food and Farming Organisation (FAO).

Joy has led and contributed to numerous other courses, presentations, publications and has co-produced two documentary films: Just Clean Cotton (2010) about Indian organic family farming and cotton production and Local Food Roots (2013), about the emergence, achievements, and challenges of the UK local food movement since 1990. Joy also tutors on the annual international training course: 'Food Security in an Urbanising Society', run by Wageningen University, Netherlands.

