

# CCANW

## **Art, Ecology and the Economy exhibitor information**

### **Anna Keleher and Claire Long**

A collaborative partnership born on Dartmoor  
Artists

Anna and Claire are contemporary artists collaborating with people, places and things to inform and enrich our lives and cultures.



Anna in Torbay and Claire in Questa, New Mexico, have worked together since they met in 2007 on the MA Arts and Ecology course at Dartington. Their practice evolved on Dartmoor and has expanded to collaborations within the highly contrasting ecologies of Devon and Northern New Mexico.

Claire and Anna are partnered with land management organisations in their respective localities. Their thriving experimental projects and practices bring participatory outcomes to diverse publics in the UK and USA. Anna is liaising with The English Riviera Geopark, The Seashore Centre and Ocombe Farm, both in Torbay, and Claire is liaising with The United States Bureau of Land Management at Wild Rivers Recreational Centre and Great Sand Dunes National Park.

Teaming up with local host organizations allows them to learn from experts with local knowledge, gain privileged access to sensitive sites and to experience their places and the places of others in a deeper and more connected way. Their projects, 'Approaching an Exchange' helps build a sense of community from different times and places and 'If you'd like to .....!' encourages imagination and empathy, both prerequisites to re-shaping our interactions with the natural world.

Anna has funding from Arts Council England Grant for the Arts. She would welcome advice on managing the development of her collaboration with English Riviera Geopark.

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