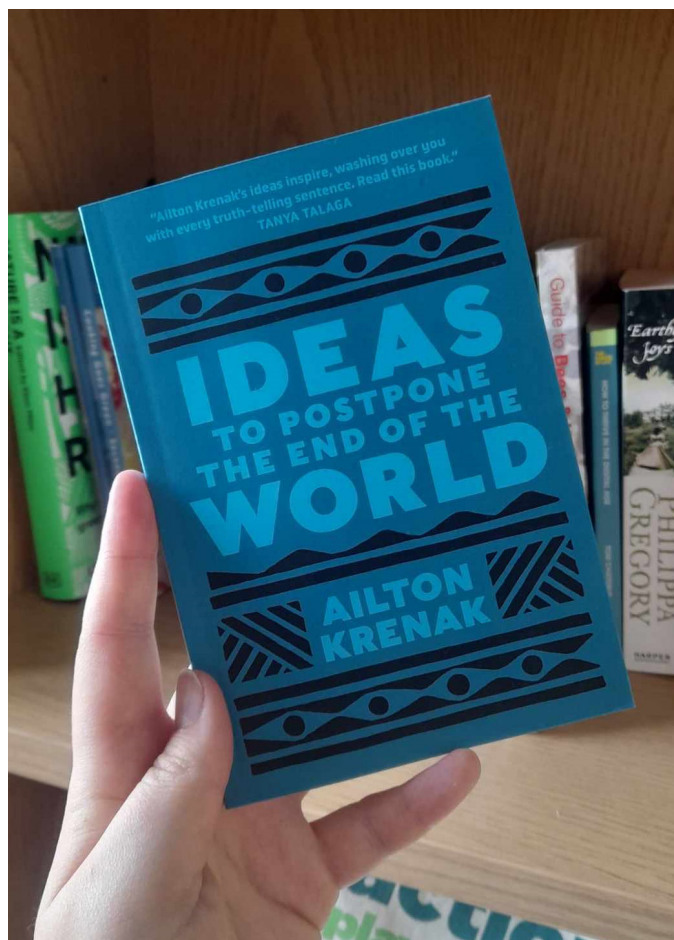


SUSTAINABILITY BOOK REVIEWS #6



by Adriana Consorte-McCrea

This book is a compilation of talks and an interview given by the activist, thinker and indigenous leader of the Krenak peoples of Brazil, while he was visiting Portugal between 2017-2019. Ailton traced back the route of the Portuguese ships that docked at Brazil's shores over 500 years ago to address the colonisers. This was not an easy decision to make, but he was not there in anger. Many years have passed since he painted his face war-black to confront the Brazilian Assembly in a protest for indigenous rights in 1987. This time what drove him was more akin to empathy, to a willingness to share ideas to postpone the end of the world, from a point of view of people who have been living this experience for the past 500 years to the rest of us, who are facing it now.

The Anthropocene has caught up with the western civilization, the global north, in the shape of extreme weather events, global pandemics, climate and biodiversity crisis and cautions us that the end of our world is nigh. To Krenak, postponement lies in acknowledging that there are different ways of being, that the causes of these disasters are not equally

shared across 'one humanity' but are fostered by feelings of superiority and detachment from the rest of a living world experienced by the prevalent culture.

In his words, "For a long time we have been alienated from the organism to which we belong – the earth. So much so that we begin to think of Earth and Humanity as two separate entities. I can't see anything on Earth that it is not Earth. Everything I can think of is part of nature." And continues, "While humanity is distancing itself from its place, a bunch of savvy corporations takes over the earth." Once a place stops being perceived as sacred, we relegate it to the level of resources for industry and extractivism.

One of the best features of the book is how accessible it is. The narrative is fluid, arresting, but also inviting and humorous. Like listening to one of his talks on YouTube, but better because the ideas are really worth hanging on to and re-visiting again and again. It is a little book to be read many times.

It is also a celebration of the wealth of human creativity and imagination. Indigenous people have refused to buy into the fallacy of the 'promises of civilization'. Their resistance is fuelled by art and poetry, born from a conviction that what they have is good, and what we have is not.

He invites us to see the world with other eyes... Mainstream culture drives us to seeing the living world as a 'resource' to be transformed into market goods, perpetuating an economy that values us as consumers, not citizens, and prioritizes the benefit of capitalists rather than communities. Meanwhile Ailton reminds us that "There are plenty of constellations of people scattered around the world who dance, sing, and make it rain." And they are willing to share with us another story and postpone the end of the world a little longer by so doing.

Us in the World

This Month @ CCCU

- [Potter and Prune](#) - every Wednesday from September 20th onwards, 3-4.30pm, Johnson Wellbeing Garden; *gardening drop in*
- [Wellbeing Café](#) - every Thursday, 2-4.30pm, Anselm Food Court; *free tea and biscuits and advice on wellbeing and finances from the Student Support team*
- [Veg Box Collection](#) - 14th & 28th, 3-5pm, outside Verena Holmes (*order before noon the Tuesday prior - email emily.nurden@canterbury.ac.uk to learn more*)
- [Dicover the AI in Your Life](#) - 14th, 5.30-7pm, Daphne Oram; *open lecture*
- [Glacial Movements and the Ghaib](#) - Monday 18th onwards, 10am-4pm, Daphne Oram; *exhibition*
- [Welcome Fair](#) - Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th, 11am-4pm, Verena Holmes
- [Fresher's Fayre](#) - Wednesday 20th, 10am-3pm, Abbey Square, Verena Holmes
- [Carbon Literacy Intro Session](#) - Thursday 21st, 1-2pm, Jg04 & Friday 22nd, 12-1pm, Jg07; *staff and student introductory workshop (bookable via Staff Space and carbonliteracytraining@canterbury.ac.uk)*
- [Give it a Go: Craftivism](#) - Thursday 28th, 1-4pm, location TBC; *sustainability and activism crafts*
- [Refillable Van](#) - Thursday 28th, 1-4pm, Abbey Square, Verena Holmes; *zero waste pop-up shop*

2023-24 CLIMATE EDUCATION CALENDAR

RECURRING:

- **WEEKLY - POTTER AND PRUNE** - EVERY WEDNESDAY, STARTING SEPT. 20TH, 3-4.30PM IN THE WELLBEING GARDEN BEHIND JOHNSON BUILDING
- **WEEKLY - GIVE IT A GO - CRAFTIVISM** - EVERY THURSDAY, STARTING SEPT. 27TH, 1-4PM, LOCATION TBC
- **MONTHLY - CLIMATE CAFÉ NATURE WALK** - 1ST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 1-1.30PM, MEET AT THE VERENA HOLMES PLAZA. ARRIVE 10 MINUTES EARLY FOR A FREE COFFEE AND A SNACK; BRING YOUR OWN KEEPCUP
- **MONTHLY - THE REFILLABLE VAN** - LAST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 1-4PM OUTSIDE VERENA HOLMES,

SEPTEMBER

- **CARBON LITERACY INTRODUCTIONS** - 21ST, 1PM, JG04 & 22ND, 12PM, JG07
- **VEG BOX** - 14TH & 28TH - DETAILS ON THE WEBSITE

+ RECURRING EVENTS (SEE ABOVE)

OCTOBER

- **GREEN LIBRARIES WEEK** - 2ND-6TH, AUGUSTINE HOUSE
- **CARBON LITERACY TRAINING** - 20TH & 27TH, 2-5PM, ER1.14

+ RECURRING EVENTS (SEE ABOVE)

NOVEMBER

- **GREEN CAREER'S WEEK** - 6-11TH, CAREERS HUB IN AUGUSTINE HOUSE
 - "GREEN GAMES" - 6TH, 3PM
 - **CARBON LITERACY INTRO** - 7TH, 2-3PM
 - **CLIMATE FRESK** - 10TH, 2-5PM
- **CARBON LITERACY INTRO** - 24TH, 1PM, JG04

+ RECURRING EVENTS (SEE ABOVE)

DECEMBER

- **CARBON LITERACY TRAINING** - 8TH AND 15TH, 1-4PM, JG10

+ RECURRING EVENTS (SEE ABOVE)

JANUARY

- **CARBON LITERACY INTRO** - DETAILS TBC

+ RECURRING EVENTS (SEE ABOVE)

FEBRUARY

- **CARBON LITERACY TRAINING** - DETAILS TBC

+ RECURRING EVENTS (SEE ABOVE)

MARCH

- **STRESSLESS - ECO-ANXIETY** - 7TH, 14TH, 21ST, 28TH, DETAILS TBC
- **CARBON LITERACY INTRO** - DETAILS TBC

+ RECURRING EVENTS (SEE ABOVE)

APRIL

- **EARTH DAY EXHIBITION** - 2ND, DETAILS TBC
- **EARTH WEEK ACTIVITIES** - 22ND-26TH, DETAILS TBC
- **CARBON LITERACY TRAINING** - DETAILS TBC

+ RECURRING EVENTS (SEE ABOVE)

MAY

- **CARBON LITERACY INTRO** - DETAILS TBC

+ RECURRING EVENTS (SEE ABOVE)

JUNE

- **WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY** - 5TH, DETAILS TBC
- **CARBON LITERACY TRAINING** - DETAILS TBC

+ RECURRING EVENTS (SEE ABOVE)

JULY

- **STAFF CLIMATE FRESK** - DETAILS TBC
- **CARBON LITERACY INTRO** - DETAILS TBC

+ RECURRING EVENTS (SEE ABOVE)

AUGUST

- **CARBON LITERACY TRAINING** - DETAILS TBC

+ RECURRING EVENTS (SEE ABOVE)

Us in the World

STAFF & STUDENTS PICK 24KG OF HOPS



On the morning of September 6, in 23 degree heat, over 50 staff and students came together to help harvest 24.85kg of heritage hops grown locally on our Canterbury campus. Japanese and Chinese international students, team members from across academic and professional services, and even one incredibly helpful toddler, picked four types of local, heritage hops (at least one of which is only grown in Kent), tasted last year's Pilgrims' Ale, and marched the harvest down to the Foundry Brewers and Distillers, where Rev. Dr Jeremy Law blessed the hops as the brewing process began. These hops will be made into this year's ale, Bishop's Blessing, and celebrate a link between us and the monks who once lived, worked and brewed on what is now the Christ Church grounds.

Bishop's Blessing will be launched at the Canterbury Food and Drink Festival, 22-24th September.