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GETTING HERE

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Entry Hill is shut at the lower end and necessary car access to Entry Hill is via Bradford Road.



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Forest of Imagination is a partnership between Grant Associates, House of Imagination, Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios and Bath Spa University working alongside the creative, cultural and educational community of Bath. Each year we re-imagine a familiar space to highlight the importance of nature and imagination in all of our lives.

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Thank you to the participating schools and local residents of Entry Hill as well as our artists, mentors, course leaders and students from Bath Spa University.

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FOREST OF IMAGINATION 2026

We receive much of our funding from generous people like you. By setting up a regular donation to House of Imagination you can support our long-term work to enhance wellbeing and transform lives, communities and cities.

Reliable income means we can plan our work more effectively helping us to achieve more.

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EVENT GUIDE

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FREE EVERYONE WELCOME!

12-21 JUNE 2026
ENTRY HILL TRANSFORMED...
BATH BA2 5NA

ART INSTALLATIONS • FREE ACTIVITIES WITH ARTISTS • CELEBRATE CREATIVITY

EXPLORE NATURE & YOUR IMAGINATION!

ENTER THE CHRYSALIS



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ENTER THE CHRYSALIS

12–21 JUNE 2026

OPENING TIMES

From 13 June 2026, Forest of Imagination is open to all each day from 10am–5pm, with prebooked school and home education workshops 15–19 June. Free drop-in activities and workshops are available with a major focus on **Saturday and Sunday 13–14 June and 20–21 June from 10am–5pm for all ages to explore and experience.**

ENTER THE CHRYSALIS

This year's theme 'Enter the Chrysalis' explores transformation from the inside out: a process of dissolution, renewal, and emergence through which something entirely new becomes possible. At Entry Hill, Forest of Imagination will once again bring together communities from across the city to reimagine our relationships with nature, imagination and creativity.

Perched on the edge of Bath, Entry Hill is a hidden landscape of woodlands, grasslands and sweeping views. In 2026, Forest of Imagination returns to the site, with each of the original greens becoming home to imaginative, nature-based installations co-designed with artists, schools, families and the local community.

Since 2014, Forest of Imagination has created collaboratively with local businesses and communities - made with the people of Bath, not just for them. Easily accessible on foot or by bike, visitors can wander through creative installations that invite exploration, reflection and imagining the site's future.

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FRIDAY 12 JUNE
OPENING NIGHT

6PM FOREST CREATURES ARRIVE

Canapés lovingly prepared by Bath Community Kitchen. Wine generously gifted by Bishopstrow House and Society Café.

6.30PM WELCOME

Professor Georgina Andrews, Vice Chancellor, Bath Spa University

LIGHTNING SPEECHES

- Andrew Grant, Grant Associates, Co-founder of Forest of Imagination
- Penny Hay, Professor of Imagination, Bath Spa University, Co-founder of Forest of Imagination
- Matthew Leece, Lead Artist and Tree in the Forest
- Professor Margaret Heffernan, University of Bath
- Dr Becky Hodson GP

PERFORMANCES

"Love" by international poet and performer Toby Thompson.

Immersive storyteller Oliver Wallace, Patchlarks

SATELLITE EVENTS

BATH SPA UNIVERSITY LOCKSBROOK CAMPUS
SATURDAY 13 JUNE, 10AM–5PM
Imagine! International Arts and Imagination Network (IAIN) and Arts and Minds Conference. Tickets are sold out for the 'Imagine' conference at Bath Spa University.

MORE INFO

THE CHOUX BOX PATISSERIE
13–21 JUNE, 10AM–5PM
Forest choux bun
Treat yourself to the limited edition Fruits of the Forest choux bun during both weekends of the event, made especially for Forest of Imagination 2026.
Choux Box, Entry Hill, Bath BA2 5NA



FREE WORKSHOPS

BOOKING NOT REQUIRED FOR GENERAL ENTRY – JUST COME AND EXPLORE...

Please note, workshops are subject to change.

FRIDAY 12 JUNE

OPEN TO ALL

(4) 4–5PM — *See map for location numbers*

CONVERSATIONS WITH TREES
In collaboration with the Festival of Nature
Matthew Leece, Holly Le-Var & Morgane Sha'ban
Together, we will gently explore the space between people and the natural world. Through looking, listening, imagining, and making, this workshop encourages us to notice how we share our surroundings with trees. The ideas and creations from this workshop will be layered onto the Children's Pavilion at Entry Hill.

PLEASE BOOK

SATURDAY 13 JUNE

OPEN TO ALL

(4) 10–11AM, 12–1PM, 2–3PM

SHELTER AMONGST THE TREES
Morgane Sha'ban
Join us for this workshop where we will investigate other creature's shelters in the forest at Entry Hill. From our findings, we will co-create a shelter by layering, weaving, and wrapping, using foraged natural materials. The ideas and creations from this workshop will be layered onto the Children's Pavilion at Entry Hill.

(12) 10AM–3PM DROP-IN

OUR COMMUNITY TABLE
Bath Community Kitchen
Community grows when we gather around a shared table. Join Bath Community Kitchen and contribute to our recipe for community.

(2) 10.30AM–12PM & 2–3.30PM

LOOK AGAIN!
Ruth Davey
Create Hopeful Futures with Imagination, Mindful Photography, and Visual Storytelling. Bring a charged phone or camera.

(11) 11AM – 12.30PM DROP-IN

NATURE IN BALANCE
Andrew Amondson
Taking inspiration from Andrew's Forest Cathedral at Messums West in collaboration with Bath Spa University, we will work together to create one large kinetic sculpture using foraged materials.

(10) 11.30AM–1PM & 2.15–3.45PM

BEFRIENDING THE EARTH DWELLERS
Patchlarks with Oliver Wallace
Explore the ecology of Entry Hill through "befriending." Create art using mark-making, sculpting, and stories to connect with local wildlife and contribute to the Earth Club Field Station—reflecting on community, difference, and belonging.

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SATURDAY 13 JUNE

CONTINUED

(7) 2–3.45PM DROP-IN

ARE WE THE IMAGINATION OF THE COSMOS?
Matthew Leece
Blending biology, imagination and collective reflection, this workshop invites us to imagine ourselves as imaginal cells within a larger evolving cosmos. Participants in the ongoing creation of new worlds.

(11) 1–3PM DROP-IN

THE IMAGINATION TREE
Seher Özsert
Join us for a storytelling session under the Imagination Tree and explore how imagination can help us create hopeful environmental futures

(1) 2–3.30PM DROP-IN

THE PATTERNS OF NATURE
SENsory Atelier with Sian Watson-Taylor
Explore the beauty of nature and science through colour, light, and movement, as you experiment with kaleidoscopes, mirrors, fabric. Inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach, Environment as the Third Teacher, create art in the moment with nature as your canvas.

(13) 2.10–2.50PM & 3–3.40PM

DELIGHT IN STORIES: EXPLORING APPROACHES TO IMMERSIVE STORYTELLING FOR EDUCATORS
Delight Charity
In this interactive and hands-on workshop, you will explore approaches to immersive storytelling and participate in discussions around its purpose and the power it has to inspire children and young people in their own creative writing.

(2) 4–4.30PM

IMAGINE! EVERYONE IS AN ARTIST
Bob and Roberta Smith
Talk to celebrate the closing of the Imagine event. Known as Bob and Roberta Smith, Patrick Brill OBE RA is a British contemporary artist, writer, musician and advocate for art education. Hear reflections on the power of imagination and its centrality to being human. Art is how we relate to each other and understand ourselves. Imagination is the current that powers the world. It has never been more important to think of ourselves as artists and imagine a different world. Bob and Roberta Smith will reflect on the role we all play as artists, and the importance of education and working-class representation in art.



ENTER THE CHRYSALIS...

SUNDAY 14 JUNE

OPEN TO ALL

(12) 10AM–3PM DROP-IN

OUR COMMUNITY TABLE
Bath Community Kitchen
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(5) 10–11.30AM & 12.30–2PM

BENEATH THE TREES DROP-IN
Lydia Halcrow
Join us to create layered drawings that will form a tree den you can step inside and look up through. Learn simple drawing techniques and make your own leaf garland inspired by nature to take home.

(2) 10.30AM–12PM & 2–3.30PM

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(13) 11AM–12PM & 1–2PM

TELL ME A STORY ABOUT MY BOOT
EcoWild
A family-orientated story telling workshop which includes stories, games, connection with nature, trains, stones, boots and some active story telling.

(10) 11.30AM–1PM & 2.30–4PM

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(2) 3–4.30 PM

BATH WOMEN'S FUND PICNIC
Members of Bath Women's Fund enjoy a potluck afternoon tea with talks from co-founders, Dr Penny Hay (Professor of Imagination, Bath Spa University) and Andrew Grant (Grant Associates).

PLEASE BOOK

MONDAY 15 JUNE

OPEN TO ALL

(8) 10AM –12PM DROP-IN

CO-DESIGN WORKSHOP FOR A BRITISH-ETHIOPIAN HARMONY GARDEN AT ENTRY HILL
Join us for an interactive workshop to explore plans for a British-Ethiopian 'Harmony Garden' as part of the long-term vision for the Entry Hill site. We envisage the garden as celebrating the cultural legacy of HIM Haile Selassie I, who spent a period of his life in exile in Bath.

(2) 1–2PM DROP-IN

CURATING THE CONDITIONS FOR CREATIVITY
A conversation with
Penny Hay (Professor of Imagination, Bath Spa University, and FOI co-founder) and Paul Hougham (CEO, Waldorf Learning Foundation) host a conversation with Margaret Heffernan (author and Professor of Practice, University of Bath) and Andrew Amondson (artist, filmmaker and FOI lead artist). Together they explore rethinking education through creativity, uncertainty and nature-inspired learning.

THURSDAY 18 JUNE

OPEN TO ALL

(2) 4–5PM

FOREST ACTION
RSA event with Safia Gilder-Hodgson from Western Forest
Inspiring people to share stories that connect them to the forest and take action.

PLEASE BOOK

SATURDAY 20 JUNE

OPEN TO ALL

(5) 10–11.30AM & 2–3.30PM

KOMOREBI (木漏れ日): NOTICING THE LIGHT DANCING THROUGH THE TREES
Louisa Clark, The Kindful Project
Through gentle movement, breath, and walking, we will enhance our sensitivity to notice the play of light in the trees and then capture this using cyanotype paper. Connecting to the forest and all life around us, we will find ourselves in a kind community of kin. Suitable for all!

(7) 11.30AM–1.30PM DROP-IN

THE IMAGINATION TREE
Seher Özsert
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(2) 12.30–1.30PM & 2.30–3.30PM

BIRD NERD AND THE RED LIST
Marie-Louise Flexen
An exciting, dance theatre performance piece, focusing on popular UK birds on the endangered species 'red list'. Take a journey with the birdwatcher as they embody four different birds. A fascinating exploration through dance, music, sound and spoken word.

30 minute performance followed by a chat & exploration of the performance movement with Marie-Louise.

MORE INFO

SUNDAY 21 JUNE

OPEN TO ALL

(2) 4PM

EMBRACING COMPLEXITY IN THE FOREST
Dr Jean Boulton
Reflections from Dr Jean Boulton will share what forests can teach us about living well in a complex and fast changing world.

Followed by Forest of Imagination closing celebration – wine kindly supplied by Society Cafe.

5PM FOREST OF IMAGINATION CLOSES



SCHOOLS AND HOME EDUCATION DAYS

PRE-BOOKED WORKSHOPS

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TUESDAY 16 JUNE

(4) 9.45AM–12.15PM & 1–2.30PM

SOUNDS WITH NATURE
Morgane Sha'ban and Holly le Var
Together we will be making instruments, chimes and flags to celebrate sounds in nature. We will listen to what the forest might be sounding to us and make music to speak back to the forest. The ideas and creations from this workshop will be layered onto the Children's Pavilion at Entry Hill.

(5) 9.30AM–12PM

WHO LIVES IN THE FOREST?
James Aldridge
Discover which animals appear at Entry Hill after dark and the traces they leave behind. Explore camera trap images, nests, feathers, bones, and footprints to build a picture of local wildlife, then create a large-scale drawing of a real or imagined animal using natural materials found on site.

(2) 9.45AM–12.15PM & 1–2.30PM

FROM EARTH TO WING: A MUDDY METAMORPHOSIS
Pippa Pixley
Join artist Pippa Pixley to explore the magic of metamorphosis. Using the forest's own treasures - thick mud, coloured rocks, and charcoal twigs. We will draw and paint the journey of the butterfly. From earth-bound caterpillars to magnificent, winged wonders, come discover how the forest can transform into a fluttering masterpiece with a few simple ingredients

WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE

(2) 9.45AM–12.15PM & 1–2.30PM

MAKING OUR FUTURE
Lydia Halcrow & Sarah Skeels
Create your own clay creature using foraged local clay and native wildflower seeds, inspired by the wildlife of Entry Hill. Learn about the creatures that live here and how they are connected. Join a short walk through the Forest of Imagination to place your creation in the landscape, where it will grow over time into a new habitat.

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ART INSTALLATIONS

(1) DREAMER
Andrew Grant
Dreamer the giant 7.5m inflatable Rabbit has been part of the FOI experience since 2015, created by Andrew Grant with a little help from his children and brought to life by Designs in Air.

(2) CHRYSALIS CLASSROOM
Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios
A space for learning inside transformation, designed for children to inhabit a new kind of thinking.

(3) CHRYSALIS GROVE
Grant Associates
Exploring themes of shelter and the in-between.

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

(4) CHILDREN'S PAVILION
Holly Le-Var & Morgane Sha'ban
A young person led, continuously evolving pavilion that will take shape and emerge throughout the ten-day event.

(5) PUPA SHELL
Grant Associates
Exploring themes of shelter and the in-between.

(6) PERPETUAL FOREST
Martyn Ware & Illustrious
Founding member of The Human League and Heaven 17, and one of the UK's most innovative sound artists brings an immersive audio installation to Entry Hill, drawing together a compilation of the greatest Illustrious 3D immersive soundscapes created specifically for Forest of Imagination over the last 10 years.
Scan QR code for more info.

(7) IMAGINAL SOUP
Matthew Leece
Takes its name from the biological process at the heart of the event's theme: the soup of dissolved matter inside a chrysalis, within which imaginal cells carry the blueprint of what is coming.

(8) HARMONY GARDEN
Princess Esther Selassie and Kalkidan Asnake Attafir
A collaboration with Princess Esther Selassie and Kalkidan Asnake Attafir, an international landscape architect from Ethiopia, including a co-design workshop with the local community.

(9) THE WATERS WAY
Andrew Amondson
Did you know that water flows beneath Entry Hill? Crystal blue fabric billows and shimmers in the breeze, tracing the memory of an ancient stream. From the hillside, watch the water wind its way down through the changing landscape below. Walk under its rolling waves, step into its flow, and listen to what the water is trying to tell you.