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SHARE A STORY, SHARE A JOURNEY AND JOIN THE SHOW

Thursday 26 August: Covid-19 has kept most of us close to home this summer, but journeys to our favourite places remain close to our hearts.

Local arts companies Seed and Take Art are creating ***Journey Exchange***, a community arts project for the people of Highbridge and Burnham-on-Sea, culminating in a free outdoor public performance event in Highbridge Sunday 3rd Oct.

Highbridge theatre-maker Selina Keedwell is currently meeting and talking to people at the Morland Community Hub. Together they are exploring stories of travel including journeys they might have made in the past and those they hope to make in the future. She says *"Covid-19 may have stopped us going to the places we love but those places still hold a special place in our hearts. At the same time new 'journeys' closer to home have brought us different adventures"*.

Now there is an opportunity for other adults to get involved and to learn new theatre and performance skills. Participants can sign up for three free sessions on Sat 11th, 18th & 25th September 10-3pm at the Princess Theatre & Arts Centre, Burnham-on-Sea. No experience is necessary, and anyone aged over 16 years (there's no upper age limit) can take part in this intergenerational project.

Participants will have the chance to work with both Selina and theatre maker/circus artist, Shaena Brandel from ***Pirates of the Carabina***, to create a new short theatrical performance. They will then perform their piece alongside several other community performances, as well as the touring circus show ***Pirate Taxi***, on the afternoon of Sunday 3rd October in Highbridge.

Sarah Peterkin of Take Art, Somerset's performing arts development organisation said *"We are delighted to be working with Seed in Highbridge and Burnham-on-Sea. This is a wonderful opportunity to join two inspiring Somerset professional artists to create an exciting new piece of outdoor community theatre."*

To ensure no-one is left behind, Seed and Take Art are providing free transport between Highbridge and Burnham-on-Sea. To request free transport and to book one of the free 20 places: email theatre@takeart.org or call Sarah at Take Art on 01460 249450

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Seed is a Consortium of local organisations comprising:

- Homes in Sedgemoor,
- Community Council for Somerset,
- Bridgwater Senior Citizens Forum,
- Somerset Film;
- Young Somerset and
- Bridgwater Town Council.

We believe that arts, culture and creativity are not elite activities, but should be an ordinary part of everyday life, created by, with and for the people. This can be achieved in partnerships with artists in all forms of the creative arts, working in response to the collective imagination and reflecting the things that are important to the communities of

Sedgemoor. We seek to make creative arts, culture and heritage part of everyday life in Sedgemoor by growing new opportunities for its people to participate, create and celebrate.

Seed is part of Arts Council England's **Creative People and Places** programme (**CPP**). Creative People and Places is about more people taking the lead in choosing, creating and taking part in arts and culture experiences in the places where they live. There are 33 projects, each located in a place where people are least likely to engage with arts and culture. We've committed £108 million to the programme so far, covering 33 Projects, 33 Places, 30 consortia and 45 local authorities. Since 2013, there have been 4.5 million engagements with the CPP programme and 86% of people who participate in weren't previously engaging regularly with arts and culture.

www.creativepeopleplaces.org.uk

www.artscouncil.org.uk/creative-people-and-places/creative-people-and-places-projects

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