



ARTS-SCIENCE EXTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2019

XR Oxford is collaborating with Oxford University Museum of Natural History (OUMNH), on an [arts-science festival](#) involving talks and mass performance actions aimed at taking local public awareness of the climate and ecological crisis to a new level.

The event involves two sessions of the XR talk 'Heading for Extinction - and what to do about it'. There will be performance actions before, during and after the talks, inside and outside of the museum.

Throughout the event there will be workshops and opportunities for the public to engage with XR Oxford members, OUMNH staff, climate scientists and ecologists.



TALK: LECTURE THEATRE



HEADING FOR EXTINCTION AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT

Climate scientists and Extinction Rebellion activists deliver the public talk, sharing the latest science on where our planet is heading. Looking at the impacts of the climate and ecological crisis and some of the solutions.

Films from scientists at [Conservation Optimism](#) showing 'What To Do About It' stories will be screened around the talks.

Talk 1 11:00 to 12:15

With outdoor performances at 10:30 and 12:15

Talk 2 14:30 to 15:45

With outdoor performances at 14:00 and 15:45



INSIDE: BRITISH SPECIES



Stag beetle

YOUTH INTERVENTION

A Masked Intervention, performed by XR Youth, Student and School Strike members, designed to communicate ecological breakdown in the British countryside, threatening the extinction of species that have a fundamental right to exist and that support the living systems we rely upon for food, water, clean air and general well-being.

Individual students will represent endangered British species, particularly insects and birds. Dressed in decorated half-face masks design to embody the species, they will engage the public about why they are vital for humans. Scientists specialising in ecology will be available to support performers and engage with the public during this action.

10:30 to 16:00



Common blue butterfly



Brown-banded carder bumble bee

OUTSIDE: RAIN FOREST SPECIES



Zac Mills/SOS

MASS PERFORMANCE ACTIONS

Multi-media performance actions, in collaboration with the [Sumatran Orangutan Society](#) (SOS), led by musicians and dancers, reflecting ecological breakdown caused by unsustainable palm oil production. A dynamic, colourful performance will greet delegates arriving for the talks. As they leave they will witness a more solemn performance, reflecting the tragic decline that has taken place in the forest during the short duration of the talk.

Performers of all ages wearing vibrant colour-coded costumes, will represent groups of rainforest species that are being driven to extinction. We aim to communicate their vital but perilous lives and how the loss of their forest homes critically endangers our planet. The performance actions will be led by local musician [Tobias Sturmer](#) collaborating with a group of Oxford dancers to original live music.

We invite families to be involved in this performance.

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE



ACTIVITIES & WORKSHOPS

We have all kinds of exciting arts-science activities and workshops planned for all age groups:

- [Conservation Optimism Films](#): Stories of regeneration from conservation & environmental groups from around the world
- Conservation Optimism: Animation workshop for young people
- Sumatran Orangutan Society: Launch of [‘Sustainable Palm Oil City - Oxford’](#)
- Museum of Natural History workshop: ‘Lets talk about climate’ 15-19 years
- Story Teller Lorna Burchell: Story sessions for all ages
- Poetry Reading: Led by Professor John Holmes and museum poets in residence
- Bumblebee Children: Bumble bee activities and stories for primary children with a talk for parents on the importance of been diversity
- How to talk to children about the Climate Emergency
- Find out what’s happening about Oxford’s Citizens’ Assemblies on the Climate Emergency

CALLOUT



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ROLES & GETTING INVOLVED

We're inviting people of all ages to get involved, both members and non-member of Extinction Rebellion Oxford, particularly families and people with experience of performing arts. Experience isn't mandatory though, everyone is welcome to sign up - for more than one activity:

Roles:

- Participants outside: All ages for our mass performance actions
- Participants inside: Young people for species roles
- XR Activists inside: supporting the Youth Intervention
- XR Activists outside: engaging with the public / leafleting / recruiting

Makers:

- Printing and making face masks
- Printing and making species flags
- Costume printing/making
- Badge making
- Patch printing/making

Sign up here: [via our website](#)

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