

3rd Fridays @ the nest

for the midlands' creative community

talking birds

2024

On the Third Friday of every month, Talking Birds hosts a programme of meetings, talks, walks, workshops and co-working devised by, and for, the creative community.

For 2024 there are some returning favourites like the **Nestival of Ideas panel discussions** and afternoon **Co-working** (where you can get on with your own work in the sociable coffee-shop-style surroundings at **The Nest** alongside other creatives), plus a few new things like July's **Photo Walk**, our bookable **Bid-Reading Slots** (where we can read and give feedback on your funding application) and the **Art Party**.

Every other month, **F13 meetings** are open to all locally-based independent artists and creative practitioners (whether freelance or from small organisations). These gatherings are a great chance to connect with other artists and creative practitioners locally, collectively explore issues affecting the sector, share projects you are working on and find out what's happening (at what has been dubbed 'the **Plugfest**') and/or take advantage of the **Hive Mind** part of the meeting to ask for ideas/advice/opinions to help you with your creative challenge (or offer your ideas to help others with theirs).

Everything in the programme is free (including our excellent tea & coffee), but we ask you to **book in** so that we know how many chairs to put out & how much coffee to brew. Morning programmes run 10.30am-12.30pm unless otherwise stated, and afternoon programmes 1.30-4.30pm (BYO lunch between 12.30 and 1.30pm).

If you are curious, but have never visited before, people often find that dropping in to an afternoon co-working session is a really good way to get the measure of The Nest (the space, the people and the vibe). You can ask us questions, chat to others or just park yourself quietly and get on with stuff – whatever works for you.

We look forward to welcoming you to The Nest really soon.

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15 MARCH	10:30 – 12:30 1:30 – 4:30	Silent Book Club bring your own book – or dip into the library at The Nest – and read in companionable silence for an hour or two, followed by optional BYO lunch and book chat. Creative Co-working with bid-reading slots (where we can read and give feedback on funding applications – limited numbers, booking essential) available.
19 APRIL	11:00 – 12:30 1:30 – 4:30	F13 network meeting (doors open 10.30) Creative Co-working , and optional caretaker gardening of The Nest's wildflower mini-meadow.
17 MAY	10:30 – 12:30 1:30 – 4:30	Nestival of Ideas – Rest: Necessity, Resistance or Privilege? – panel discussion exploring the notion of Rest as Resistance, but also considering the complexity of choice (and who has, or is able to exercise, it) in relation to rest. Creative Co-working with a focus on rest and wellbeing.
21 JUNE	11:00 – 12:30 1:30 – 4:30	F13 network meeting (doors open 10.30) Creative Co-working and optional creative observation of, and response to, The Nest's wildflower mini-meadow to add to the Nest's Nature Journal.
21 JULY	10:30 – 12:30 1:30 – 4:30	Photo Walk led by Adele Mary Reed (limited numbers, booking essential) Creative Co-working with bid-reading slots (limited numbers, booking essential) available.
16 AUGUST		The Nest will be closed for the holidays.
20 SEPTEMBER	10:30 – 12:30 1:30 – 4:30	Clothes Repair Skill Share Bring an item of your clothing that is in need of mending, and mend it, with advice/help from those in the room. Creative Co-working
18 OCTOBER	11:00 – 12:30 1:30 – 4:30	F13 network meeting (doors open 10.30) Creative Co-working
15 NOVEMBER	10:30 – 12:30 1:30 – 4:30	Nestival of Ideas – Fair Pay: balancing creativity and wage labour – panel discussion. Creative Co-working
20 DECEMBER	11:00 – 12:30 1:30 – 4:30 5:00 – 8:00	F13 network meeting (doors open 10.30) Creative Co-working Festive Art Party

Places are free but limited, book in via talkingbirds.co.uk/booking

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