

# *In Process* EXPLORERS Event 2023 PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 11:00am - 5:00pm

## GROUND FLOOR - FRONT ROOM

- 11.00am - 2.45pm     **ACTIVITY: Outside In Artist Support Day**  
*North West Hub Manager, Ellie Page, will be offering an Artist Support Day, an opportunity to photograph artwork, create online galleries and talk generally about your creative practice and how you'd like to develop.*
- 1.00pm - 2.45pm     **ARTIST RESIDENCY: Art Riot Collective (Coventry)**  
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- 3.00pm - 4.30pm     **CONVERSATION: EXPLORERS Network Meeting (live and online)**  
*In person and online meeting of the EXPLORERS network for neurodivergent artists and their allies in supported studios and galleries*

## GROUND FLOOR - ENTRANCE HALL RECEPTION STEPS (Meeting Place)

- 11.30am - 12.15pm     **CURATOR TOUR: Kinnari Saraiya, co-curator**  
*Michael Rakowitz: The Waiting Gardens of the North, Level 4*
- 1.30pm - 2.15pm     **CURATOR TOUR: Irene Aristizábal, co-curator**  
*Stepping Softly on the Earth, Level 3*
- 3.30pm - 4.15pm     **CURATOR TOUR: Katharine Welsh, curator**  
*Ayo Akingbade: Show Me the World Mister, Level 2*

## GROUND FLOOR - RESIDENTIAL GALLERY MAIN SPACE

- 12.00pm - 1.00pm     **ARTIST TALK: Tim Corrigan, Project Art Works**  
*Walk through, talk and Q&A about the Residential Exhibition*
- 1.30pm - 3.00pm     **CONVERSATION: The Support Collective (Project Art Works)**  
*The importance of holistic support for families and caregivers with Support Collective coordinators Sarah Dunne and Georgie Scott*
- 3.30pm - 4.30pm     **ARTIST TALK: Kate Adams, Tim Corrigan, Project Art Works**  
*Walk through, talk and Q&A about the Residential Exhibition*

## GROUND FLOOR - RESIDENTIAL GALLERY STUDIO SPACE

- 10.30am - 12.30pm **INVITED WORKSHOP: Project Art Works**  
*The 'Residencies as Exhibition' programme welcomes Percy Hedley School (please note, event attendees can observe but not participate in this activity)*
- 2.00pm - 4.30pm **OPEN WORKSHOP: Project Art Works**  
*Event attendees are welcome to join in with the workshop and be creative*

## LEVEL 1 - MAIN SPACE

- 11.00am - 12.45pm **ACTIVITY: ActionSpace Collaborative Drawing - Claudia Williams/Charlotte Hollinshead**  
*Claudia leads an online drawing event live from the ActionSpace studio at Studio Voltaire, London. Participants are invited to draw alongside Claudia as she creates a drawing installation, then showcase their own artwork to the other event attendees.*
- 1.00pm - 1.40pm **TALK: Introduction and Welcome to In Process - Kate Adams, Tim Corrigan**  
*What has changed over the last 6 years of the Explorers project? The term 'neurodiversity' has moved into mainstream use, but the pandemic and austerity impacted disabled and neurodivergent communities hardest. We reflect on what we can celebrate and why the work of Explorers needs to continue.*
- 2.00pm - 2.55pm **ARTIST PRESENTATION AND CONVERSATION: Project Collective**  
*Options for Supported Living and Blue Room, the Bluecoat's supported studio will share about their collaboration as part of Liverpool's Project Collective. Blue Room artists will share their creative development journeys, opening up a discussion about the importance of collaboration between support providers.*
- 3.00pm - 3.30pm **ACTIVITY: Collaborative Drawing revisited - Claudia Williams**  
*Returning to the ActionSpace workshop to see Claudia's completed work for the day and sharing the work made in response by attendees and contributors here at Baltic*
- 3.45pm - 4.45pm **CONVERSATION: Venture Arts Collaboration in Practice**  
*The making of The Hand That Makes The Sound - Amanda Sutton and Sarah Boulter discuss artist co-production with artists Barry Finan and Elliot Flanagan*

## LEVEL 1 - MAIN SPACE WINDOWS

- 11.00am - 5.00pm **ARTIST RESIDENCIES: Artists from Liberdade, Art Riot and Project Art Works**  
*Artists from the different organisations working in the space and sharing their practice on their own terms*

## LEVEL 1 - CINEMA SPACE

- 11.00am - 5.00pm **FILM SCREENINGS: EXPLORERS Film Festival**  
*Films with, about or by artists within or influencing the EXPLORERS community (See separate list of films in the festival for more details)*

## LEVEL 1 - CUBE SPACE

- 11.00am - 5.00pm**     **INSTALLATION / ARTIST RESIDENCY: MK Gallery**  
*Animation, weaving and drawing will feature in this comfy and reflective space, which shares some of the outcomes of the Our Studio: Summer Takeover project in August 2023. Small groups are invited to join us in our making and conversation.*

## LEVEL 1 - STUDIO

- 2.00pm - 3.00pm**     **ARTIST PRESENTATION: Twisting Ducks (Newcastle)**  
*A series of short films providing examples of The Twisting Ducks issue-based theatre, film and outreach work; and a presentation from our artists about their creative approaches and the social impact of their work.*
- 3.30pm - 5.00pm**     **ACTIVITY: Creative Collaboration - Annis Joslin and Patricia Finnegan**  
*Art practice can change lives through conversation, collaboration, advocacy and inclusion. Join this workshop to gain insights into Project Art Work's approach, methodologies and practice through film, process and conversation. In this workshop participants will be invited to take part in a collaborative non-speaking group 'derive' or 'drift' through the spaces and galleries at Baltic. Participants will have the opportunity to make their own creative responses with materials and equipment provided along the way.*

## LEVEL 2 - LEARNING LOUNGE

- 11.30am - 4.30pm**     **ACTIVITY: Portal (drop in workshop) - Zoe Allen/Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art**  
*'explore the door' and what lies beyond. Artist Zoe Allen will host a workshop titled PORTAL which will unfold in the Learning Lounge during the course of the day. This practical creative workshop is inspired by the history of portals – in the myth and legend of ancient civilisations, portals are gateways to other dimensions, new worlds or channels through which to connect with celestial beings.*
- 11.00pm - 5.00pm**     **TIME OUT: Baltic Library and the Sensory Space**  
*These spaces are open and available for you to find some time out during the event*

# WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 10:00am - 4:00pm

## GROUND FLOOR - FRONT ROOM (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

10.00pm - 4.00pm **ARTIST RESIDENCY: Art Riot Collective (Coventry)**  
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*Walk through, talk and Q&A about the Residential Exhibition*

12.00pm - 1.30pm **CONVERSATION: The Support Collective (Project Art Works)**  
*The importance of holistic support for families and caregivers*

2.00pm - 3.00pm **CONVERSATION: BxNU / In Process**  
*If you are interested in contemporary art and care for or identify as disabled and/or neurodiverse - and want to explore how higher education institutions could help mitigate the paradigms of exclusion often faced by disabled and neurodiverse people - you are invited to discuss your ideas in the context of Explorers.*

## GROUND FLOOR - RESIDENTIAL GALLERY STUDIO SPACE

10.30am - 12.00pm **INVITED WORKSHOP: Project Art Works**  
*and*  
12.45am - 1.45pm *The 'Residencies as Exhibition programme welcomes Woodlawn School (please note, event attendees can observe but not participate in this activity)*

2.30pm - 4.00pm **OPEN WORKSHOP: Project Art Works**  
*Event attendees are welcome to join in with the workshop and be creative*

## LEVEL 1 - MAIN SPACE

- 10.30am - 11.50pm**    **ARTIST PRESENTATION AND CONVERSATION: Dexter McLean/Livvy Murdoch**  
*Autograph supported Dexter McLean to undertake a trip to Jamaica, enabling the artist to complete practice-based research, to inform the development of new photographic work. Dexter will share some of the initial outcomes of his trip and invite the audience to engage in a conversation about some of the issues he has come up against in his work.*
- 12.00pm - 12.50pm**    **LONG TABLE DISCUSSION: In Focus - Photoworks**  
*Screening of film about artist Lauren Kennett Joy's preparation for her solo exhibition at Aspex Portsmouth next year. Following the film, Photoworks is keen to expand the discussion within this event by inviting partners and artists to engage in discussions about their experiences in commissioning artists, commencing with call outs.*
- 1.00pm - 1.50pm**    **LONG TABLE DISCUSSION: Intoart Studio Practice**  
*Screening of two new films of artists Uduehi Imienwanrin and Lisa Contucci working in the Intoart Studio followed by a long table discussion about how Intoart has worked with artists to develop new bodies of work as part of Explorers.*
- 2.00pm - 2.50pm**    **PERFORMANCE: The Hand That Makes The Sound - Venture Arts**  
*The Hand that Makes the Sound, with artist Barry Anthony Finan with Elliott Flanagan, builds on the open, explorative and collaborative nature of the VA Collectives programme, a series of one-off events that aim to bring artists together to explore themes of relevance to their work, the arts and the world around us.*
- 3.00pm - 4.00pm**    **TALK: Closing Event and Celebration - Project Art Works**  
*Kate Adams and Tim Corrigan*

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- 3.30pm - 4.30pm**    **PERFORMANCE: MORE HANDS AND MORE SOUND**  
*Artists from Art Riot work with Martin Swan in an improvised drawing and sound collaboration, using the delicate sounds of mark making as the start of a conversation with improvised electronics*

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- 10.00am - 1.50pm**    **FILM SCREENINGS: EXPLORERS Film Festival**  
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- 2.00pm - 3.00pm**    **ARTIST PRESENTATION: Beacon Films**  
*A showcase and talk about short films featuring the most recent work by our filmmakers.*
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## LEVEL 1 - STUDIO

### 10.30am - 11.45pm **ACTIVITY: Photography and Everyday Creativity - Kate Watson / Photoworks**

*Strategies for engaging with Photography. Join Photoworks and artist Kate Watson for a practical, hands-on workshop devised as a taster session introducing a range of sensory-based photography tasks suitable for everyday use in a range of settings*

### 12.30pm - 1.30pm **ACTIVITY: Creative Collaboration - Project Art Works**

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### 2.00pm - 2.50pm **ARTIST PRESENTATION: Alex Billingham / Outside in**

*Word Soup is Alex Billingham's EXPLORERS Project residency at The Herbert in Coventry supported by Outside In. Alex presents an exploratory journey into the bowels of the Herbert and its extensive collections stores. Considering non-academic interactions with collections from a position of neurodiversity, they use the template of grandiose extended pop video films to map on their Dyslexic interactions.*

## LEVEL 2 - LEARNING LOUNGE

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