

VOLUNTEER PACK



ASSEMBLE IN THE FOREST

14 June–14 July 2023

The spectacular **Bath Assembly Rooms** will be the venue for the 2023 Forest of Imagination where we will celebrate 10 years as a contemporary arts event in Bath. For 2023, the National Trust invited Forest of Imagination to the Bath Assembly Rooms while the charity uncovers the history of the building, tests and finalises plans for the future and undertakes building work ahead of opening a Georgian experience in 2026.

'Assemble in the Forest' is an invitation to come together and celebrate the beauty and biodiversity of Bath and once again to showcase the imagination of our community. In addition, it provides an opportunity to shine a light on the importance of forests across the world and what they mean to us in Bath, especially in response to the climate emergency.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN VOLUNTEERING FOR FOREST OF IMAGINATION 2023

Our team of volunteers help make the event a truly extraordinary experience for all our visitors! Forest of Imagination is open to all ages, but we do ask for volunteers who are over the age of 18. The information in this pack should hopefully answer any questions you might have about the event, but if you have any further questions or comments, please get in touch with Thomas at info@forestofimagination.com. Further information can also be found on our website: www.forestofimagination.org.uk.

We look forward to meeting you and thank you once again for your support. Please do pass on information about the event to colleagues, friends and family – and put them in touch with us if they would like to volunteer too!

With best wishes,
The Forest of Imagination team



ABOUT THE EVENT

Dates: Wednesday 14 June to Friday 14 July 2023

Forest of Imagination 2023 theme and location: 'Assemble in the Forest' – a series of multisensory pop up events, talks, performances and installations at the **Bath Assembly Rooms, Bath BA1 2QH**

Locations

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

Schedule

Public opening:

Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon: 10am–4pm

Schools

Tues, Weds, Thurs: 10am–2pm

Evenings:

RSA talks (young people/adults), Weds, Thurs: 6–7pm

What is Forest of Imagination?

Forest of Imagination is a free, participatory, contemporary arts event, designed to transform familiar spaces into an immersive experience for visitors of all ages through interactive installations, artworks and workshops.

We aim to:

- offer an inclusive contemporary arts project that is free and open to all
- provide the opportunity for the local community to create alongside professional artists
- provide opportunities for local artists, musicians, designers, architects, students to showcase their work
- reinforce Bath as a child-friendly city and community
- respond to the Climate Emergency and test ideas

Previous events have taken place at:

Sion Hill / Bath Spa University (2014), Queen Square (2015) and the spaces in and around Bath Abbey (2016), University of Bath and Bushey Norwood (2017), Kingsmead Square, Avon Street, Riverside Park (2018), Sydney Gardens and Holburne Museum (2019), multiple locations around Bath (2021), the Egg theatre (2022).

Who is behind Forest of Imagination?

Forest of Imagination is delivered by a core collaborative team of local creative organisations, businesses and individuals including House of Imagination, Grant Associates, Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios, Bath Spa University, Invisible Studio, Imagination, National Trust, Egg Theatre, RSA, Bathscape, Rainforest Concern and working in collaboration with local primary and secondary schools.

VOLUNTEERING



Volunteers play a key role in helping the Forest of Imagination team run the event – we can't do it without you! We will need help with:

Stewarding

Welcoming and directing visitors, distributing site maps, providing information on facilities (i.e. toilets, nearby eating places and parking), answering questions and generally ensuring that visitors have a fun, safe and enjoyable experience.

Invigilating installations & artworks

Providing information to visitors on the installations, artworks and artists and making sure the installations are safe, secure and not overcrowded!

Assisting with artist workshops

Welcoming and directing visitors to the workshops, assisting artists with practical tasks and workshop delivery and helping keep the space tidy.

Helping the design and build team

Assisting with the set-up and take-down of installations and artworks.

Volunteer shifts

Volunteer shifts will run between public opening and closing of the locations and venue.

Volunteers will be located in and around the Bath Assembly Rooms. All volunteers will be provided with a **Forest of Imagination t-shirt**. A free lunch will be provided for full day shifts. Water and snacks will be available throughout the day!

Volunteer meeting / training session

All volunteers are invited to attend a meeting/training session in central Bath. This will be an opportunity to have a drink with the event managers and fellow volunteers, find out more about the event, and ask any questions you might have!

The training will cover all of the important, logistical bits - emergency and lost children procedures, first aid, security, risk assessment and prevention, the event programme and site map, background information on the artists and installations/artworks and transport information.

Please contact us for an application form

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