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Experience 'Flags of the Forest' – An Immersive Art Exhibition Celebrating Nature's Resilience

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Step into a world of reflection and reinvention with *Flags of the Forest,* a stunning indoor installation by acclaimed artist Fiona Campbell from April 8-13th at the <u>Seed Creative Popup at</u> <u>Angel Place Bridgwater.</u> The work *ex*plores the beauty and resilience of nature. Reclaimed and botanically-dyed fabrics are 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 a free drop-in Workshop on Saturday 12th April, 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 materials as you transform them into imaginative artworks. 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. Flags of the Forest showcases the incredible potential of creativity and sustainability to inspire change and spark important conversations about our environment. Together with Fiona's engaging eco workshop, 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's aim is to enable more people in Sedgemoor to actively engage in the creative arts, particularly those who don't usually do so. The projects and events are supported by the Arts Council England via the Creative People and Places project.

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Title: Environmental Installation by Fiona Campbell

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

Opening Dates/Times: Flags of the Forest: 8 – 13 April, 10.30am-4pm

Free exhibition

Drop-in Workshop: 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 installation by Fiona Campbell, commissioned by Seed Sedgemoor, plus free workshop. Made from recycled and found materials, the work invites visitors to get immersed, consider environmental issues, and the beauty and resilience of nature.

Website: <u>https://seedsedgemoor.com/activities/flags-of-the-forest-martyrdom-of-the-ten-thousand-exhibitions/</u>

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Images



Lead artist Fiona Campbell

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- Homes in Sedgemoor
- Community Council for Somerset
- Bridgwater Senior Citizens Forum
- Somerset Film
- Young Somerset
- Bridgwater Town Council

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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.

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