

- Mitchell Partridge, Scotland



Because the outdoors gave me a renewed sense of purpose after my wife passed away from terminal cancer. I've used the landscape and my job to rebuild myself, and stepping outside to reexplore the Isle of Skye has restored my spirit, giving me the strength to find positivity in the world again."

Mitchell Partridge, ghillie



Isle of Skye, Scotland

Nele Bekaert, Belgium



Because while I'm out shrimp fishing, Belgium's North Sea allows me and my horse to feel calm, peaceful and at one with nature. I'm also happy to preserve and share this very important cultural tradition."

Nele Bekaert, horse fisherwoman



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- Nele Bekaert, a 37-year-old mother of three is the world's first officially recognised female horse fisher.



Shyam Sunder Paliwal, India



Because the more we protect the environment [around Piplantri, India], the more it will **reciprocate**. Those who work with nature don't worry too much. Nature gives me strength; our daughters and this work gives us strength.”

Shyam Sunder Paliwal, eco-feminist

Reciprocate (verb): do the same in return.

Piplantri, India's First Eco-feminist Village



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Natalia Nikitina, South Africa



Because just before the world **got turned on its head**, I spent a week in [South Africa's] blue water with wild dolphins at seven months pregnant, and through their **echolocation**, they could see my baby girl, surrounding me, scanning, clicking and celebrating this new life inside me, reminding me of just how magical this blue planet truly is."

Hanli Prinsloo, freediver and ocean conservationist

Echolocation (noun): The use of reflected waves for finding things.



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Michael W Twitty, India



Because when I heard the drums of the **masquerades** in Sierra Leone and looked into their mirrored crown, I saw my **forebears** and I saw myself and every other human being."

Michael W Twitty, author and historian

Forebears (noun): ancestor

Masquerade: a party or dance where people wear masks (= coverings over part or all of the face) or other disguises (= clothes that hide who you are or make you look like someone else)

This mask would be carved by a man but danced by a woman in Sande Society as part of young women's initiation into adulthood.





Julio Bonifaz Pinedo, Bolivia

Because I'm very happy that [my son Rolando is home and] we are living together as a family again. We have finished repairing the main square of the village [of Mururata in Bolivia]; we inaugurated it recently and it went very well."

Julio Bonifaz Pinedo, farmer and king



Murata, Bolivia Tribal Kingdom

jane goodall,
London (Tanzania)

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Because even as a child, I was **utterly** in love with the wonder of nature, the miracle of life, the infinite variety of species and the mystery of the universe."

Jane Goodall, primatologist and humanitarian



Only if we understand, will we care. Only if we care, will we help. Only if we help shall all be saved.