

The WEAVE: Four Saturday Workshops

In conjunction with our First Friday Walks, **Walking the Land** would like to invite you to a series of four workshops this coming year to help develop some of the work we have collected while out walking together. The work will be incorporated into the Weave project; a project that **Walking the Land** are involved with along with Stroud Common Wealth and others, at the behest of the Local Strategic Partnership. It seeks to collect, collate and visualise the desires, concerns and ideas for the landscape and town and countryside along the canal corridor.

Developing from **Walking the Land's** First Friday Walks, Richard is co-ordinating the Weave as a part of his PhD with Swansea Metropolitan University, researching how arts practice can engage communities in landscape change, particularly exploring the role of aesthetics. The workshops will provide participants with the opportunity to feed into this project and they will be credited as co-researchers.

These sessions will be an opportunity to experiment with and learn new techniques such as:- drawing, animation, video, sound recording, lens based media, mixed media and the digital capture and editing that goes with each of these. There will be time and space to develop your own practice and style with reflection, critique, skill swapping, support and guidance.

You will be part of a group supporting each other to create finished work that will become viewed by a wider audience. You will learn how to prepare work for display in both physical and virtual galleries and the supporting materials that go with an exhibition such as books and website.

As well as making their own work and participating in group work **Walking the Land** will provide, a workspace, guidance, expertise, the equipment needed to make the work, cups of tea and maybe a cake or two. Amongst other things the group will bring support, experience, laughter, honest feedback, expertise, creativity, the usual materials, commitment and maybe a packed lunch.

We envisage a group of between six and ten meeting between 10.00 and 4.00.

Venues – to be arranged
Cost – £100 up front or monthly instalments of £27.50. Stroud pounds and bartering welcome. Material costs will be extra.
Provisional dates - 12th February, 9th April, 9th July, 12th November

To confirm your place at all four workshops, please send a cheque for £100.00 or your first instalment of £27.50, made payable to Walking the Land to Sion House, Tabernacle Walk, Rodborough, Stroud, GL5 3UJ

For further information or suggestions, please feel free to phone Richard on 01453 756064. It would be good to hear from you.