

Responses to Nick Weir speaker questions from ‘Tried and tested solutions for a green recovery: Local food’ on 10 December 2020



	Response
<p>Is there a way to support community growing getting Organic certification? Soil Association is very expensive and prices most smaller producers out of the certification...</p>	<p>We encourage all producers to give as much product detail as possible to the shoppers and buyers using the Open Food Network, using phrases like ‘grown without the use of artificial fertilisers or pesticides’. For small-scale producers whose practices are as good as (and often better than) the standards required for organic certification, this level of communication is as good as official certification. Certification is only necessary when there is a disconnect between the grower and the eater. When you build short food supply chains you can remove the need for external certification.</p>