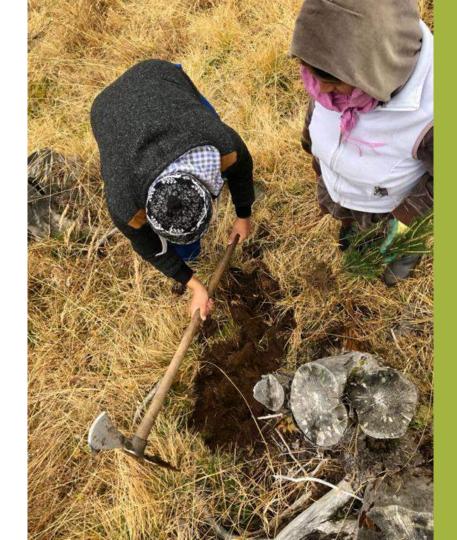
#### YEARLY REPORT

Activities & Outcomes April 2019 to April 2020



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### **Summary of activities**

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## 01: Response to COVID-19

All scheduled public events were cancelled.

Including the launch of our Cities for Earth campaign and all touring dates until Sep 2020. Our team moved entirely online to work at home.

Our systems and team members are responsive and adaptive. We can work anywhere, in anyway. We refocused on what was vital and life-giving.

Supporting new life through regen + protecting elders, observing government guidelines in RO and UK.

A remote-working, multi-disciplinary team, we adjusted to meet the urgent needs of our planet, our Elders and to our own households.

## COVID-19 Vital Response: Feeding Forest Elders

An urgent need to provide essential care packages.

Vulnerable and at risk isolated elders over 65 in our mountain forest zones were identified as in need. Village of 51 at-risk elders fed for 4 weeks.

Urgent appeal to fund food boxes (plus plant one tree) launched on 2nd April 2020. Total raised so far: £2,500. Vital support to food networks and community.

Our team of forest rangers coordinated with local food networks to deliver to remote rural locations.

In support of the remote village of Nucsoara and it's 51 elders, we launched an urgent appeal to provide essential assistance. We thank everyone involved for making this possible. <u>You can continue to support the campaign on Fundrazr.</u>









Alongside our conservation partners FCC, we acted to get essential care packages to those most vulnerable and in need.

Credit: With deepest gratitude to our conservation partners, FCC (carpathia.org)

## 02: Reforestation 25,000 trees

#### 15,000 mixed species planted in autumn 2019.

High altitude (1700-1800m) spruce, mountain maple and beech, all locally grown and maintained.

#### 5 hectares of degraded forest regenerated.

Rebuilding essential wildlife corridors and restoring clear cut deforested areas for future generations. 10,000 beech saplings planted in spring 2020.

Low altitude (1500-1700m) 2 yr old beech over 2 hectares, planted during COVID-19 pandemic.

Our conservation partners worked with local authorities to ensure the appropriate permits and practices to protect our employees, local communities and to keep our essential reforestation and preservation work going during the primary planting season this April.



All our tree saplings are native, grown locally and maintained until they reach maturity. Our trees are protected for future generations and included in a Natura2000 site. We only employ local people and rewilding concepts are at the core of our work.



**Our November** 2019 plantation regenerated 3 hectares of degraded forest and planted 15,000 local mixed-species saplings.

Watch our November 2019 plantation video report.

## **03: Rewilding: oak pastures**

135 locally-grown oak saplings planted.

Thorn bushes offering natural protection from grazing animals to promote regrowth and regeneration. Restoring 100 hectares of ancient pastures.

Using rewilding concepts to allow natural micro-habitats to form through minimum intervention. Leading the way: the first of its kind in Romania.

Piloting the first restoration project of ancient oak pastures using rewilding principles.

Our oak pasture rewilding project is in partnership with <u>Cabor Biodiversity Farm</u> in the foothills of the Făgăraș Mountains, Romania.







## 04: Local Community Impact

#### 58 local people employed under safe conditions.

Totalling 355 mandays local revenue generation from our plantations in one year.

#### 51 at-risk elders over 65+ fed for 4 weeks.

Providing essential food supplies and contact to isolated forest elders during the pandemic. Support to essential local food networks.

80% of produce for our urgent foodbox appeal was provided by local farmers and distributors.

We work with our conservation partners and the local mayor of Nucsoara village to support sustainable local employment, care of vulnerable groups and essential supply chains in remote rural locations around the sites of our reforestation and rewilding programmes.













Volunteer local forest rangers deliver food boxes, supporting local producers and providing essential contact and supplies to isolated elders.

## **05: All for Earth Cultural Events**

#### 3 key European environmental arts events.

Performing in cities across Romania, Spain and UK to raise awareness about the forest crisis in Europe. A growing family of arts + cultural ambassadors.

We recruited high-profile representatives and supporters from the arts, media and music industries. Working with local artists + event venues.

Collaborative creation across frontiers. Fundraising through multi-media music and arts gatherings.

At the core of our activities is how we can all use art and music to regenerate the natural world. Art heals, illuminates and restores.



Events at Royal Academy of Arts, London. Formspace in Cluj, Romania and India Biennale. Featuring our artists and ambassadors.

## 06: Social & Fundraising Campaigns

#### Crowdfunders & campaigns raised over £55k.

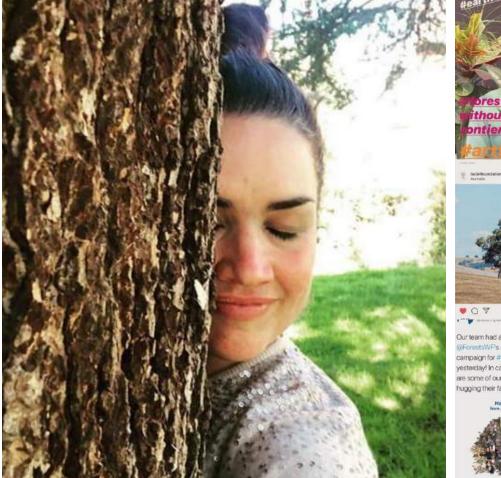
Ongoing crowdfunder, donation platforms + major funders have raised enough to plant over 25k trees.

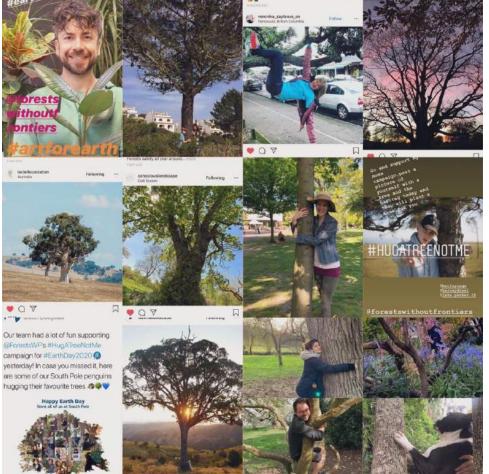
## #hugatreenotme #runforthetrees #forthetrees

Our hashtag campaigns raised over £3k, planted 150 trees for Earth Day and are extending our social reach. #albumsforoaks 135 trees planted from record sales.

Initial pilot oak pastures funded by our album sales. New campaign to sign up other artists coming soon.

Our social media, press and fundraising advisors are building our social following and impact through hashtag campaigns, cross-platform publishing and engaging our ambassadors and key supporters as influencers.





Our #hugatreenotme campaign for Earth Day 2020 has people posting from all over the globe. The campaign is ongoing.

# Thanks to our partners, key supporters and ambassadors...

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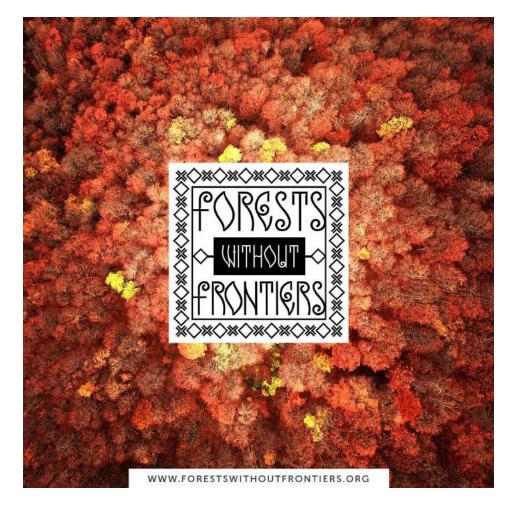
Matt Black/Ninja Tunes

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It must be NOW

**Breath Body Balance** 

**Andrew Ruhemann** Francesca Martinez **Oana Raluca Ghiocel Jamie Catto** Moyra Scott Tom 
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Join us. All for Earth. **Planting trees for** future generations with music and arts.

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