FOREST OPENS

PRE-BOOKED WORKSHOPS – SCHOOLS' DAYS INCLUDE LOCAL HOME EDUCATORS' SESSIONS

TUESDAY 23 SEPT
OPENING NIGHT

6PM FOREST CREATURES ARRIVE
Canapés lovingly prepared by Bath Community Kitchen, with wine generously gifted by Bishopstrow House and Society Café, along with soft drinks donated by Morrisons, Bath.

6:30PM WELCOME ADDRESSES
Co-founders, Penny Hay, Professor of Imagination, Bath Spa University and Andrew Grant, Grant Associates, welcome all to Forest of Imagination 2025.

SPEECHES
- The Right Worshipful Mayor of Bath, Councillor Professor Bharat Pankhania
- Wayne Lindsay, Director of House of Imagination
- Professor John Strachan, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Bath Spa University
- Reflections from Margaret Heffernan, Professor of Practice, University of Bath
- Peter Clegg, legacy of the outdoor classroom (*From here I can sense nature and see the city*), in memory of Charley Brentnall

PERFORMANCE
"Dear Universe" by international poet and performer Toby Thompson.

7:30-8.30PM NOCTURNE EVENT
Join Briony Hartley after dark to reconnect with nature through music, poetry, and create a shared glowing memory tree. Bring your torch!

WEDNESDAY 24 SEPT
SCHOOLS' DAY

J 9:45AM-12:30PM

TINKERING TREES
Andrew Amondson
Hands-on tinkering with branches and simple tools to create playful structures and creatures.

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BATH COMMUNITY KITCHEN
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Harnessing the imagination and skills of the people who come along to cook, eat and play, with climate-resilient ingredients such as bean dips and flatbreads made from wild cereals.

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Pippa Pixley
"Mud Masterpieces" is a joyful, sensory-rich workshop for early years, exploring the natural world through mud paint while developing creativity, fine motor skills and sensory engagement.



THURSDAY 25 SEPT
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TUESDAY 30 SEPT
SCHOOLS' DAY

B 9:45AM-12:30PM

BE HOPE
Alysha Alva and Nour Alswaid
Step into 2030 and imagine the world you'd like to see. Using art, colour and creativity, we'll explore hopes for ourselves, our communities and the planet.

G 9:45AM-12:30PM

WHERE DOES A RIVER BEGIN?
James Aldridge
A guided, interactive walk creatively exploring and mapping Entry Hill as the source of the Lyn Brook. Walk with water and map the path to where the brook emerges.

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BECOMING CREATURE
Lydia Halcrow and Sarah Skeels
Experience the world through the eyes of local creatures. Make creature masks with earth inks, collage and re-used materials to map different habitats.

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STORY FORAGING
Matilda Shearing
Playful prompts to collect stories from place and people.

H 10:15AM-11:45AM

EARTH CLUB FIELD STATION
Patchlarks & Hannah McDowall
Enter a playful laboratory to befriend soil life. Make, look and listen from the ground up—where life begins.

WEDNESDAY 1 OCT
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THURSDAY 25 SEPT
OPEN TO ALL

2-3PM ONLINE
INTERNATIONAL ARTS AND IMAGINATION NETWORK SEMINAR
in collaboration with GALA, Global Academy for Liberal Arts

PLEASE BOOK

FRIDAY 26 SEPT
OPEN TO ALL

A 11AM-12:30PM

WANDER IN THE FOREST
Wander in the Forest with artist Andrew Amondson, Professor of Imagination Penny Hay, architects Luke Macnab and Mike Lewis.

A 12-4PM

MAKING NATURE MASKS
Conor Busuttil
Creating nature masks, becoming nature - taking part in a parade of nature, of wild creatures welcoming in the forest.

SATURDAY 27 SEPT
OPEN TO ALL

J 10-11AM, 12-1PM, 2-3PM

TINKERING TREES
Andrew Amondson
Hands-on tinkering with branches and simple tools to create playful structures and creatures.

A 12:30-5PM

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J 10-11AM, 12-1PM, 2-3PM

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H 10AM-12:30PM

STORY FORAGING
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Playful prompts to collect stories from place and people.

SUNDAY 28 SEPT
OPEN TO ALL

J 10AM-12:30PM

TINKERING TREES
Andrew Amondson
Hands-on tinkering with branches and simple tools to create playful structures and creatures.

A 12:30-5PM

BATH COMMUNITY KITCHEN
Bath Community Kitchen
Hands-on cookery workshops imagining future foods; bean dips and wild-cereal flatbreads and more.

B 11AM-1PM

HABITAT CITY
Architecture is... with Funda Kemal and Lucy Barron
Creating places to shelter, rest and inhabit for both the human and more-than-human worlds. Nature-led structures from found materials, paper tape and string.



H 10AM-12:30PM

WRITING PATTERNS
Hannah Newton
Centered around words and inspired by Marion Richardson's 1971 writing patterns. Use letters as visual patterns, contributing to a collaborative wind-stretched poem.

J 10-11AM, 12-1PM, 2-3PM

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MONDAY 29 SEPT
OPEN TO ALL

A 12-2PM

VISITING FOREST OF IMAGINATION
Sensory Atelier, Attenborough Arts Centre, Leicester University and Esme Ward, Director of Manchester Museum

TUESDAY 30 SEPT
OPEN TO ALL

Booking not required for general admission – just come and explore!

A 12-1PM

EARTH SPOTLIGHT
Reworlding with Professor Tim Waterman.

PLEASE BOOK

WEDNESDAY 1 OCT
OPEN TO ALL

A 4-6PM

WANDER IN THE FOREST
Helen Gormley and RSA Bath
Join us for a guided walk through the Forest, with prompts for imagination and reflection. You will receive some guidelines and the opportunity to share any insights about the connections between art, nature – and us.

PLEASE BOOK

THURSDAY 2 OCT
OPEN TO ALL

A 4:30-6PM

CLIMATE EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE
RSA Bath with special guests, Professors Margaret Heffernan, Alf Coles and Penny Hay, Andrew Grant, Peter Clegg, and Dr Debbie Yeboah chaired by Andrew Kelly with a pre-workshop at 4.30pm with Kathryn Morrissey, Notes to Humanity and Youth Fellowship RSA.

PLEASE BOOK

6PM FOREST CLOSES



WORKSHOP LOCATIONS
A B G H I J

ART INSTALLATIONS
- **A** FROM HERE I CAN SENSE NATURE AND SEE THE CITY
- **B** LIVING TREE AND BOG OIL MIRROR
- **C** FOREST AMPHITHEATRE
  BATH SPA UNIVERSITY ARCHITECTURE LIVE BUILD PROJECT
- **D** MESMERINE 111TH AND OWL TRANCE BENCH
- **E** RECLAIMING THE GREEN
- **F** CATERPILLAR TUNNEL
- **G** LISTENING HORNS

FREE EVERYONE WELCOME!

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BRING YOUR IMAGINATION!

2025 forest of IMAGINATION

IMAGINING THE FUTURE OF THE FORGOTTEN LAND

23 SEPT– 2 OCT 2025

OPENING TIMES

From 24 September 2025, Forest is open to all each day from 10am–4pm, with prebooked schools' workshops on 24, 25, 30 September and 1 October. Free drop-in activities and workshops are available with a major focus on **Saturday and Sunday 27th and 28th September from 10am–5pm** for all to explore and experience.

THIS YEAR'S THEME

This year, Forest of Imagination invites you to take part in ***'Imagining the Future of the Forgotten Land'***—a creative transformation of the former golf course at Entry Hill as a 'pop-up' proof of concept for a permanent Forest of Imagination as an Art and Nature Park, a centre for arts and ecology.

Perched on the edge of Bath, Entry Hill is a hidden landscape of woodlands, grasslands and sweeping views. During Forest of Imagination 2025, each of the original greens will become the site of imaginative, nature-based installations co-designed with artists, schools, families and the local community.

Now in its twelfth year, Forest of Imagination is designed collaboratively with local businesses and communities, ensuring that it is made with the people of Bath and not just for them. Easily accessible by walking or cycling for local residents, visitors will wander through a landscape of creative installations – inviting curious minds to explore, reflect, and imagine the site's future...

ART INSTALLATIONS

LIVING TREE
Andrew Amondson
The Living Tree is a social sculpture inviting curiosity and connection to the nature all around us.

BOG OIL MIRROR
Matthew Leece and Andrew Amondson
A shallow reflective pool nestled into a meadow at the woodland's edge, inspired by wetland biofilms and mineral interactions.

CATERPILLAR TUNNEL
Andrew Amondson and Matthew Leece
A giant pink caterpillar crawls up the green in a procession of color on Entry Hill. Walk through the tunnel and see if you notice something different on the other side.

FROM HERE I CAN SENSE NATURE AND SEE THE CITY
Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios
An outdoor classroom nestled in the trees with a long view across the city for schools and community groups.

LISTENING HORNS
Kathy Hinde
Step in and out of the sounds of the forest as curious metallic horns emerge from the undergrowth.

MESMERINE 111™
Illustrious, Martyn Ware, Charles Stooke
Mesmerine 111™ is an immersive 3D soundscape inspired by 111Hz, historically and scientifically associated with a trance-like state.

OWL TRANCE BENCH
Grant Associates, Arron Shuttlewood, Amy Thompson and Bath Spa University Architecture Students
Designed to accompany Mesmerine 111™ this other-worldly creation is a true collaborative effort.

FOREST AMPHITHEATRE
Bath Spa University
Creative gathering point—a live build project by Bath Spa University Architecture students.

BATH PRESERVATION TRUST
Imagination City: A natural, green art collage map of Bath
Treeviews: Orientation points around Entry Hill pointing to different tree species
Green Assembly: A round table area to commune and discuss future plans for organic spaces
Green Fingers: Attached to trees in the city with species name pointing the way to Entry Hill and nearby green spaces

EARTH CLUB FIELD STATION
Patchlarks & Hannah McDowall
Immersive participation inviting empathy with the hidden world of soil and its inhabitants through playful yet serious enquiry. (30 Sept-1 Oct).

SATELLITE EVENTS

HOLBURNE MUSEUM
19 SEPT, 2025 – 4 JANUARY, 2026
***Sculpting the Earth:* Ceramics by Natalie Bevan, Psiche Hughes & Ann Stokes**

EGG THEATRE
MON–FRI, 15–19 SEPT, 2025
FOI 2025 Incubator
Incubation Space for artists/makers/teams, with Justin Maelzer in residence at The Egg each day 12-4pm to support the digital forest.

Making Owls, Painting Flags and designing assets for the Digital Quilt: everyday 10-5pm

MONDAY 15 SEPT, 3PM
House Under the Snow (film)
Gemma Paris
An audiovisual piece presenting A House Under the Snow, developed from research into the Svalbard Global Seed Vault, safeguarding plant species for crisis resilience.

TUESDAY 16 SEPT, 11AM–1PM
Charlie Hooper-Williams
Creative workshop with guest artist musician Charlie Hooper-Williams

TUESDAY 16 SEPT, 3–4PM
Kate Cross, Director of the Egg Theatre, in conversation

WEDNESDAY 17 SEPT, 1–2PM
Special guest Jessica Symons' ***Giant Insect World*** (live virtual space)

THURSDAY 18 SEPT, 10AM–5PM
Painting flags with Holly le-Var and Morgie Shaban

GUILDHALL, BATH
TUESDAY 23 SEPT, 12–6PM
Bathscape Reflections Conference, Shaping our Landscape City

THE CHOUX BOX PATISSERIE
THURS–SUNDAY, 10AM–5PM
Forest Bun
Treat yourself to the limited edition Forest bun, especially for Forest of Imagination 2025.
Choux Box, Entry Hill, Bath BA2 5NA

SEE WORKSHOPS OVERLEAF...



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