



Season for Change launches, a UK-wide programme of cultural responses celebrating the environment and inspiring urgent action on climate change

#SeasonforChange

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From June–December 2018, organisations and artists across the UK will spark conversations about the future of our planet through performances, exhibitions, talks, film screenings, workshops and events.

Season for Change is led by Julie's Bicycle and Artsadmin, and was initiated from the What Next movement in association with Battersea Arts Centre.

Season for Change runs from 1 June (*may need to say early June if this is sent out after 1 June*) until 16 December 2018, finishing to coincide with the [COP24 UN Climate Negotiations](#) in Katowice, Poland.

Events as part of Season of Change that have already taken place so far include:

- **Invisible Dust's** international arts-science summit and festival at the **British Library, London**, headlined by Booker-prize winning author, Margaret Atwood;
- A fungus-themed opera, *The Unsung Heroes of Planet Earth*, by **Gestalt Arts** at the **Eden Project, Cornwall**
- The UK premiere of artist **Kat Austen's** Coral Empathy Device, an interactive sculptural sound installation at Lady Beck Gallery, **Leeds**.

Forthcoming events during the Season for Change include:

- [Timber](#) – a new festival of art, music, philosophy and sustainability exploring the transformational impact of forests, in the National Forest on the Leicestershire-Derbyshire border in July.
- ONCA in Brighton host a series of events under the name [Visionary Fictions](#), challenging mainstream climate change narratives, imagining futures and creating visions for just and habitable worlds in July.
- [METIS presents 'We Know Not What We May Be' at the Barbican Centre](#) in September, commissioned and produced by Artsadmin. After listening to a

talk by a visionary speaker will initiate conversations exploring our future in the face of social and environmental challenges.

You can see all the events on our website: www.seasonforchange.org.uk

"Something has to be done that lodges the creative climate movement into our collective imagination. Season for Change is that prompt for action. Bringing together this diverse and surprising array of work from across the country demonstrates the important role that the cultural community can play in reframing and communicating climate."

Alison Tickell, Founder and CEO, Julie's Bicycle

"There is quite simply no issue more serious and urgent than the future of our planet. We know how powerful the arts can be in raising awareness and inspiring action – and so much more powerful when speaking with one voice. We hope that Season for Change will be the loud creative chorus that's needed to put environmental issues at the forefront of our minds and offer us all hope for the future."

Judith Knight, Director, Artsadmin

Take part in Season for Change

If you are an organisation or artist(s) interested in holding an event as part of the Season, please email: theseason2018@gmail.com.

You can add your event to our website between now and December, and use the logo and hashtag to be part of the UK-wide programme. Events will be listed on the Season for Change website and promoted using the hashtag **#SeasonforChange**

Notes to Editors

About Season for Change

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About Artsadmin

Artsadmin is a producing organisation, which enables artists to create without boundaries, connecting bold interdisciplinary work with local, national and international audiences. The advisory service supports artists at every stage of their development with free advice and opportunities. In London's East End Artsadmin has established at its base Toynbee Studios, a centre for the creation, development and presentation of new work, where, in the rehearsal, performance and meeting spaces, new talent is constantly nurtured.

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About Julie's Bicycle

Julie's Bicycle is a not for profit organisation making sustainability intrinsic to the business, art, and ethics of the cultural industries. Currently working with over 2,000 cultural organisations in the UK and Europe, Julie's Bicycle offer free online tools, research and bespoke consultancy to help arts organisations measure, manage and reduce their environmental impacts.

Julie's Bicycle bridges the gap between the creative industries and sustainability. Based on a foundation of peer-reviewed research, we sustain creativity, enabling the arts to create change.

We are working with Arts Council England as a strategic partner to deliver its commitment to make environmental reporting a funding obligation for all major National Portfolio Organisations (NPO) and Major Partnership Museums (MPM). Julie's Bicycle developed, owns, and administers the Creative Industry Green Certification scheme, the recognised benchmark for sustainability achievement within the creative industries.

Julie's Bicycle is also a founding member of the Green Festival Alliance, and founder and facilitator of the Green Theatre's Network.

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