OFFSHOOT symposium: Cultivating connections – arts, nature and place

Wednesday 28th October
New Adelphi Building,
University of Salford,
Peel Park Campus
M5 4BR

SCHEDULE:

10.00: Meet & register
Tea and coffee

10.30: **Welcome and introduction to the day**
Lindsay Taylor, Director, University of Salford Art Collection
Daniel Atherton, Interpretation Manager – North, Royal Horticultural Society
Sarah Fisher, Executive Director, Open Eye Gallery

10.40: **Panel One (New Adelphi Theatre)**
Commissioning for Place: Planning, Partnership and Practice
How artists, commissioners and organisations can work together to create ambitious, long-term projects in public spaces
Chair: Daniel Atherton, RHS
Panel: Yan Wang Preston, OFFSHOOT Artist
Ruth Haycock, Director, Co-create Culture
Gracie Divall, Art Fund

11.20 Comfort break, move rooms

11.30 Round tables – choose one of the following:

Health and Wellbeing: The impact of creative practices in nature.	**Cross regional collaborations: How can we be more connected?**
Chair: Julie McCarthy, Strategic Lead, Creative Health, GMCA and NHS Greater Manchester Breakout One, Room 1.16	**Chair:** Darren Grice, Director of Culture, Salford City Council Breakout Two, Mezzanine

12.20 **Return to New Adelphi Theatre**

12.30 **Panel Two**
Why nature and university sector knowledge and programmes are essential to the cultural sector in addressing sustainability.
Chair: Sarah Fisher
Panel: Prof Mike Hardman, Chair of Urban Sustainability, University of Salford

Feimatta Conteh, Senior Manager, Environmental Sustainability, Arts Council England

13.15 **Lunch and Informal Networking**
Tea and coffee served
Lunch not provided. Food outlets available or bring your own.
Optional: visit New Adelphi Gallery or Peel Park

14.15 Round tables – choose one of the following:

Inspiring young people: Routes into nature and cultural careers **CHAIR:** Dr Caroline Edge, Co-Programme Leader BA (Hons) Photography Breakout Two, Mezzanine	**Creative commissioning in green spaces: What are the barriers and how do we overcome them?** **CHAIR:** Daniel Atherton, RHS Breakout One, Room 1.16

15.05 **comfort break, return to New Adelphi Theatre**

15.15 **Panel Three**
Culture, nature and civic engagement
How can we harness our cultural and natural assets for the benefit of local people?
Chair: Lindsay Taylor, University of Salford
Panel: Alyse Johnstone, volunteer, Salford Youth Service
Cllr Hannah Robinson Smith, Lead Member for Culture, Heritage, Sports and Leisure, Salford City Council
Dan Jarvis, Senior Relationship Manager, Arts Council England

16.00 **Closing remarks: Daniel Atherton, Sarah Fisher, Lindsay Taylor**

16.15 **Close**

16.30 **Salford Museum and Art Gallery** for drinks and informal networking reception and an opportunity to visit *Memory Keepers by Yan Wang Preston* and *Young Shoots Social Club by Liz Lock and Salford Youth Service*. Opportunity to meet the artists and contributors.