

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. Chair: Julie McCarthy, Strategic Lead, Creative Health, GMCA and NHS Greater Manchester Venue TBC	Cross regional collaborations: How can we be more connected? Chair: Darren Grice, Director of Culture, Salford City Council Venue TBC
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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 Venue TBC	Creative commissioning in green spaces: What are the barriers and how do we overcome them? CHAIR: Daniel Atherton, RHS Venue TBC
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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.