



Hello!

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for Forest of Imagination 2017. We are really grateful for your support as we rely on our team of volunteers to help make the event a truly extraordinary experience for all our visitors!

Forest of Imagination is open to all ages, but we do ask for volunteers who are over the age of 18.

The information in this pack should hopefully answer any questions you might have about the event, but if you have any further questions or comments, please get in touch with Tomas / Sarah at info@forestofimagination.com. Further information can also be found on our website: www.forestofimagination.com.

We look forward to meeting you and thank you once again for your support. Please do pass on information about the event to colleagues, friends and family – and put them in touch with us if they would like to volunteer too!

With best wishes,

The Forest of Imagination team



ABOUT THE EVENT

Dates

Thursday 29 June - Sunday 2 July 2017

Opening times

Thursday 29 June: 18.00-21.00

Friday 30 June: 10.00-18.00

Saturday 1 July: 10.00-18.00

Sunday 2 July: 10.00-18.00

Location

The Edge, University of Bath / Bushey Norwood, National Trust (BA2 7AY)

What is Forest of Imagination?

Forest of Imagination is a free, participatory, contemporary arts event, designed to transform familiar spaces into an immersive experience for visitors of all ages through interactive installations, artworks and workshops.

We aim to:

- offer an inclusive contemporary arts project that is free and open to all
- provide the opportunity for the local community to create alongside professional artists
- provide opportunities for local artists, musicians, designers, architects, students to showcase their work
- reinforce Bath as a child-friendly city and community
- draw attention to particular environmental and wellbeing issues relevant to Bath

Previous events have taken place at Sion Hill / Bath Spa University (2014), Queen Square (2015) and the spaces in and around Bath Abbey (2016).

Who is Forest of Imagination?

Forest of Imagination is delivered by a core collaborative team of local creative organisations, businesses and individuals including 5x5x5=creativity, Grant Associates, Herman Miller, Bath Spa University, Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios, RSA, Imaginnovation,



Carpenter Oak and Woodland, House of Fairy Tales, Bristol Zoo, Bath Abbey, Illustrious, Ruth Thorp Studio and working in collaboration with local primary and secondary schools.

This team will be extended again in 2017 to include the Arts Council, Woodland Trust, National Trust, American Museum and Edge Arts at the University of Bath.

Forest of Imagination 2017 - *Forest on the Edge... where we feel at home*

The 2017 event will be located at [The Edge](#), University of Bath, and the adjoining Bushey Norwood, a National Trust meadow, and is linked to the inaugural [International Festival of Childhood](#) taking place in The Edge over the same weekend. Emphasis will be placed on creating immersive installations and participatory workshops for children and young people.

Based on the theme of 'home', local, national and international artists, designers and craftspeople have designed a series of temporary installations, artworks and outdoor workshop spaces forming a playful, interactive and multi-sensory trail for visitors, linking the urban edge of Bath with the prehistoric landscape of Bushey Norwood.

Installations and artworks will include a 3D soundscape, a sensory forest, an augmented reality game, outdoor workshop spaces - and the return of Dreamer, the giant rabbit!

A programme of indoor workshops will be held in The Edge, in collaboration with the International Festival of Childhood.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers play a key role in helping the Forest of Imagination team run the event – we can't do it without you! We will need help with:

Stewarding

Welcoming and directing visitors, distributing site maps, providing information on facilities (i.e. toilets, nearby eating places and parking), answering questions and generally ensuring that visitors have a fun, safe and enjoyable experience.

Invigilating installations & artworks

Providing information to visitors on the installations, artworks and artists and making sure the installations are safe, secure and not overcrowded!



Assisting with artist workshops

Welcoming and directing visitors to the workshops, assisting artists with practical tasks and workshop delivery and helping keep the space tidy.

Helping the design and build team

Assisting with the set-up and take-down of installations and artworks.

Volunteer shifts will run from **17.30 - 21.15** on **Thursday 29 June** and from **09.30 - 18.15** on **Friday 30 June, Saturday 1 July, and Sunday 2 July**.

Briefing sessions before the event opens to the public will run from 17.30 - 18.00 on the Thursday and from 09.30 - 10.00 on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Installation will take place between **09.00 and 19.00** from **Tuesday 27 to Thursday 29 June**; de-installation between **09.00 and 19.00** from **Monday 3 to Wednesday 5 July**.

Volunteers will be located in both the outdoor areas (Bushey Norwood) and the indoor areas (The Edge).

All volunteers will be provided with a Forest of Imagination t-shirt.

A free lunch will be provided for full day shifts. Water and snacks will be available throughout the day!

VOLUNTEER MEETING / TRAINING SESSION

All volunteers are invited to attend a meeting / training session in central Bath. This will be an opportunity to have a drink with the event managers and fellow volunteers, find out more about the event, and ask any questions you might have!

The training will cover all of the important, logistical bits - emergency and lost children procedures, first aid, security, risk assessment and prevention, the event programme and site map, background information on the artists and installations/artworks and transport information.