

Farm Animal Protection Leadership Programme Speakers



Dr. Michael Greger

Founder, NutritionFacts.org

A founding member and fellow of the American College of Lifestyle Medicine, Michael Greger, M.D., is a physician, *New York Times* bestselling author, and internationally recognised speaker on nutrition. He has videos on more than 2,000 health topics freely available at NutritionFacts.org. Dr. Greger has lectured at the Conference on World Affairs, testified before Congress, and was invited as an expert witness in the defense of Oprah Winfrey in the infamous “meat defamation” trial. All proceeds he receives from the sales of his books go to charity.



Dr. Sara Shields

Director, Farm Animal Welfare Science, Humane Society International

Dr. Sara Shields earned her B.S. in zoology from Colorado State University and her Ph.D. from the University of California, Davis, in animal behavior in 2004, where she completed her doctoral research on the behaviour of broiler chickens. She taught animal welfare classes and did postdoctoral research on laying hen behaviour and nutrition at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. She is currently the Director of Farm Animal Welfare Science at Humane Society International and has been working for HSI and the Humane Society of the United States for 14 years.



Aarti Ramachandran

Director of Research and Engagements, FAIRR Initiative

Aarti is director of research and engagements at the FAIRR Initiative, the fastest-growing ESG investor network in the agri-food sector, backed by investors with collective assets of \$28 trillion. She oversees the network’s portfolio of market-leading products, such as Coller FAIRR Protein Producer Index™ and Climate Risk Tool™. Previously, Aarti was client director at a global sustainability consultancy, and served as a public and government affairs advisor at ExxonMobil for several years, in addition to her work at the U.S. Treasury and GE Capital.





Brooke Haggerty

Executive Director, Faunalytics

Brooke has over a decade of experience in the nonprofit sector and has dedicated her career to animal protection. She is the executive director at Faunalytics, an NGO providing research and resources to help animal advocates maximise their effectiveness. Her previous experience includes working on the “YES on Proposition 12” campaign in California, serving as the executive director for the Foundation for Animal Care and Education, and working as a humane educator for the Animal Protection and Rescue League. She has an M.A. in human behavior, a B.A. in English, and certifications in marketing and nonprofit management.



Dr. Sindhu Radhakrishna

Professor and Head, Animal Behaviour and Cognition Programme, School of Natural Sciences and Engineering, National Institute of Advanced Studies

Dr. Radhakrishna holds a master’s degree in psychology from Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu, and a Ph.D. in animal behaviour from Mysore University, Karnataka. Her research is in primatology, conservation biology, human-environment interactions, animal studies and environmental education. She has several publications to her name and received the INSA Young Scientist Award in 2004, Nehru-Fulbright Fellowship in 2013, and DST-SERB Women Excellence Award in 2014.



Gauri Maulekhi

Trustee, People for Animals

Gauri Maulekhi is the trustee of People for Animals (India’s largest animal welfare organisation), and is member secretary of People for Animals, Uttarakhand, the legal and policy wing of PFA. Since 1994, she has contributed to animal welfare in various capacities: policy reform, capacity-building for law enforcement authorities, public awareness and sheltering. She was awarded the prestigious Nari Shakti Puraskar in 2018 by the president of India, for her contribution to the field of animal welfare advocacy, and she is a recipient of the Lush Prize 2017 for her contribution towards reducing the use of animals in laboratories.





Jonathan Lovvorn

Faculty Co-Director, Climate, Animal, Food, and Environmental Law & Policy Lab, Yale University

Jonathan Lovvorn co-directs the policy lab which develops innovative legislative and litigation strategies to address animal, human, and environmental exploitation within the food system. He has taught courses on animal law, wildlife law, and climate policy at Yale, Harvard, New York University and Georgetown, and published several articles. He also serves as chief counsel for Animal Protection Litigation at the Humane Society of the United States, and as a board member and legal adviser to several animal and environmental protection organisations.



Jayasimha Nuggehali

Chief Operating Officer, Global Food Partners

At Global Food Partners, Jayasimha spearheads the development of innovative traceability and supply chain solutions for animal-sourced protein. He has worked closely with egg farmers, governments and industry stakeholders throughout India and Asia to drive the transition to higher welfare cage-free egg production systems. Jayasimha is a former fellow at Harvard Law School, former founding director of the Animal Law Centre at NALSAR School University of Law, Hyderabad, former Member of the Animal Welfare Board of India and former managing director of Humane Society International/India, where he led the expansion of the organisation in Asia.



Jeff Sebo

Director, the Animal Studies M.A. Program, New York University

Jeff is clinical associate professor of environmental studies; affiliated professor of bioethics, medical ethics and philosophy; and director of the Animal Studies M.A. Program at New York University. He works primarily in bioethics, animal ethics, and environmental ethics. He is co-author of *Chimpanzee Rights* (Routledge, 2018) and *Food, Animals, and the Environment* (Routledge, 2018). He is also a board member at Animal Charity Evaluators and Minding Animals International, an executive committee member at the Animals and Society Institute, and a senior fellow at Sentient Media.





Lewis Bollard

Farm Animal Welfare Program Officer, Open Philanthropy Project

Lewis Bollard leads Open Philanthropy's strategy for farm animal welfare. Prior to joining Open Philanthropy, he worked as policy advisor and international liaison to the CEO at the Humane Society of the United States. Prior to that, he was a litigation fellow at the HSUS, a law student and an associate consultant at Bain and Company. He has a B.A. from Harvard University in social studies and a J.D. from Yale Law School.



Manisha Joshi

Co-Founder, Pramiti Philanthropy Partners

At Pramiti, Manisha provides holistic advice and assistance to philanthropists, to enable them to achieve their long-term philanthropic objectives. She assists with philanthropy strategy and roadmaps, partner organisation identification and diligence, ongoing grant monitoring and evaluation, and philanthropy portfolio management. She was a part of the HNI Giving vertical within the erstwhile GivelIndia, where she managed grant portfolios for families and foundations. She has been associated with Dasra and HSI/India and worked with the Maharashtra Government as a steering committee member for its drought-proofing mission.



Joyce Tischler

Professor of Practice, Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School

American attorney Joyce Tischler is professor of practice in animal law at the Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon. She teaches industrial animal agriculture law (factory farming) and the fundamentals of animal law (survey course). She co-authored *Animal Law: New Perspectives on Teaching Traditional Law*, and is now co-authoring a first-of-its-kind casebook on industrial animal agriculture law. Professor Tischler has devoted her career to advancing the field of animal law. In 1979, she co-founded the first U.S. NGO dedicated to protecting animals using the legal system, the Animal Legal Defense Fund. She served as ALDF's executive director for 25 years and then as its general counsel until her retirement from ALDF in the spring of 2019.





Haven King-Nobles

Co-Founder and Director of Operations, Fish Welfare Initiative

Haven is the co-founder and director of operations at Fish Welfare Initiative, one of the first organisations focused primarily on improving the welfare of farmed fish. In 2020, Haven spent six months in India to learn about Indian aquaculture and is now assisting FWI India's managing director to launch work there. Previously, Haven took part in the Charity Entrepreneurship Incubation Programme and interned at Mercy for Animals.



Dr. Yamini Narayanan

Senior Lecturer in International Development, Deakin University

Dr. Yamini Narayanan is senior lecturer in international and community Development at Deakin University, Melbourne. Her work explores the ways in which (other) animals are instrumentalised in sectarian, casteist and even fascist ideologies in India. Yamini's research is supported by two prestigious grants from the Australian Research Council. Yamini is founding co-convenor of the Deakin Critical Animal Studies Network. In 2019, Yamini was awarded the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Mid-Career Research Excellence. In recognition of her work, she was made Fellow of the Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics, a distinguished honour that is conferred through nomination or invitation only.



Stefanie McNerny

Manager, Global Plant-Based Solutions, Humane Society International

Stefanie manages the Global Plant-Based Solutions team within the Farm Animal Welfare and Protection campaign of Humane Society International. Active in over a dozen countries around the world, the Plant-Based Solutions team works with governments and institutions, both public and private, to reduce reliance on food made with animal products, and increase acceptance of plant-based meals. She received her B/A from Cornell University and her M.Litt. from University of Glasgow.





Vositha Wijenayake

Executive Director, SLYCAN Trust

Vositha works as the executive director of SLYCAN Trust, a not-for-profit civil society think tank focusing on climate change, sustainable development, biodiversity and ecosystem conservation, animal welfare and social justice. She is an international lawyer specialising in public international law and has over a decade of experience in working on climate change, at the national and international levels. Vositha is a member of the National Expert Committee on Climate Change Adaptation of the Ministry of Environment of Sri Lanka. She has been a member of the Sri Lankan delegation to the UNFCCC negotiations since 2016, a consultant to the UNFCCC Secretariat, a member of the Expert Group on Oceans and Climate Change of the UNFCCC and has experience in working with other United Nations entities and international organisations and networks. She presently works at the national level in Asia and Africa, as well as regionally and internationally on topics related to climate change, and sustainable development.



Shweta Paropkari

Trinity certTESOL Qualified Teacher, BE and ESP Trainer, Certified Cambridge Presenter

A business English and English for specific purposes trainer armed with a certTESOL and a master's degree in English, Shweta has been working in the field of ELT for the past nine years. She is a certified BEC (a business English certification offered by Cambridge English) and IELTS trainer, a presenter for Cambridge English and a teacher trainer. Shweta is currently an exam trainer at Keshav Memorial Institute of Technology, Hyderabad, India, and teaches undergrads between the ages of 18 and 21.



Satvika Mahajan

Policy Specialist, The Good Food Institute, India

At GFI India, Satvika works on addressing issues such as climate change, and ensuring food security for a growing population, by building clear policy pathways for sustainable food production systems. Previously, she was a project lead at the International Innovation Corps, where she advised government institutions on capacity-building and programme development. She has worked as a development consultant at Sattva Consulting, with a focus on Africa and Southeast Asia emerging economies. Her sectoral portfolio includes providing strategic advisory for organisational/programmatic scale, capacity-building and sustainability across agriculture and climate resilience, livelihoods, education, and gender. She holds a post graduate diploma in liberal arts and leadership from the Young India Fellowship programme and a bachelor's in commerce from Lady Shri Ram College.





Luiza Schneider

Vice President of Investigations, Mercy for Animals

Luiza Schneider is a veterinarian from Brazil with years of experience in animal welfare. She currently serves as vice president of investigations at Mercy For Animals, working with a brave team of investigators to expose cruelty at factory farms worldwide. Previously, Luiza had worked as a government inspector, visiting and reporting animal abuse at hundreds of slaughterhouses, factory farms, puppy mills, and vivisection labs.



Malav Ajmera

Partner and Branch Head – Ahmedabad, RMJ & Associates LLP

Malav Ajmera is a qualified chartered accountant, with over 20 years of experience in the fields of accounts, finance, regulatory advisory and compliances, audits and tax matters. He has worked with clients in a variety of industries and service sectors. Malav has been actively consulting with a large number of customers in the automobile and NGO sector. He has been instrumental in hand-holding many NGOs from their inception and is helping them navigate the complex regulatory environment in matters related to FCRA, income tax, goods and services tax, accounting and financial management.



Mikko Jarvenpaa

President and Founder, Sentient Media

Mikko Järvenpää is the founder of Sentient Media. Prior to Sentient Media, he has worked in the technology industry, most recently as the CEO of Infogram (acquired in 2017). Mikko started his career as a product marketing manager at Google, a job he quit to become a tour manager for a metal band. He has a B.B.A. from Helsinki School of Economics, MS.c. from London School of Economics, and recently completed the executive leadership certification with Oxford University's Saïd Business School. Mikko was also a returning guest lecturer on data visualisation for Columbia University's M.P.A. programme.





Shardul Dabir

Innovation Specialist, The Good Food Institute, India

Shardul is fascinated by all things food! Over the past eight years, he has been involved in the food sector through the lens of engineering, applied sciences, research and development, entrepreneurship, management, and the liberal arts. He is a Young India Fellow (YIF) from Ashoka University and has a bachelor's in food technology and mManagement from NIFTEM, MoFPI, Government of India. He has spent time as a researcher in cutting-edge food technologies at Rutgers University (USA) and was an exchange student at the University of Saskatchewan (Canada).



Rashmit Arora

Co-founder, New Norm Foods

Rashmit Arora is an entrepreneur and agricultural economist from Navi Mumbai. He is the co-founder of the alternative dairy startup, New Norm Foods, and serves as an economics and strategy consultant for U.S.-based nonprofit Mercy For Animals. Prior to working as a consultant for Mercy For Animals, Rashmit was a full-time economist in its strategy, impact, and research division. He also managed the transformation project, where he oversaw the transitions of five farmers from raising animals to growing plants. Earlier, Rashmit was a lecturer of economics at Penn State University, where his research focused on the prospects of alternative proteins in India.



Dr. Naina Athale

Freelance Trainer, Writer and Counsellor

Dr. Naina Athale has an M.S.W. and a Ph.D. from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. She has three decades of experience of working with abused children, women and families as a counsellor; as a consultant to educational institutions on mental health issues; and as a trainer of repute with various NGOs like UNICEF, Save the Children and SOSCVI, as well as government employees on topics pertaining to child protection. She is also an animal lover and has been on the board of IDA - India and has helped set up the two centres in Navi Mumbai.



Lauren Mee

Co-founder and CEO, Animal Advocacy Careers

Lauren studied philosophy and history combined honors at the University of Liverpool and has just under seven years of experience in the for-profit sector, finishing as a consultant for a global market research company. In her spare time, she volunteered for EAA organisations and is passionate about reducing animal suffering. Lauren participated in the 2019 cohort of Charity Entrepreneurship and co-founded AAC in the summer of 2019. She also currently serves as a mentor for WANBAM.

