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Symbiosis - The Art Of Living With Water

ROTHERHAM ROAR are delighted to announce they have been successful in securing funding through the Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) to work in partnership to deliver the project SYMBIOSIS along the river Don in Rotherham and Doncaster.

Symbiosis - The Art of Living with Water is a new programme of bursaries, workshops and public events for artists, environmentalists and members of the public, exploring the theme of art, science and water through the relationships between Rotherham and Doncaster's watercourses and the interconnected threats of flooding, the climate emergency, and the biodiversity crisis.

The programme will establish a Research Lab and Production Space at the nexus of arts and ecology at the ArtBomb venue, revitalising the high st (Hallgate), creating a vibrant, interactive public space in the heart of Doncaster where residents, communities and organisations can work together to generate and ideas and create art that inspires action to address global change.

Our bursaries, participatory workshops and field trips will serve as an engine of inspiration, enabling the cross-fertilisation of the ideas from artists, environmentalists, scientists and citizen scientists to activate future collaborations. e.g, foragers, tech tinkers, urban explorers will brush shoulders with painters, empiricists and naturalists.

They are intended to enable the residents and participants to think about:

- How resilient their community may be to the impacts of climate change?
- How emissions could be reduced locally?
- How do we recognise ourselves as being part of the ecology?
- How can people take action to promote biodiversity such as, less car usage, less household waste, saving natural habitats and further restoration of our peatlands?

The programme will culminate with participants bringing together their research and materials for the sharing of a film during the ArtBomb festival in August 2022, alongside the work from the Rewilding Project.

You Can help UsWe are also looking for community involvement to come along to our field trips through May and to the 'Labs' later in June. If you would like to register your interest please send your name, your postcode and you area of relevant interests to: <u>team@rotherhamroar.org</u>









