

EVENT GUIDE



Forest of Imagination is a contemporary arts and design event created by Grant Associates, House of Imagination and local creative industries that reimagines a familiar space to inspire everyone's creativity and heighten a sense of nature in an urban environment.

HYBRID EVENT

Landscape City

24 June – 3 July 2021

A series of multisensory pop up events and installations along the theme of 'Gathering Perspectives on the Landscape City'



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Travelling Forest '21

FREE
All ages
welcome



TRAVELLING FOREST '21

This year, as well as continuing our 'Virtual Forest' online presence, Forest of Imagination will include a series of multisensory pop-up events and installations along the theme of 'Gathering Perspectives on the Landscape City' and in response to the climate emergency.

Locations include Bath Spa University's Locksbrook Campus, Bath City Farm, Batheaston's Secret Garden, Beckford's Tower, American Museum & Gardens and the Holburne Museum.

Forest of Imagination is open to all and actively inclusive. We invite children, families and people of all ages to explore, make and learn in a creative, intuitive and imaginative way. Everyone is welcome, come along and play!

To see Forest of Imagination continue to grow and return each year please donate via Local giving by visiting giv.today/forestof
Thank you for your support

CREATIVITY, CARE & COMPASSION

COVID-19-secure notice

All of the Travelling Forest 2021 locations will be outside and socially distanced. For the safety of all we are complying with the latest Public Health England guidance.

Kind request

We ask that you do not attend in person if you have symptoms that may be caused by coronavirus (COVID-19), or you've had a positive test result. You should also stay at home if someone you live with or someone in your extended household has symptoms, or if you've been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive.

PRE-EVENTS

RSA EVENT MONDAY 21 JUNE

6-7PM [BOOK NOW](#)

LIVING TREE: FOREST OF IMAGINATION

Landscape architect Andrew Grant RDI FRSA, co-founder of Forest of Imagination, begins the evening by introducing the themes of this year's Travelling Forest 2021. Artist Andrew Amondson and computational designer Alexandre (Sasha) Mballa-Ekobena will share the story of the Living Tree as a gift to Sir Ken Robinson and introduce the concepts underpinning the "Imagine If" workshops with Design students from Bath Spa University. Kate Robinson and Anthony Dunn will share an update to their work in relation to Sir Ken Robinson's provocation to "Imagine If".

THURSDAY 24 JUNE

ONLINE

11AM-12NOON [BOOK NOW](#)

ONLINE TALK

Hosted by Dr Penny Hay, spoken word poet Toby Thompson will be in conversation with Muskan and Supriya from Slam Out Loud to talk about their recent process of collaboration and each will perform a poem.

4-6PM [BOOK 4PM](#) [BOOK 5PM](#)

Kathy Hinde RIVERSIDE WALK

An underwater listening experience will reveal the hidden, submerged sound world of Bath. People will be invited to listen from an underwater perspective, connecting with the watery environs, gaining an immersive insight into these often hidden, intricate, aquatic ecosystems. Kathy will invite people to join her on underwater listening explorations using hydrophones with wireless headphones, in order to map the silvery, watery veins of the city. These recordings can then be embedded into an adaptive podcast for people to explore and interact with at their leisure. A pre-recorded version of "Riverside" will be shared online.



OPENING NIGHT THURSDAY 24 JUNE ONLINE

6-7PM [BOOK NOW](#)

Chair: Dr. Penny Hay, Director of Research, House of Imagination; Reader and Research Fellow, Bath Spa University

WELCOME SPEECHES:

Professor Sue Rigby, Vice Chancellor, Bath Spa University

Andrew Grant RDI FRSA, Founder, Grant Associates, Co-founder Forest of Imagination

LIVE PERFORMANCE

Toby Thompson will perform his new poem, and a prerecorded film of Muskan and Supriya's poem (Slam Out Loud) both in response to climate change. These will be also screened (capacity 20 people in person).

Tania Kovats

AVON: RIVER: RIVER

(Online Visual Talk)

Each river has its own narrative and voice that speaks of the places it runs through. Water is a connective element in the landscape, running from one place to another. River water sculpts the landscape, carving and shaping the land it travels through as it makes its way from Source to Mouth. And the river shapes how we live too. Water is also the great solvent, and all our histories are dissolved into the memory of water. Water is life, we build our enclosures, villages, towns, transport networks, industry and cities around rivers. Rivers are lines of connection for the movement of people, goods, songs and stories. Following a river and listening to its voice means you follow many of the stories of a place.

7PM

Ben See and Jessica Palmer PORTRAIT OF A TREE, A SONG FOR THE FOREST

Ben and Jessica are collaborating on a song and film which captures the character and story of a 160 year old Black Mulberry Tree in Batheaston Secret Garden. Ben will interweave his sung composition with video of Jessica's collaged and cut artwork of the Mulberry Tree. This is entirely virtual and will be shared online.

FOREST OF IMAGINATION
CLOSES FOR THE NIGHT

Forest of Imagination is free and welcomes all ages

LOCATION PLAN



26 JUNE
SATURDAY, 10AM-4PM
BECKFORD'S TOWER

2 JULY
FRIDAY, 10AM-4PM
(SCHOOLS' DAY)
SECRET GARDEN,
BATHEASTON

SEPTEMBER 2021
THE EGG

24 JUNE
THURSDAY
BATH SPA UNIVERSITY'S
LOCKSBROOK CAMPUS

25 JUNE
FRIDAY, 10AM-4PM
(SCHOOLS' DAY)
BATH CITY FARM

For full location addresses see next page.

Travelling Forest '21



27 JUNE
SUNDAY, 10AM-4PM
AMERICAN MUSEUM
& GARDENS

3 JULY
SATURDAY, 10AM-4PM
THE HOLBURNE MUSEUM



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IMAGINNOVATION



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- Forest of Imagination
- @forestimaginatn

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SCHOOLS' DAYS

FOR SCHOOLS

FRIDAY 25 JUNE
10AM-4PM (SCHOOLS' DAY)

BATH CITY FARM
Artist: Jessica Palmer
ILLUSTRATED TREE MAP OF BATH WORKSHOP
See full description under Artists, Artworks & Installations.

SATURDAY 26 JUNE
10AM-4PM

BECKFORD'S TOWER
FOI open to visitors to look at installations with workshops programmed for the general public.

Artists: Grace Swordy and Jono Burgess
SENSE OF BELONGING
A guided walk. See full description under Artists, Artworks & Installations.

Artist: Lydia Halcrow
(Families Acting on Climate Emergency - FACE)
LIFE IN A SQUARE (WORKSHOP)
(See full description under Artists, Artworks & Installations, 26 June).

FRIDAY 2 JULY
10AM-4PM (SCHOOLS' DAY)

BATHEASTON SECRET GARDEN
Artist: Jessica Palmer
ILLUSTRATED TREE MAP OF BATH WORKSHOP
(See full description under Artists, Artworks & Installations, 25 June).

SATURDAY 3 JULY
10AM-4PM

THE HOLBURNE MUSEUM
FOI open to visitors to look at installations etc but workshops programmed for the general public.



LOCATIONS



Beckford's Tower
Lansdown Rd,
Bath BA1 9BH

American Museum & Gardens
Claverton Manor,
Claverton Down,
Bath BA2 7BD



Secret Garden
Stambridge,
Batheaston,
Bath BA1 7NB

The Holburne Museum
Great Pulteney St,
Bathwick,
Bath BA2 4DB



The Egg
36 Monmouth St,
Bath BA1 2AN

Bath Spa University
Locksbrook Campus
Locksbrook Rd,
Bath BA1 3EL



Bath City Farm
Kelston View,
Whiteway, Bath
BA2 1NW

WORKSHOPS, ARTISTS, ARTWORKS & INSTALLATIONS

WORKSHOPS: W

House of Imagination artists' workshops
A series of creative workshops, including theatre, performance, design, science and art, designed and created by House of Imagination artists for children and young people. These include workshops with local schools. All workshops and talks are free, drop-in, and open to all ages. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to the workshops.

Please note, workshops are subject to change.

UNTIL SUNDAY 27 JUNE
10AM-4PM

MILSOM PLACE

Artists: Jessica Palmer and Marian Hill
IN THE MEANWHILE
Installation of works by Jessica Palmer and Marian Hill. Visit the website for more information: milsomplace.co.uk/offers-events/in-the-meanwhile/

FRIDAY 25 JUNE W
10AM-4PM (SCHOOLS' DAY)
BATH CITY FARM

Artist: Jessica Palmer
ILLUSTRATED TREE MAP OF BATH WORKSHOP
Jessica will seek offerings of favourite and beloved trees, photos, drawings, collages, silhouettes etc and ask for these to be drawn, cut out and attached to the map. Visitors can take away a small envelope of papery materials with which to make their own tree.

BOOK NOW

SATURDAY 26 JUNE W
10AM-4PM
BECKFORD'S TOWER

Artists: Jono Burgess and Grace Swordy
SENSE OF BELONGING
A Sense of Belonging is a playful exploration of your sense of self in the environment around you. Take yourself on a journey and explore with what makes you you, what is your imprint on the land and what do you want to leave

behind? This is a self led workshop with a series of written invitations that will help guide this journey. It is suitable for children over 7 with an adult and can be done solo or in pairs.

BOOK NOW

Artist: Lydia Halcrow
(Families Acting on Climate Emergency - FACE)
LIFE IN A SQUARE (WORKSHOP)
Explore the biodiversity (insect, flora, fauna) through the lens of one place in Bath, that will gradually form part of a map of biodiversity across and around the city that we can revisit to see how insect and wild flower species are doing each year to encourage and support species growth. Explore, observe, discover, record, draw and discuss how biodiversity is closely linked to the climate emergency. Learn 'how to make your local spaces more insect friendly', with simple steps like creating your own bug house, and some wild flower seeds to take away to plant to encourage pollinators. We will be bringing together drawings of bugs and flowers and ideas about how to encourage biodiversity from the workshops to share online and in print after the event.

BOOK NOW

SUNDAY 27 JUNE
10AM-4PM
AMERICAN MUSEUM & GARDENS

Artists: Matthew Leece and Jono Burgess
FLOWER & PLANT INSTALLATIONS
Sitting on a magical land, the American Museum has dozens of springs running up and down. Some above the ground, some below, connecting another world to our own. These springs carry seeds and plants from our world to the next. New, wonderful and colourful species are cropping up on the land. Come join us on our journey of discovery through the extraordinary and mystical grounds at the American Museum.

BOOK NOW

Artist: Lydia Halcrow
(Families Acting on Climate Emergency - FACE)
LIFE IN A SQUARE (WORKSHOP)
(See full description under Artists, Artworks & Installations, 26 June).

BOOK NOW

WEDNESDAY 30 JUNE
6-7PM (ONLINE)

Cambridge Curiosity SPACES FOR LIBERATED LEARNING
Where does creative learning flourish? Forest of Imagination has worked with arts and well-being charity Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination for many years celebrating how creative learning with children can happen everywhere in our cities - from grand museums to the cracks between pavements, from city parks to scruffy hedgerows, from recycling centres to cramped classrooms. Together we want to map all the spaces in our lives for what we are calling 'spaces for liberated learning' and share these with policy makers to continue to campaign for children's and communities' creative rights. We invite you to share stories - as a parent, educator, artist, environmentalist, playful rebel, human - of where you have experienced creative learning on your own, with your families, in your home, while at work or in your community. Join our online workshop to share your experiences and help us create a visible network.

BOOK NOW

FRIDAY 2 JULY W
10AM-4PM (SCHOOLS' DAY)
BATHEASTON SECRET GARDEN

Artist: Jessica Palmer
ILLUSTRATED TREE MAP OF BATH WORKSHOP
(See full description under Artists, Artworks & Installations, 25 June).

BOOK NOW

Artist: Patchlarks
MAPPING THE MINI-FORESTS
Outside interactive storytelling show. Join Oliver Lark of Patchlarks and discover a great adventure in the miniature worlds of moss and lichen. Combining joyful storytelling, self-directed explorations, and meditative investigations we'll complete tasks and challenges, uncover scientific secrets and build our mossy mythology entangled in the little things that grow all around.

"You may know what the mini-beasts are but have you heard of the Mini-Forests? Well, nor had I until a mysterious message was left outside my door, now I see them everywhere I look. But they need our help!"

BOOK NOW

SATURDAY 3 JULY W
10AM-4PM

THE HOLBURNE MUSEUM

Artist: Pippa Pixley
NATURE'S FINGERPRINTS PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP
Join Pippa in a Nature's Fingerprints Printmaking Workshop to learn how to make your own water-floated concentric monoprints using natural & sustainable materials.

In this exciting monoprinting workshop we will be floating naturally derived inks on a bath of water: a mesmerizing process that creates swishing and swirling shapes and patterns reminiscent of the concentric rings that form within the structure of a tree as it grows through a cycle of seasons. Each print we transfer onto the specially prepared papers will be as unique as a fingerprint, an image with it's own character and history, just as each fingerprint is unique and has its own story to tell. Pippa will share the history and secrets of this ancient craft as well as stories about the trees that inspire her work; what they can teach us about our climate and our world.

BOOK NOW

Artist: Patchlarks
MAPPING THE MINI-FORESTS
Outside interactive storytelling show. (See full description under Artists, Artworks & Installations, 2 July).

BOOK NOW

Artist: Beth Archard
DOODLE CHATTER
Discover the benefits of the doodle! With pen and paper and easy conversation participants might be given the headspace for reflection, tools for relaxation, and a pathway for reconnection with one another. Beth's interest in the psychology of the everyday stirs a curiosity to know how the combination of verbal and non-verbal communication, and the expression of a personal visual language will affect how we reflect and reconnect. How will we feel before, during and after the doodle? Doodle Chatter aims to provide an experience to engage an audience, promote interactions between people, encourage our capacity to be self-reflective citizens, and explore the possibilities of visual language.

BOOK NOW

SEPTEMBER 2021
WATCH THIS SPACE

Artists: Andrew Amondson and Sasha Mballa-Ekobena with Carpenter Oak
LIVING FOREST AT THE EGG THEATRE BATH
Berlin based artist, Andrew Amondson creates an immersive Living Tree Forest in The Egg, together with computational designer Alexandre (Sasha) Mballa-Ekobena and Forest of Imagination artists and audiences. Listen to the secrets being whispered in the roots of the trees, explore the Living Tree and create soundscapes and more in the canopy. Bring a class of children to listen, play, imagine and create alongside a team of multi-genre arts practitioners in The Egg's transformed spaces.

Imagine if there was a forest in The Egg ... imagine if we could hear and see and feel the forest talking... Imagine if you could plant a tree that would save the world... and that the tree is you.

BOOKINGS eventbrite

The opening evening and all workshops can be booked via Eventbrite.

VIEW ALL >

THE VIRTUAL FOREST

Please see the website for full details on our virtual offer for 2021.

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