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# Eco-Art in Bridgwater: Fiona Campbell's Inspiring Installations and Creative Workshops

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Step into a world of reflection and reinvention with Martyrdom of the Ten Thousand, an indoor installation by acclaimed artist <u>Fiona Campbell</u>, crafted from recycled and found materials. This striking piece features suspended bodily forms, symbolising the tragic plight of pangolins - the world's most trafficked mammal. The work invites you to consider the power of reimagining and repurposing materials to shed light on urgent environmental and conservation issues. This installation, together with a gentle film Life in the Undergrowth, revealing small hidden worlds in Fiona's garden during lockdown 2020, can be experienced at **the Seed Creative Popup (Shop 8)**, **Angel Place Shopping Centre, Bridgwater from 18 - 23 February, 10.30-4pm.** 

This will be followed in April 8-13th by Flags of the Forest, which explores the beauty and resilience of nature. A stunning installation of reclaimed and botanically-dyed fabrics combined with wood, metal, and other found materials, this multi-layered artwork was originally created by Fiona at Tremenheere Sculpture Gardens, Cornwall. These eco-flags, rich with texture and meaning, celebrate the biodiversity of woodlands and the hope for a thriving natural world. Visitors can walk among these soft hangings and hard lines, experiencing the interplay of art, sustainability, and sound through a soundscape by Ushara Dilrukshan, adding another layer to this immersive sculptural installation.

Alongside the artworks, Fiona will be running free drop-in Eco Sculpture Workshops from Tuesday 18th to Saturday 22 February, 11am-2pm at the Seed Creative Popup at Angel Place. Free, fun, and open to everyone aged 6+ (children accompanied by an adult). Get hands-on with recycled wire, textiles, beads, and natural materials as you transform them into imaginative creature sculptures. Be inspired by the installations on display and enjoy a relaxed, creative space where you can let your imagination run wild. No need to book - just drop in and join the fun!

Seed producer Laura Hylton said:

"We're thrilled to bring Fiona Campbell's thought-provoking installations to Bridgwater.

Martyrdom of the Ten Thousand and Flags of the Forest showcase the incredible potential of

creativity and sustainability to inspire change and spark important conversations about our environment. Together with Fiona's engaging eco sculpture workshops, this is a fantastic opportunity for the community to connect with art in a hands-on and meaningful way. We can't wait to see everyone get involved!"

Seed is a charity and part of the Art's Council's Creative People and Places Programme, which was set up to bring free creative projects and activities to the most underserved part of the country in terms of arts and culture. Homes in Sedgemoor is the lead organisation on the Seed consortium.

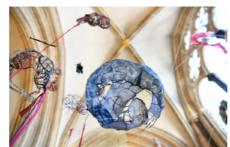
### **IMAGES**













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#### **LISTINGS**

Title: Environmental Installations by Fiona Campbell

Venue: SEED pop-up, Shop 8, Angel Place Shopping Centre, Bridgwater TA6 3TQ

Opening Dates/Times: Martyrdom of the Ten Thousand & Life in the Undergrowth (film): 18 – 23 Feb,

10.30am-4pm; Flags of the Forest: 8 – 13 April, 10.30am-4pm

Free exhibition

Drop-in Workshops: Tuesday 18 - Saturday 22 February, 11am - 2pm and Saturday 12 April, 11am - 2pm at the Seed Creative Popup at Angel Place Shopping Centre, Bridgwater TA6 3TQ. All welcome aged 6+ - no need to book!

Brief Description: Art installations by Fiona Campbell, commissioned by Seed, plus free workshops. Made from recycled and found materials, the work invites visitors to get immersed, consider environmental issues, and the beauty and resilience of nature.

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# **Seed Sedgemoor**

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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 the Creative People and Places programme, supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England. Thanks to National Lottery players, Creative People and Places is about more people taking the lead in choosing, creating and taking part in creative and cultural experiences in the places where they live.

Since 2012, there have been over 15 million engagements with the CPP programme and 90%¹ of people who participate in CPP weren't previously engaging regularly with creativity and culture. Find out more about each project, the difference the programme has made and our learning >

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