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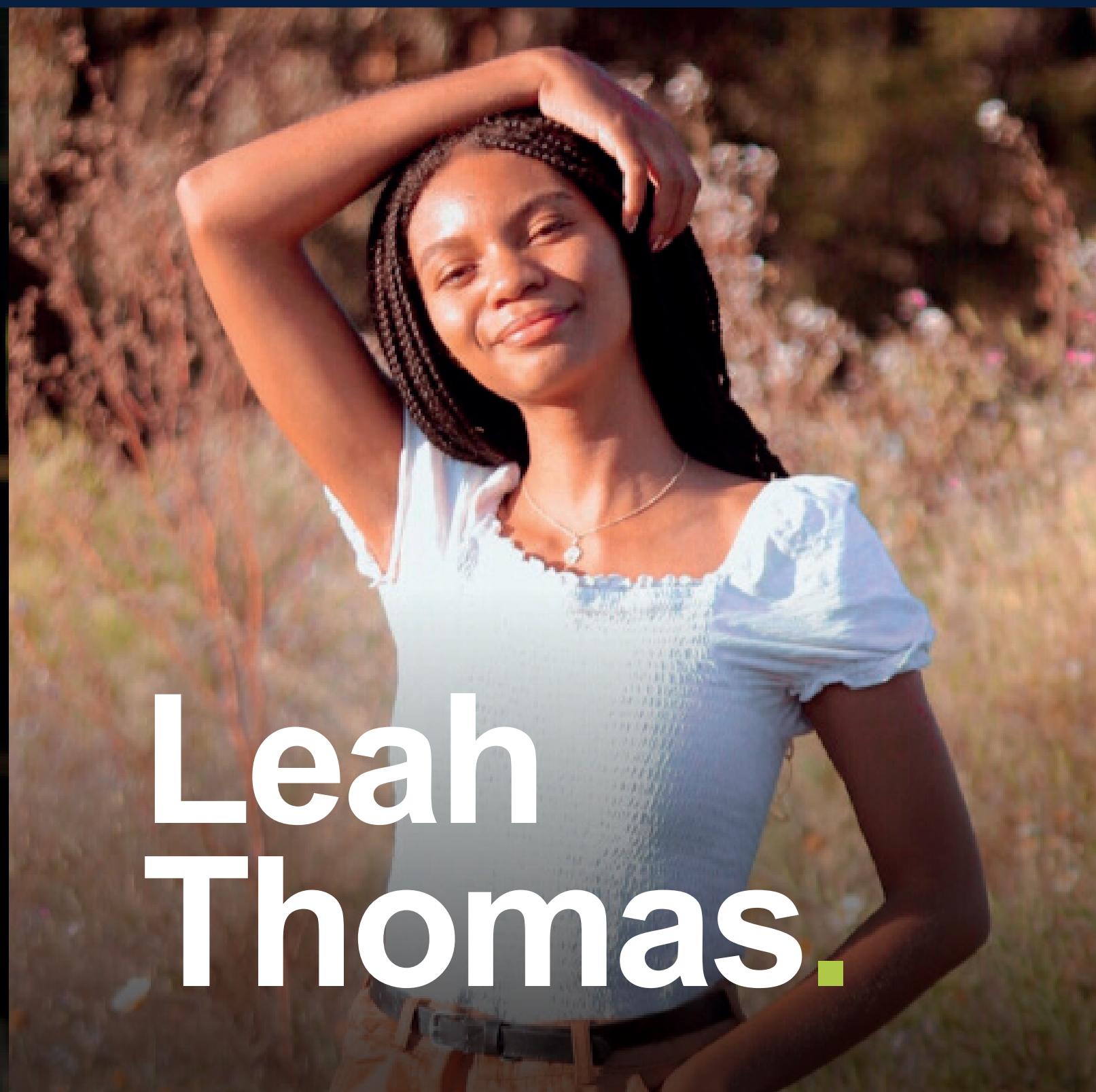
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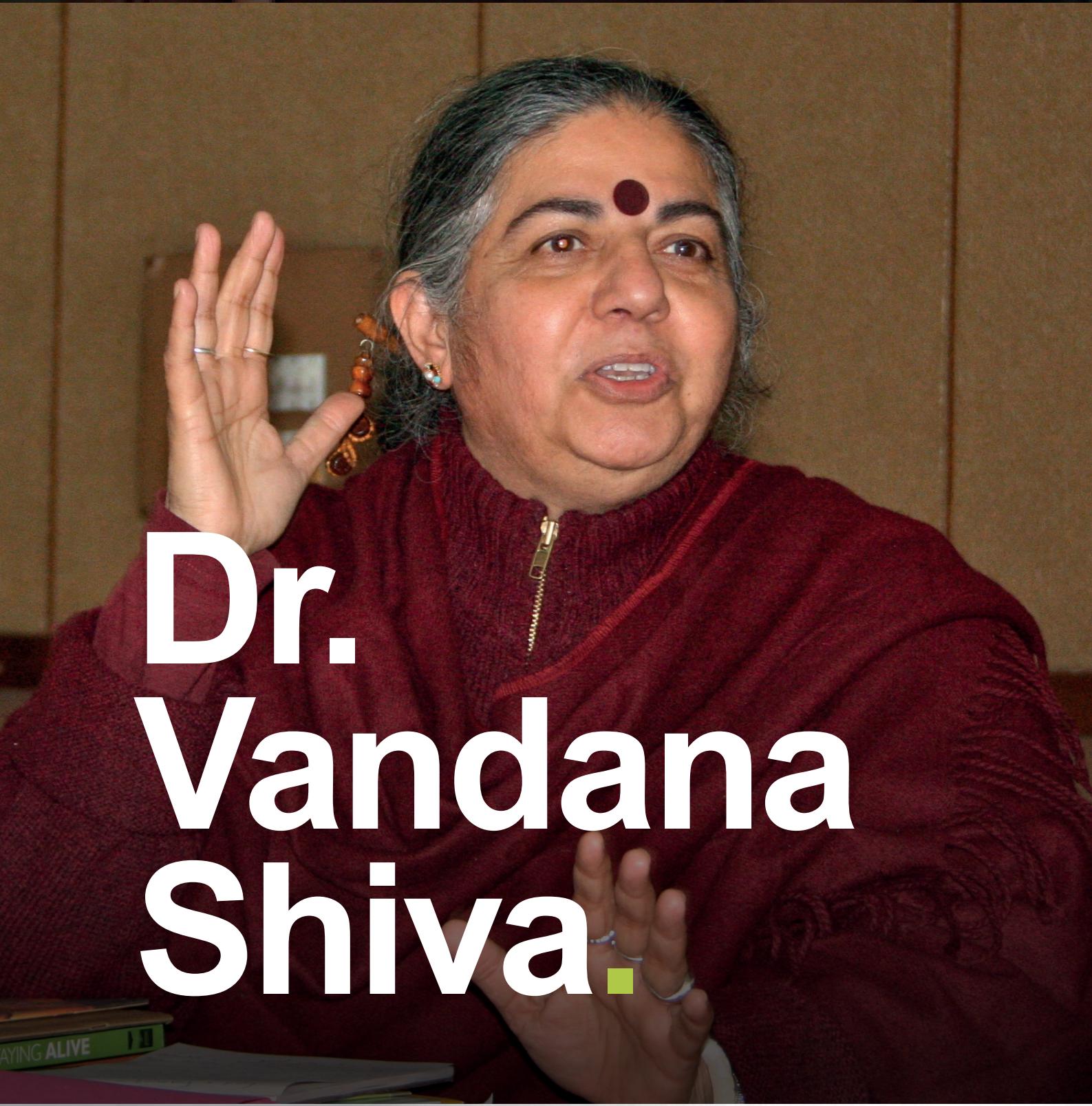
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Anita Roddick.

Anita Roddick (1942-2007) was a British businesswoman and human rights activist, best known as the founder of the cosmetic company, The Body Shop. She studied History and Education at the University of Sussex and later traveled extensively. It was during her travels that she became interested in working with natural and ethically-sourced beauty products.

In 1976, Roddick founded The Body Shop in Brighton, England, with the goal of providing consumers with ethical and sustainable beauty products. The company used natural ingredients and was known for its commitment to environmental and social responsibility. The Body Shop was also one of the first companies to ban animal testing of its products.

Under Roddick's leadership, The Body Shop grew rapidly and became a global brand, with stores in over 60 countries. In 1991, the company went public and Roddick became one of the wealthiest women in Britain.

Throughout her career Roddick was also an outspoken advocate for various social and environmental causes, including human rights, animal rights and the environment. She was awarded numerous honors for her activism, including the United Nations' Global 500 Roll of Honor in 1990.

Roddick passed away in 2007 at the age of 64, but her legacy lives on through The Body Shop, which remains committed to ethical and sustainable business practices.

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Anita Roddick is an Icon, she is without doubt one of the founders of modern day ESG and sustainability. Her values always clear – support the environment, people of all backgrounds and work to uplift women from poverty. With these clear values she founded a staggeringly successful brand that generated significant capital whilst creating value for society.”

Sophie England
Head of ESG Insight and Communications



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Kate Raworth.



Kate Raworth is an economist and author, known for her work on developing an economic framework called “Doughnut Economics.” She is a Senior Visiting Research Associate at Oxford University’s Environmental Change Institute and a Senior Associate of the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership.

Raworth began her career at the United Nations, where she worked on microfinance and women’s entrepreneurship in the 1990s. She later became a senior researcher at Oxfam, where she focused on the intersection of poverty and environmental issues.

Raworth’s work on Doughnut Economics challenges traditional economic theory, which often focuses solely on growth and GDP, she instead proposes a model that takes into account the needs of both people and the planet. In her framework, the “doughnut” represents the space between a social foundation, which ensures that everyone has access to basic needs such as food, water and healthcare and an ecological ceiling, which represents the limits of the planet’s resources.

Her book “Doughnut Economics: Seven Ways to Think Like a 21st Century Economist” is a global bestseller available in over 20 languages. She has written for numerous publications, including The Guardian, The New Statesman and Wired. She has given talks and lectures on Doughnut Economics around the world and has advised governments and organisations on economic policy.

In May 2018, Kate delivered her TED Talk: ‘A healthy economy should be designed to thrive, not grow’ which has been viewed over 4 million times. Watch it [here](#).

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I am a huge fan of Kate Raworth’s work in sustainability. I admire how she has revolutionised traditional views towards a progressive model where we can thrive while respecting the functioning of Earth and her continuous work in finding ways to get us there.”

Camila Segura
Graduate Consultant



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Leah Thomas.

Leah Thomas, widely known as Green Girl Leah, is an American environmentalist, activist and author based in Los Angeles, CA. She is a graduate of Chapman University with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science & Policy and a cluster in Comparative World Religions.

Leah gained notoriety after coining the term “intersectional environmentalism” in 2020 on her Instagram platform @greengirlleah, a framework that seeks to connect the dots between social justice, racial bias and environmentalism, recognising that environmental issues disproportionately affect marginalised communities.

She has since created the Intersectional Environmentalist organisation that exists to inform and educate about climate justice and its affect upon global communities, especially people of colour with an underlying belief in representation rooted in equality and inclusion.

In addition to her activism work, Leah has written articles for international publications such as Vogue, The Washington Post and Cosmopolitan and is the author of the young adult novel “When We Were Infinite”, published in 2021.

Leah Thomas is an important voice in the environmental and social justice movements and her work has inspired many to consider the intersectionality of various issues and to take action towards a more just and sustainable world.

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Leah Thomas is my hero because she has reintroduced the concept of intersectionality in the environmentalist context. In October 2022, I had the privilege of meeting Leah; after speaking with her, I quickly learnt that we cannot separate social justice and inequalities from environmental issues. There is an intrinsic connection between climate, race and gender.”

Lauren Hyatt
Consultant



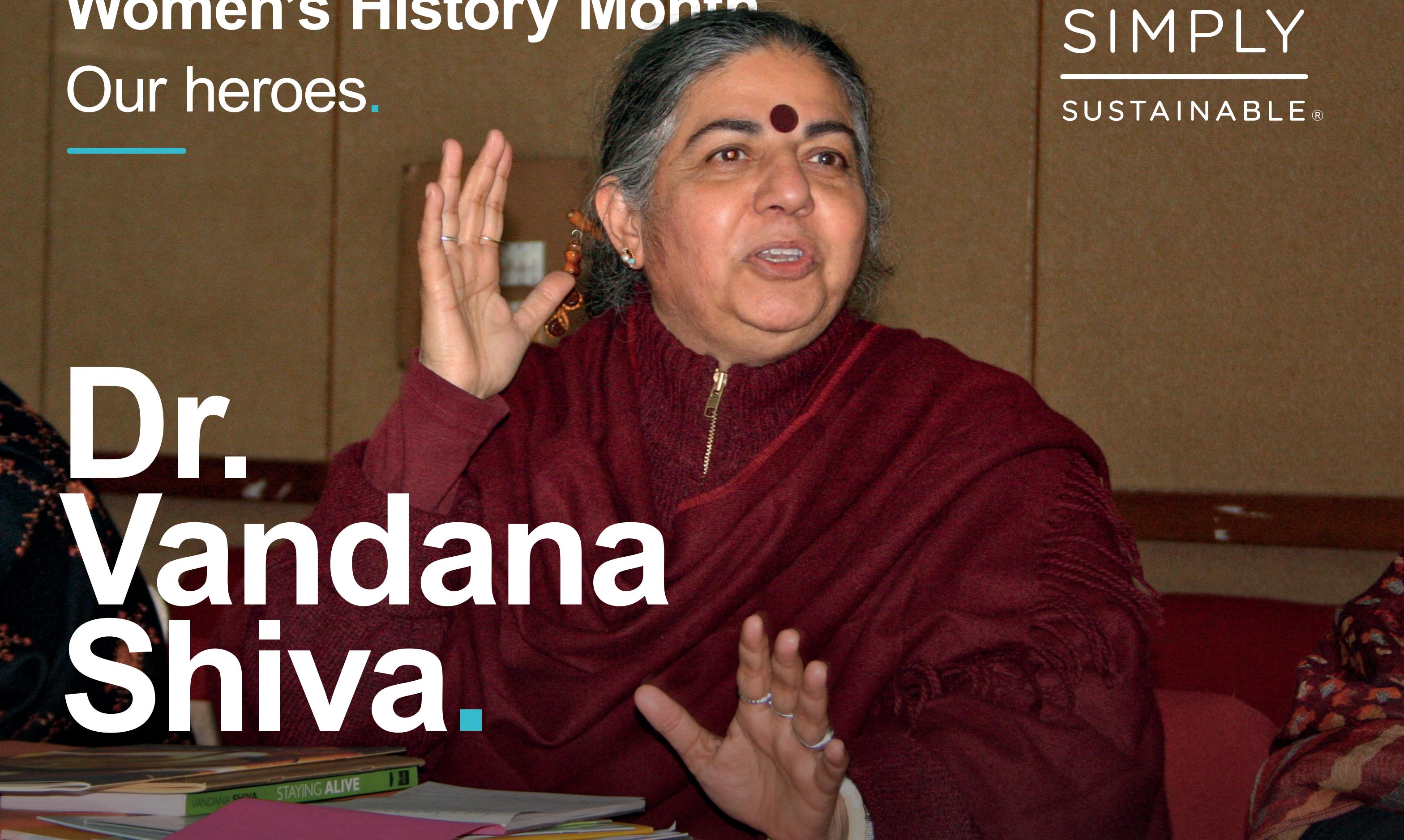
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Dr. Vandana Shiva.



Dr. Vandana Shiva is an Indian scholar, environmental activist and author, known for her work in promoting sustainable agriculture, biodiversity conservation and women's rights. She is a physicist by training and has a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Western Ontario in Canada.

Dr. Shiva's work on sustainable agriculture has focused on promoting traditional farming practices, biodiversity conservation and organic farming. She has been a vocal critic of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and has advocated for the preservation of seed diversity and the rights of small-scale farmers.

She is also known for her advocacy for women's rights. She founded the organisation Navdanya in 1991, which works to promote sustainable agriculture and protect the rights of farmers, particularly women farmers.

Dr. Shiva has authored numerous books, including "Stolen Harvest: The Hijacking of the Global Food Supply" and "Earth Democracy: Justice, Sustainability and Peace." She has received many awards for her work, including the Right Livelihood Award, also known as the Alternative Nobel Prize and the Sydney Peace Prize.

She continues to be an influential voice in the environmental and social justice movements, speaking out on issues such as climate change, food security and the rights of indigenous peoples.

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Dr. Vandana Shiva is inspirational because she is a tireless advocate for social and environmental justice. Her work promoting sustainable agriculture and biodiversity conservation has had a profound impact on our planet. Through her activism and leadership, she has inspired countless individuals to take action and make a positive difference in their communities.”

Deveshree Sawant
Graduate Consultant



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Rachel Carson.

Rachel Louise Carson (1907-1964) was an American marine biologist, conservationist and writer, widely regarded as one of the pioneers of the modern environmental movement. She is best known for her groundbreaking book “Silent Spring” which exposed the dangers of pesticides and launched a global campaign for environmental protection.

Carson earned a degree in biology from Pennsylvania College for Women (now Chatham University) in 1929 and a Master’s degree in marine biology from Johns Hopkins University in 1932.

Carson began her career as a writer and editor for the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries and later worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, where she became the editor-in-chief of the agency’s publications. In the 1940s and 1950s, she wrote several books about the ocean and marine life, including “The Sea Around Us” (1951) and “The Edge of the Sea” (1955), which were both bestsellers and established her as a leading nature writer.

In the early 1960s, she became increasingly concerned about the widespread use of pesticides, particularly DDT and the impact they were having on the environment and human health. Her book, “Silent Spring,” published in 1962, drew attention to the dangers of pesticides and their long-term effects on the environment and helped spark a global environmental movement.

Carson’s work helped to galvanize public opinion and led to significant changes in global environmental policy. Her efforts led to the establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the United States and her legacy continues to inspire environmentalists around the world.

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Rachel Carson is a truly inspirational woman. Her books are as relevant today as they were when they were first published. She was a vitally important pioneer of environmental activism and a powerful advocate for the protection of the natural world.”

Nicola Stopps
CEO



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Christine Lagarde.

Christine Lagarde is a French lawyer and politician who currently serves as the President of the European Central Bank (ECB), a position she has held since November 2019. She is the first woman to hold this position.

Prior to her appointment at the ECB, Lagarde held several high-profile positions in both the public and private sectors. From 2011 to 2019, she served as the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), where she played a key role in stabilising the global economy following the 2008 financial crisis.

Before joining the IMF, Lagarde served as the French Minister of Economic Affairs, Finance and Industry from 2007 to 2011. She was the first woman to hold this position and played a critical role in reforming the French economy during her tenure.

Lagarde is known for her expertise in international finance and economics and has been recognised for her contributions to the field. In 2014, she was named the fifth most powerful woman in the world by Forbes Magazine.

Throughout her career, Lagarde has been a vocal advocate for gender equality and has been a strong supporter of initiatives to increase the participation of women in the workforce.

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Christine Lagarde has been rocking the male dominated world of finance like a hero for many years and was the first woman to head the European Central Bank. For me, she is such an inspiration in how to be a groundbreaking leader. She is tough but compassionate at the same time.”

Joaska Mischke

Principal Consultant: Transformation



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