

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS



SHARED SPACES: MIGRATION PAST & PRESENT

16 November 2023 at New Lanark UNESCO World Heritage Site

When we move through spaces, getting on the bus, entering a shop, starting a new job, going on holiday, we expect others to make space for us.

But is that always needed?

It was long believed that the various members of an ecosystem compete for space, but research has now shown that that is an outdated model and that many plants and animals actually share space and help each other out – a strategy which in many cases makes for more successful survival.

Can the same be said for humans?

We live in an age in which mainstream media reinforce the idea of migrants coming in to take over “spaces of the locals”. There is finite supply of space and when one comes in, another needs to give way.

But is that really what happens when people move from place to place? Can sharing space make for a richer experience of life?

This event aims to explore ways of living together, in both past and present and with a focus on people who have experienced migration in their lives.

We invite creative contributions that guide the audience to deeper levels of reflection and understanding of sharing space and that work with the physical spaces in New Lanark to strengthen their message through place-based learning. Preference will be given to contributions that incorporate the performing arts, but proposals with a more academic slant will also be considered.

Audience: family audience

We are looking for:

- Performances about sharing spaces
- Workshops
- Experiential games
- Stories about commons, greens and other shared areas
- Quizzes, riddles and treasure hunts
- Interactive (academic) presentations
- Songs, music, dance, poetry
- Multilingual contributions
- Planted actors in the audience
- Etc. Use your imagination!

deadline for application: 4 September 2023

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