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ArtCOP Scotland



Events in Paris have generated diverse responses there and in cities throughout the world. As Parisians grapple with deeply upsetting realities, their much-valued art and design community reflects and responds with generosity and provocation.

In the next two weeks, Paris will host perhaps the most important heads of government meeting of all time: the United Nations COP21 Climate Change Summit.

Regardless of evolving political events, we have the extraordinary and inspiring art and design community of Paris to salute for ArtCOP Paris, a dynamic and thrilling response to this most vital of subjects.

Scotland's art and design community will generate some energy of its own in this debate with ArtCOP Scotland, supported by Creative Scotland and coordinated by Creative Carbon Scotland.

At Gayfield we are welcoming artists and designers from South East Scotland as part of these inaugural events. We invite you to join us and those worldwide art and design communities who have also been inspired by those in Paris. ArtCOP exhibitions, events, walks and talks: a time to engage and debate as together we imagine more sustainable futures.

Imagining Sustainable Futures - ArtCOP at Gayfield Creative Spaces:

Saffy Setohy & Bill Thompson: Light Field: Sunday 29th November 2015, 2 - 3pm

Audiences are invited to interact through simple movement instructions and kinetically powered sound and light devices to create an inter-related constellation of people, light, sound and space.

ArtCOP Scotland Launch Night: Monday 30th November 2015, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Join us for a drinks reception at Gayfield Creative Spaces with exhibition openings, the debut performance of ArtCOP commissioned Firefly Youth Arts Gasbags-in-Residence, and welcome talks from Creative Carbon Scotland and partners.

Gardens, Walking & Poetry: Tuesday 1 December @ 3 - 5:30pm, Dunbars Close and Gayfield Creative Spaces

Join Creative Carbon Scotland for an immersive artist walk led by Karen Gabbittas and poetry reading with award-winning poet Andrew Sclater, exploring gardens and their connection to environmental sustainability and climate change.

Creativity in the Circular Economy: Friday 4th December 2015, 6 - 7:30pm

Join us for a drinks reception and panel discussion exploring the connections between Scotland's circular economy, and art and design practices. Panelists include: Lynn Wilson (Key Accounts Manager for Textiles, Zero Waste Scotland), Kathy Beckett (lead artist, Lifecycle of Stuff project) and Dawn Ellams (lead designer, To Sleep Lightly commission). The discussion will be chaired by Professor Chris Speed (Chair of Design Informatics at Edinburgh College of Art).

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Background

Funded by Creative Scotland and led by Creative Carbon Scotland, Gayfield Creative Spaces, Edinburgh partners with the Centre for Contemporary Arts Glasgow and other creative spaces to provide an Art and Design response from Scotland to the COP21 Paris Heads of Government Climate Change Summit. Exhibitions, Events, Workshops and Debate happening throughout Scotland. More information available from www.artcopscotland.com

Gayfield Creative Spaces is a hub for creative collaboration in central Edinburgh, just off Gayfield Square at the top of Leith Walk. Founder and Creative Director Dr John Ennis aims to champion and critically support design in Scotland, to enable emerging talent and to provide opportunity for Scotland's design community to collaborate internationally. Key goals are to explore Design in relation to well-being and wealth creation for individuals and localities through collaborative and sustainable interventions.

Dates and Times

Please see our website for more information on the full schedule of events:
www.gayfield.co.uk/events/recent-events/artcop-scotland

Available for Interview

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