

# FUTURES

A FESTIVAL  
OF DISCOVERY

At Exeter Phoenix

## PROGRAMME

### SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER

#### WALKING TOURS

Hit the streets with an expert guide to explore the local area in a fun and fascinating way. Join one of the Walking Tour excursions, led by academics from the University of Exeter, to find out where innovative discoveries are made and world-leading new research created. **Departing from Exeter Phoenix unless otherwise stated.**

#### **"Sensing Exeter's Air Quality – A Bird's View"** 12pm – 1pm and 2pm – 3pm

Join us in thinking about Exeter's air, as we get real-time insights into local pollution levels using air quality monitors while spotting birds drawn by local artist, Steven McCracken, on this curated trail through the city centre.

#### **Honey Bees, Hornets, and Deep Learning**

**1.30pm – 2.30pm**

Join this walk to discover how cutting-edge deep learning is transforming biodiversity monitoring in the UK, from tracking honey bee health to spotting invasive hornets, with impact for ecosystems worldwide.

#### **Out in Nature: A Queer Nature Trail of Streatham Campus**

**2pm – 3pm**

Join the team to explore the powerful intervention of queerness and nature together. This tour departs from the Streatham Campus.

#### STUDIO 2

#### **Exeter Seed Bank: Seed Packing Workshop** **10.30am – 12.30pm**

Join Exeter Seed Bank for a seed packing workshop, find out about their latest projects over a drink and a chat whilst packing this year's seeds. As always, there will be seeds to take away and distribute for next year's harvest.

#### **Visual Revelations: Drawing Comics for Fun and Wellbeing**

**1pm – 3pm**

Join us for an interactive comic making workshop. You will learn the fundamentals of creating comics – designing characters, arranging scenes into a logical sequence, and working with common formatting conventions. No prior drawing experience is required.

#### AUDITORIUM

#### **'Stories and Songs' Wills as Windows onto Past Lives**

**1.30pm – 3pm**

Musician Chris Hoban and historian Laura Sangha invite you to join them for a unique performance of history and original music inspired by Tudor, Stuart and Georgian wills.

### SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER

#### AUDITORIUM & STUDIO 1

#### **Pop-Up Curiosity Shop** **11am – 3pm**

Enter a new dimension of discovery in the Pop-Up Curiosity Shop, where visitors are invited to be curious, let imaginations run riot, and learn lots. Get creative in the Craft Zone, take part in interactive activities, and enjoy bite-size introductions to a whole range of topics.

#### WORKSHOP

#### **Creative Writing Workshop: Talismans, Kit Lists, and Recipes for Survival**

**11am – 1pm**

A renaissance of poetry is happening in Ukraine now among soldiers and civilians of a kind unparalleled in Europe since the First World War. What can we learn from Ukrainian wartime poetry about what truly matters? Join Prof. Hugh Roberts who will guide you through activities, taking inspiration from the poems to produce your own kit lists and recipes for survival.

#### CINEMA

#### **System Update: Reboot Our Future** **A Bold New Documentary Film Screening** **12.15pm – 1.30pm**

Join producers Paul Maple and Professor James Dyke for an exclusive screening of System Update. The film explores how past social movements, such as the suffragettes and the civil rights movement, have paved the way for monumental change, and shows how the same spirit can drive climate action today.

#### **ACROSS THE VENUE AND CITY CENTRE**

#### **Research Treasure Trail**

Venture out and about in the city centre to hunt down five locations, using a map and research clues as a guide. Start from the Pop-Up Curiosity Shop, grab a map, and return once the quest has been successful to claim a prize.



**Find out more!**



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