



ABOUT SEASON FOR CHANGE

Season for Change is a nationwide festival of artistic work engaging with the climate and ecological crisis, co-curated with partners across the UK and internationally. It presents a diverse and multidisciplinary programme to celebrate the environment and inspire urgent action by galvanising artists, arts organisations and communities to speak out together on the future of our planet.

In 2018, the inaugural Season for Change reached over 2 million people, online and in-person, across the UK. It brought together artists, arts centres, theatres, music venues, poetry, festivals, film, museums, dance companies, design companies and other creative organisations. In 2020, we aim to raise ambition and grow participation so that every person in the UK is potentially able to experience creative climate action.

2020 is the year that the Paris Agreement comes into force. Season for Change will take place between June to December 2020, culminating in the UN's 26th Conference of the Parties climate talks, which may be held in the UK.

Season for Change is led by national charities Artsadmin and Julie's Bicycle.

2020

Season for Change 2020 will coordinate a diverse array of artistic and creative across the UK. It will include creative programming and art commissions, events, seminars, debates and discussions, festival slots and exhibitions. We want to make the voice of culture heard and inspire the social and economic transformation that climate change necessitates.

We aim to support new participatory commissions from diverse and emerging artists, co-ordinate a national and international festival of events, exhibitions, performances and programmes that uncover the multifaceted story of our relationship to the environment, and ignite the creativity and vision of artists and communities to take action.

The festival will be framed by the Paris Agreement, the urgency of the IPCC's 2018 warning that we must prevent runaway climate change by 2030, and other scientific and political frameworks:

1. **Nine Planetary Boundaries:** in 2009, a group of 28 internationally renowned scientists identified nine planetary boundaries which create the conditions for life on earth to thrive. They have also quantified the degree to which human activities have put these “planetary life support systems” at risk. More information [here](#).
2. **Sustainable Development Goals:** On September 25th 2015, UN member countries adopted 17 goals to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all as part of a [new sustainable development agenda](#). Each goal has specific targets to be achieved by 2030.
3. **Circular Economy:** In a circular economy, economic activity builds and rebuilds overall system health. The concept recognises the importance of the economy needing to work effectively at all scales – for large and small businesses, for organisations and individuals, globally and locally. More information [here](#).
4. **Doughnut Economics:** Humanity's 21st century challenge is to meet the needs of all within the means of the planet. The Doughnut of social and planetary boundaries is a playfully serious approach to framing that challenge, and it acts as a compass for human progress this century. More information [here](#).

We have distilled a collection of provocations and themes from these over-arching frameworks that we invite partners and participants to creatively interpret and respond to:

EMPOWER	Unpacking the role that each of us can play in making change
INTERCONNECT	Celebrating the complexity of life, and creating new forms of community and collaboration
DISPLACEMENT	People are on the move, uprooted by climate catastrophe – how will this shape the near future, and how can we respond?
DIVEST	Exploring the role of capitalism, money and financial activism in climate change
JUSTICE	Acknowledging the root causes and social impacts of climate change so that we can make reparations and ensure an equitable future
REBEL	Resisting the status quo to create new possibilities
REGENERATE	Exploring our capacity to create renewable energy and evolve beyond the use of plastics and fossil fuel products
RESTORE	Regenerating soil, land and wildlife by restoring or ‘rewilding’ natural habitats
STRIKE	Youth leadership and speaking truth to power
WELLBEING	Connecting the dots between human and planetary health and happiness, and what it could look like to evolve a culture of care

PARTNER WITH US

Mass civic engagement is mission-critical to growing an environmental movement that encourages new voices and modes of expression across the UK. We are looking for four tiers of partnership to help us make the Season for Change 2020 an ambitiously far-reaching festival:

Commissioning Partners

Artists and arts organisations interested in leading on commissioning new participatory work on climate and ecological themes between June to December 2020.

Mobilising Partners

Movements, networks and organisations that are already creatively mobilising artists and cultural organisations around environmental issues. We'd like to create a circle of key organisations who would like to align their programmes with Season for Change and collaborate with us on PR and engaging artists and organisations to create and deliver events during the Season for Change festival period.

Season Champions

Arts organisations who want to take on a leadership role for their town, city or region and host a sector workshop to inspire other artists and cultural organisations to participate in Season for Change.

Research Partners

Researchers and academic institutions who would like to partner with us to engage in action research, connect the creative and academic communities, and capture the impacts of arts-led engagement for social transformation. We'd like to bring together researchers already working on this theme, and engage academic institutions to support us in the design and delivery of a robust impact evaluation.

Contact us for an exploratory conversation:

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Join the movement. Be the change.