



THE WORLD AT OUR FEET

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Embankment Galleries 23 Jan - 13 Apr 2025
South Wing

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£18.50/£15.00 concessions

Child 6-11 £10.00

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Unearthing soil’s vital role in our planet’s future.

This groundbreaking exhibition unites visionary artists and thinkers from around the world to explore the remarkable power and potential of soil. Through a range of artworks, artefacts and innovative approaches, visitors are invited to reconsider the crucial role soil plays in our planet’s health. The exhibition delivers a message of hope and urgency, encouraging a more sustainable, harmonious relationship with the Earth— if we choose to act now.

Soil is more than dirt. Soil is a secret world at our feet, an ecosystem as diverse in life as our night sky is full of stars. The billions of bacteria contained in its rhizospheres do for plants what the microbes in our stomachs do for us: sustain life. Our relationship with soil is our connection to Earth itself. Without soil, there is no us.

Our exhibition brings together a range of stories and responses to soil from a group of global artists, writers, musicians and scientists. Combining sensory artworks, historical objects, scientific artefacts and documentary evidence, the exhibition sets out to inspire and educate visitors about the power and the fragility of soil, its fundamental role in human civilisation and its remarkable potential to heal our planet.

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EXHIBITION EVENT



THU 30 JAN 2025 | 10.00 - 11.30

SOIL - Relaxed Session

We are hosting a Relaxed Session for anyone who would like to explore SOIL in a calm and comfortable environment.

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Somerset House is giving visitors the creative space to think more deeply about soil's vital and dramatic role in sustaining life on Earth, now and in the future. We hope to inspire both awe and optimism in those willing to dig below the surface of a world they only thought they knew.

Participating artists include: Agnieszka Kurant, Ana Mendieta, Analee Davis, Asunción Molinos Gordo, Alexandra Daisy Ginsberg, Daro Montag, Diana Scherer, Es Devlin, Eve Tagny, Fatima Alaiwat, Fernando Laposse, France Bourely, Harun Morrison, Herman De Vries, Jackie Summel, Jim Richardson, Jo Pearl, Johanna Tagada Hoffbeck, Julia Norton, Ken Griffiths, Lauren Gault, Maeve Brennan, Marguerite Humeau, Mariana Heilmann, Marshmallow Laser Feast, Merlin Sheldrake, Michael Landy CBE RA, Michael Prime, Miranda Whall, Sam Williams, Semantica Productions and Vivien Sansour.

The exhibition is co-curated by The Land Gardeners: Henrietta Courtauld and Bridget Elworthy, curator and writer May Rosenthal Sloan and Claire Catterall, Senior Curator at Somerset House Trust.

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