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## **With For About: Care and the Commons**

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## **Emma Curd, Learning Producer at Heart of Glass**

Today we've been at Incredible, Edible and One Knowsley, where we have been working on an event called, With For About: Care and the Commons. And it's really bringing together and gathering of artists, practitioners, researchers whose work is in some way linked to social justice, climate justice, or care and the commons more generally.

The idea was really to create an alternative conference format. So that's why we're in a community garden and why the majority of today's sessions have been outside or as close to outside as possible.

## **Martha King, Arts Programme Manager at Knowle West Media Centre**

The sense of care has just been embodied and really present throughout. I feel like it's encouraged conversation. And then, yeah, the content also has been brilliant. Lots of big topics were raised, and then it's been really great to have the afternoon to be a bit more conversational, going into workshops, People Care, Planet Care, Fair Share.

## **Kerry Wilson, Socio-ecological artist and Critical Friend for Heart of Glass**

I thought that was really interesting. Lots of questions about it, but we all had an appetite to find out more. It's been enlightening, emotional. I have learnt things. It's been amazing to be in a space with like-minded people, so people who are coming from the same point of caring for environment and caring for people. So it's been fantastic to be able to sit and have conversations with the people that have come today.

## **Annie Jael Kwan, Curator and researcher**

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This is an incredible space to reimagine what institutions could look like instead. The two talks this morning were incredible. The one led by Youngsook was so incredibly rich, which really speaks to the power of storytelling for us to think about reparative relationships. And then following that, the talk by Radha, where she talked about Tamil communities, and that British colonial histories of dividing. All these pieces fit together to help us look overall at everything, what's happening with immigration, what's happening with the planet, they're very much interlinked.

## **Charlotte Yeung, Assistant Producer at Turnpike Gallery**

It was really interesting to hear perspectives from around the globe, because I don't normally get that in the rest of my working life. The talks are really inspirational and they gathered momentum as they went on. It's so important to have this moment to get together, really physically get together in one space, have these conversations, have these moments, and we can share.

## **Karen Mower, Director at Incredible Edible Knowsley**

I think it's really important to work with organisations like Heart of Glass because I think we grow food with the community. It's all about community, and I think art and culture is very much about that as well. I think nothing works in society unless we all come together and we combine all our resources and our knowledge and skills, and I think it's just exciting meeting new people.

## **Charlotte Yeung, Assistant Producer at Turnpike Gallery**

I was really intrigued actually about what an outdoor conference would look like, and I think the flexibility of it really appealed to me. They said it would be a slower format and we get more chance to discuss and reflect. So it's been really nice to catch up with people in between sessions and have a focus on listening as well because that's really important to me.

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## **Kerry Wilson, Socio-ecological artist and Critical Friend for Heart of Glass**

The whole day has been so well organised. The speakers have been incredible and captivating. In the afternoon it was workshops, which was great because I think that gave... It certainly gave me, but I've heard it's given others time to digest and chill. That's a really good balance within the day.

## **Martha King, Arts Programme Manager at Knowle West Media Centre**

This is a wonderful event. Not only do they really give you an opportunity to co-learn and meet great people. It's just also such a fantastic environment. You'll be really cared for. You'll be well-fed. You will come away with your mind bubbling with loads of new thoughts and you'll meet loads of lovely people.