

HOST

Experiments in Art, Food and Shared Life

HOLY BISCUIT

4 October - 24 November 2016

Opening Hours:

Thursdays & Fridays 11am - 4pm;

Saturdays 1pm - 4pm

(plus special events)

HOST is an experimental art programme of shared meals, discussion and communal activities designed to test out notions of hospitality. The aim is to open up shared spaces where we can think critically and creatively together about the role that hospitality might play in communal life.

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Co-produced and activated by the community at Holy Biscuit, HOST is a project that arises from a desire to better understand the gallery's relationship to the people that use it as well as to reflect on wider social and political issues of the present moment.

Throughout HOST different groups connected to Holy Biscuit will conduct practical exercises in hospitality to build a collective knowledge. A growing archive of drawings, photographs, diagrams, testimonies, transcripts and recipes will be presented in the gallery as a record of our 'acts of hospitality' to make the learning visible as the project unfolds.

set menu

STARTER

Tuesday 4 October, 12.15pm

Meet the co-producers of HOST in Shieldfield Park and share some chips to mark the launch of the project

MAIN DISH

Wednesday 2 November, 7-9pm

Tuck into some food for thought provided by a new publication from artists [Lloyd & Wilson](#) and provocations from [David Lisser](#)

PUDDING

Thursday 24 November 6-8pm

An opportunity to share, reflect and celebrate as we bring together all aspects of HOST for a sweet treat

COFFEE & CHOCOLATE

Spring 2017

After a period of digestion, a publication will be produced by the researchers of HOST as a legacy of the project

Art or Chips?

Sat 22 Oct, coach departs Holy Biscuit at 12 midday and returns at 2pm

"£800,000 on the Angel of the North?! With that much money you could buy everyone in the North East a bag of chips!"

A community coach trip to the UK's most famous piece of public art to share a bag of chips and a conversation about the value of art in society. Free (£2 donation for transport), places limited, RSVP host@theholybiscuit.org

Lunch Break with Painting for Fun

Tue 18 Oct, 12.15 - 1.45pm

Tue 1 Nov, 12.15 - 1.45pm

Tue 15 Nov, 12.15 - 1.45pm

Take your lunch break at Holy Biscuit with members of [Painting for Fun](#) and Holy Biscuit staff team. Tea, coffee and soft drinks provided. Just bring your own packed lunch and join in the conversation. Free, everyone welcome.

Interventions by Mixing Bowl

Mixing Bowl is a mixture of people from different backgrounds committed to exploring what faith, art and shared life looks like outside of the traditional church context. Over the course of the project, Mixing Bowl will be organising events and interactions in and outside of the gallery that examine theirs and others' ideas of hospitality. For more information contact host@theholybiscuit.org

Film Screening: Peter Weir's Witness

Tuesday 18th October, Soup at 6pm, Screening 7-9pm

at The Holy Biscuit

The [Winter Chapel Film Nights](#) is a partnership between Holy Biscuit, and our friends at St Dominic's Priory. Join us for soup before and discussion afterwards as we watch this iconic film and its explorations of love, harmony, community and difference. Suggested donation £5 (£3.50 conc.). All warmly welcome!

Shieldfield Forum Cafe + David Lisser

October/November 2016

[David Lisser](#) is an artist based in Newcastle. He is particularly intrigued by technology and our notions of the future – how we might live, eat and work. During HOST, David will spend time in Shieldfield estate exploring perceptions of hospitality. He will use Shieldfield Forum Cafe on Wretham Place as a base for his activity and research during the programme and will be part of developing the ongoing dialogue with HB and its geographical community. Some of his thoughts and provocations will be in the gallery during HOST.

[Shieldfield Forum Cafe](#) opened in 2015 after residents of Shieldfield requested a safe, friendly place for local people and visitors to meet and engage with others. Run by volunteers, the cafe is open Mondays, Wednesday and Saturday 10am - 1pm.

specials

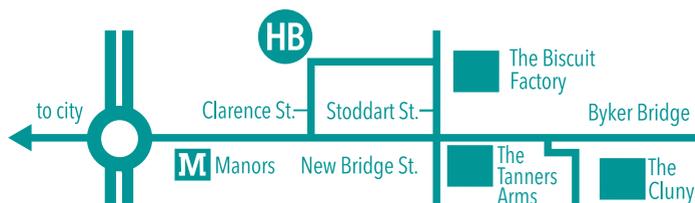
Moveable Feast 10th November, 9.30am - 5.30pm

Join us for Breakfast, Lunch or Afternoon Tea (or all three!)

Moveable Feast will be a travelling encounter with five individual but connected practices to instigate wider discussion, questioning and critique on the role of hospitality in socially engaged art. Moveable Feast will travel between several sites of practice in Ouseburn and Byker all within walking distance of each other.

We are seeking to bring together people from within and outside the art community who can join the discussion at Breakfast, Lunch or Tea along the route and to contribute to the start of a conversation which has the potential to address complex challenges and deepen our community of practice. We will be joined by critical friends from outside the city who will help connect the conversation with a wider context beyond Newcastle.

Your participation is vital! If you would like more information or to request an invitation to attend please contact host@theholybiscuit.org



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