



BIOGRAPHIES OF OUR PANELLISTS

Helen Browning OBE DL

Helen farms organically in Wiltshire and supplies branded products to large and small retailers, as well as through her mini hotel/dining pub on the farm. She is Chief Executive of the Soil Association and prior to this was Director of External Affairs at the National Trust. Helen is a member of the Food Ethics Council, Trustee of the RSPB and a Commissioner for the Food Farming and Countryside Commission. She sits on the BBC's Rural Affairs Advisory Committee and the National Food Strategy Advisory Panel. Helen was awarded an OBE in 1998 for services to organic farming.

Dr Tamsin Cooper

Tamsin is the Director of the National Food Strategy. Prior to taking on this role she has held a number of roles in Defra, including leading the EU Exit Oversight team, and in the Strategy Unit. Before joining government in 2018, she had a career as a political strategist and policy advocate, working on agriculture and climate issues. She was Strategy Director at Green Alliance, an environmental think tank, and head of Agriculture and Land Management at the Institute for European Environmental Policy where she worked on the European budget, CAP reform, and led farmer capacity-building programmes in Turkey and Macedonia. She was a member of a NERC advisory committee and currently is a board member of the Grantham Institutes, whose mission is to contribute world class research and innovation on climate. She holds a PhD in geography from UCL and a post-doc in environmental policy from Imperial College.

George Dunn BA MSc FRAgS

George became Chief Executive of the Tenant Farmers Association (TFA) in January 1997, having worked at the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food (MAFF) in Whitehall, London, and at the Country Landowners Association (CLA) headquarters. George has represented the TFA on the Tenancy Reform Industry Group, since its formation, and was a member of Amaeth Cymru, the Welsh Government Strategic Framework Partnership Group for agriculture. He is a National Trust Specialist Volunteer on land-use and governance issues, a Trustee of the Arthur Rank Centre, a Fellow of the Royal Agricultural Societies of England and on the leadership team of the Reading Elim Pentecostal church.

Christine Tacon CBE

Christine Tacon was the first Groceries Code Adjudicator. She achieved significant cultural change in 8 years in office, bringing greater fairness for suppliers to the UK's largest supermarkets. Christine is chair of MDS, a graduate recruitment and training business for future leaders of the food and fresh produce industry; chair of Red Tractor, which manages and promotes assurance on behalf of the food industry, and chair of the BBC Rural Affairs Committee. Christine, a Chartered Engineer, ran the Co-operative Group's farming business for 11 years. She is a director of the AF Group, a farmer purchasing co-operative and is a founder of Women in Food and Farming, a network to help women in the industry develop their skills and confidence