

festival of looking

14 - 23 July 23

Join us for 11 days of looking into folkestone's past, present and future as local and international artists invite us to play in nature, meditate, make music, share stories, listen reflectively, and eat together, all in celebration of deepening connections to each other, and the uniqueness of this town.

FAILSTONE : Urban Room Takeover

Fri 14 - Sun 23 July

Urban Room Folkestone

Our friends at FAIL (Fine Art Institute Leipzig) will be taking over the Urban Room throughout July! Got something you want to do here? Help shape their programme - expect spontaneous gatherings, art experiments, shimmering colour, music and fog. Drop in or keep an eye out for updates on our socials.

Festival of Looking Launch

Fri 14 July, 7pm

Urban Room Folkestone

Festival of Looking 2023 is here! Join us on the opening night for the ultimate celebration. Hosted by our friends at FAIL. A performance by Local Foreigner, music by DJ 2LA and an interactive artwork by Toby Melville Brown will add to the night's happenings.

Seaside Memories Exhibition

Anita McKenzie

Fri 14 - Sat 22 July

open Tue - Sat 10am - 4pm

Folkestone Museum

In celebration of post Windrush generations *Seaside Memories* features a display of vintage photographs showcasing African and Caribbean people at the UK seaside.

Office For Field Forensics in Folkestone:

Daniel Tollady and Jacob Barden

Fri 14 - Sun 23 July

Urban Room Folkestone

Throughout the festival, we will be collecting contributions of stories and memories from residents and visitors for our town model. Come and tell us yours!

Entangled Roots: Exhibition

Fri 14 - Sun 16th July, 12am - 4pm

Fourth Wall Folkestone

Extracts from Francine Hajilou's recent work, 'Entangled Roots: Wintering' will be exhibited at Fourth Wall, featuring a look at the essays, poetry and conversations that formed the project. The work came out of a collaboration between Francine and Custom Food Lab, for Seeding The Commons Project. She led a series of winter walks for womxn of colour to focus on their relationships with nature and place and to consider how this informs a sense of belonging from a diasporic perspective.

Nurture Salon

Sat 15 July, Sun 16 July, Sat 22 July,

Sun 23 July. 15 minute slots bookable

between 11am - 3pm

[LINK TO EVENTBRITE ON WEBSITE](#)

Nurture Salon is a collaboration of food and performance. The pop-up 'salon' invites you to slow down and take part in a multi-sensory experience. During the one-to-one performance an edible selection of colourful and fragrant ingredients will be created on the palm of your hand. This mindful experience renders the utopia of a sustainable relationship with food.

Tactile Mapping: a talk, a walk and

gathering with Josephine Javier

Sat 15 July, 6pm (refreshments provided)

Start at Urban Room Folkestone

Josephine invites you to come hear about her recent project, involving the gathering of stories from local people about their connection to Folkestone through map-marking, conversation and Warren-sourced clay moulding. This will be followed by a walk and final gathering inspired by the narratives and drawings that were shared with her during her residency.

Entangled Roots: poetry readings by

Francine Hajilou

Sun 16 July

Walk in slots: 11am & 1pm

Fourth Wall

Francine Hajilou will be reading poetry, extracts of a personal essay, and conversations from her recent work *Entangled Roots: Wintering*. Each time slot will run for 20-30 mins.

Entangled Roots: a walk with Francine

Hajilou

Mon 17 July, 6pm

Start at Urban Room Folkestone

Writer, Francine Hajilou invites you to join us for an informal circular walk along the Lower Leas and Folkestone seafront to share stories and thoughts about our relationships with nature, place, and belonging.

Island Folk at Home

Sat 15 July, 11am - 1pm

15 St. Michael's Street CT20 1LL

Local Foreigner welcomes you to his living room in Folkestone. The table will be set with the history of the British Isles. There will be tea and beans. Old tales will be told and music played. You are invited to bring an object, a true story, a tale or song that can help tell our story both of past and present.

Stories, Faces + Places: a short film

screening in Folkestone

Fri 21 July, 7:30 pm

Urban Room Folkestone

Exploring the many instances of connection to place and community, alongside the recalling, imagining, and (re)forming of stories and memories - these short experimental and animated films curated by Rhiana Bonterre - come from creatives local, national and international. It will be followed by a screening of Rhiana's new short film (still in development) and an open discussion around her film and the programme's themes.

I Have Seen The Dogfish Woman

Fri 14 - Sun 23 July

TBC before start of festival

Collect your spotter's guide and join the search for The Dogfish Woman, a creature from local folklore. Legend states that seeing her is a good omen.

Artist Talk and Q&A with Maja Renn &

Piotr Matkowski

Sat 22 July, 6pm

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Maja and Piotr invite you for a drink and a chat. The artists have been staying in Folkestone with their work 'Nurture Salon'. Come and hear about their collaborative practice and residency, with the opportunity to ask questions, learn something about their work and meet new people.

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