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**Derbyshire  
Makes**

Peak District National Park

# MAKE Room

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MAKE Room is a transformative, roaming arts initiative in Derbyshire that fosters collaboration, environmental awareness, and sustainable practice. As both a physical and conceptual space, it invites communities to engage with nature through creative placemaking and collective action, exploring the central question: **How can Nature reinvent us?**

MAKE Room is a county-wide project set to grow and evolve over the next 3 years as part of Derbyshire Makes. The goal is to engage both those who are passionate about Nature, the environment, and climate conversations, as well as individuals who may feel disconnected, overwhelmed, or find these topics less accessible. The project seeks to create welcoming spaces where everyone can participate in discussions, workshops, and walks, with the aim of building confidence to take both small and significant actions toward a more resilient and connected future.

Conceived by Local and co-designed with lead artists Glassball Studio, an interdisciplinary arts practice rooted in place-based research and collaborative making, MAKE Room embraces co-creation, local knowledge, and material storytelling. Weaving together artistic experimentation with environmental inquiry, it invites communities, artists, thinkers, and makers to contribute to an evolving conversation about land, reciprocity, and regenerative futures.

MAKE Room is an evolving platform for artistic and environmental inquiry—an open space for creative experimentation, collaboration, and dialogue. It offers a way to explore our relationship with Nature through site-responsive practices, shared making, and collective storytelling. MAKE ROOM will become a catalyst for new artistic perspectives, fostering deeper connections between people, place, and the landscapes that shape us.

As part of the Derbyshire Makes Festival (2025), MAKE Room will take shape at multiple hub locations, with each site developing its own iteration of the concept. Rather than a fixed touring structure, MAKE Room is an evolving concept—an open-source framework for communities to create site-specific spaces that foster collaboration, environmental engagement, and creative inquiry. Regenerative design principles will guide the process, emphasising circular strategies, material reuse, and ecological awareness. Rooted in action research, MAKE Room exists as an open-source framework—an idea that travels, adapting to each community and landscape it inhabits. It brings together artists, researchers, and local communities to co-create spaces for dialogue, making, and regenerative futures - a focus on restoring and renewing the natural environment, rather than simply sustaining it.

MAKE Room is not just a place—it's an idea, a movement, a roaming act of imagination. Rooted in Derbyshire's landscapes, it is an evolving, site-responsive art programme that invites communities to reimagine their relationship with Nature through creativity, action research, and hands-on making.

MAKE ROOM. For collaboration. For imagination. For Nature.





*To focus on the local  
changes everything*

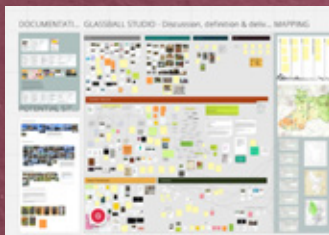


'Rural is our superpower'

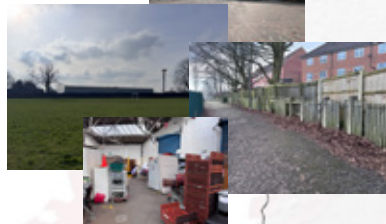
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Finding alternative forms of knowledge &  
new forms of assembling



Mapping visible & invisible commons



Ideas that can travel.  
Skills that can move.

Eliminate Waste  
and Pollution



Prevent Negative Impacts

Circulate Materials,  
Keep Assets in Use



Preserve Value: Use Things  
Don't Use Up

Regenerate Natural  
Systems



Actively Improve the  
Environment

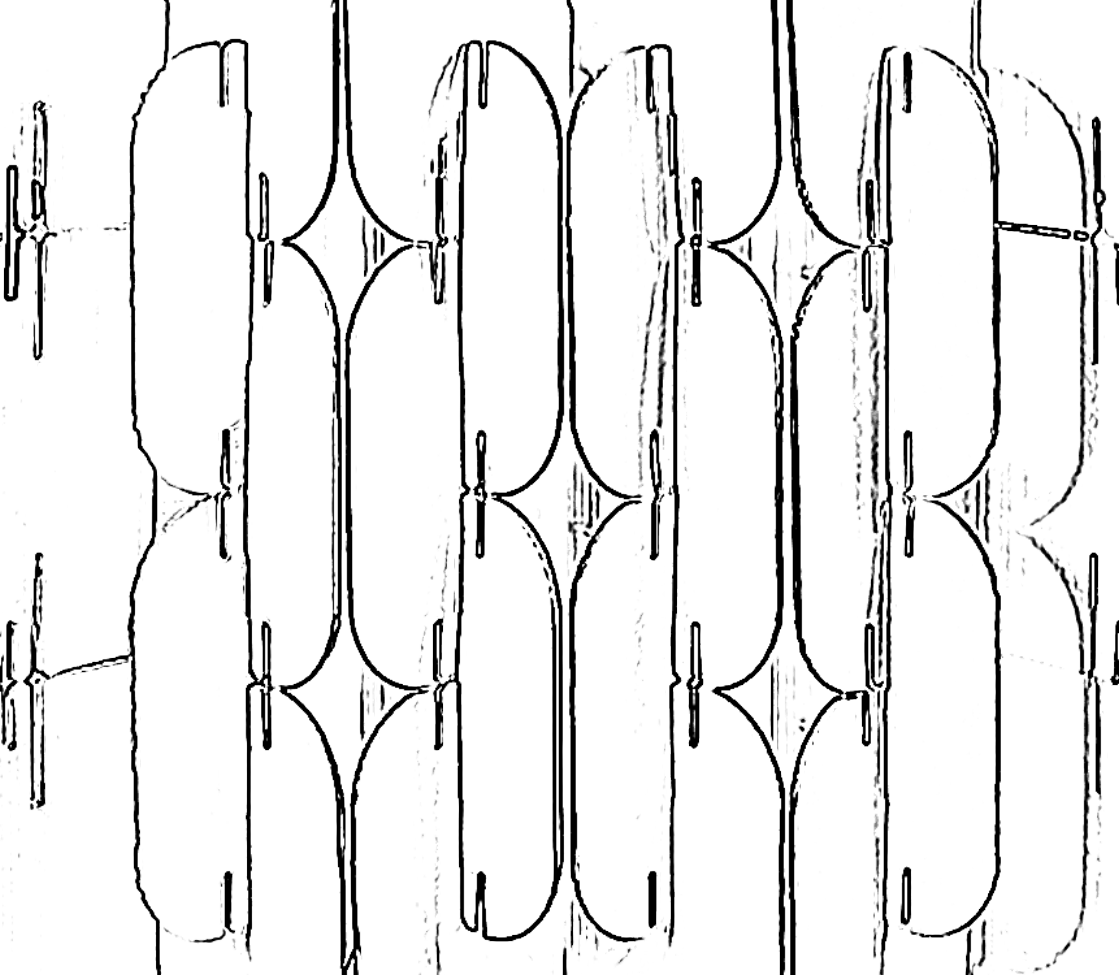


What role can art play in developing narratives, stories and emotional connection to empower more effective climate action?

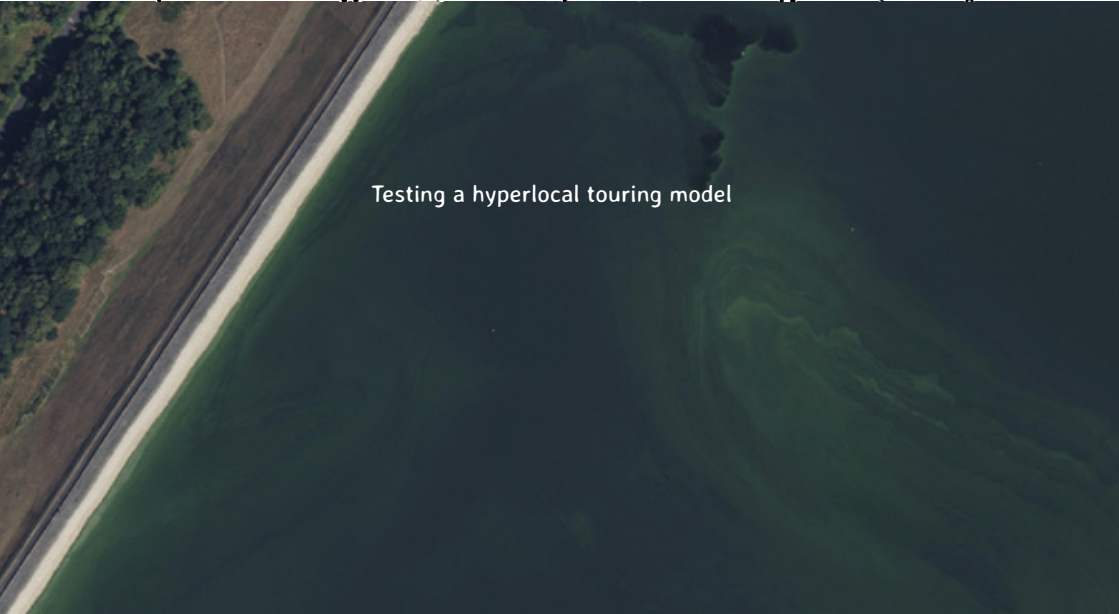








Testing a hyperlocal touring model

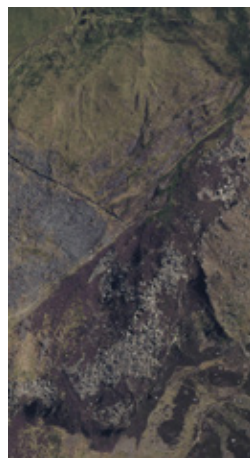




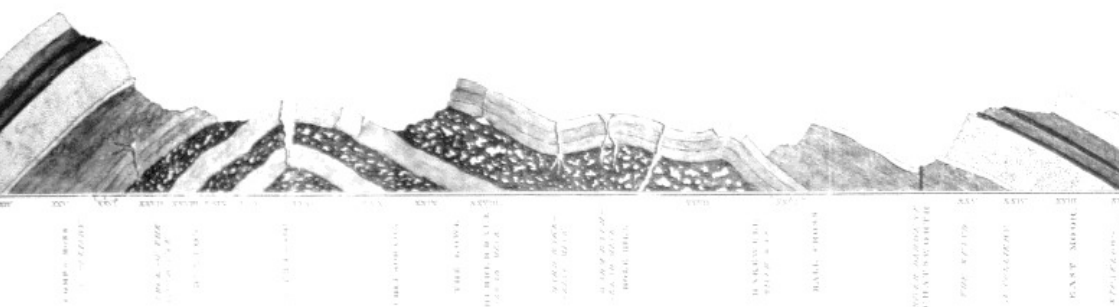
How can Nature reinvent us?



# Mapping ecologies of place



A SECTION OF THE STRATA IN DERBYSHIRE FROM EAST TO WEST. BY HUFFA DUFFA



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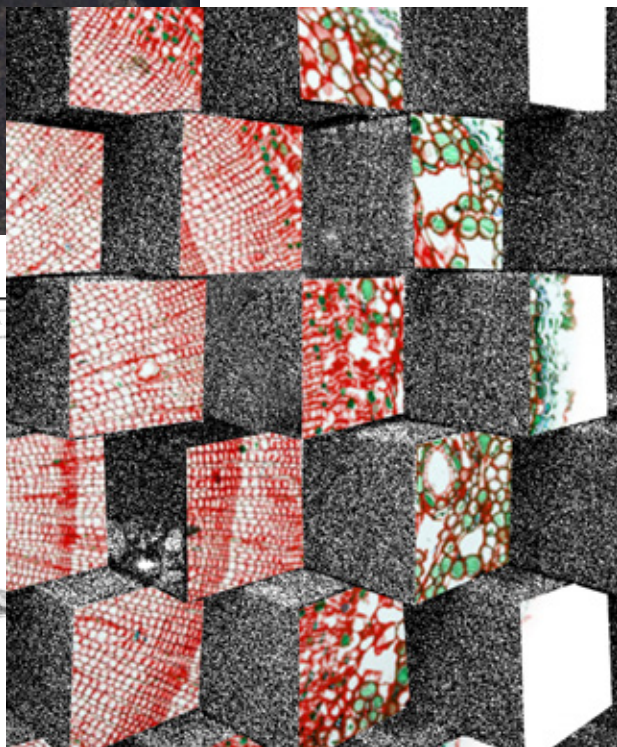
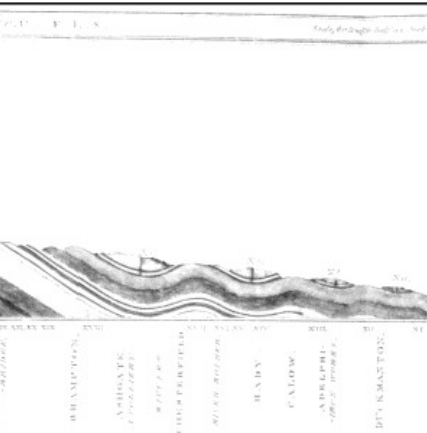


- millstone sandstone
- coals
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- basalt

**Bakewell**

**River Derwent**

**Chatsworth**



**BOLSOVER**

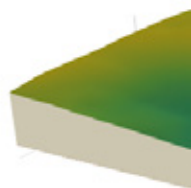
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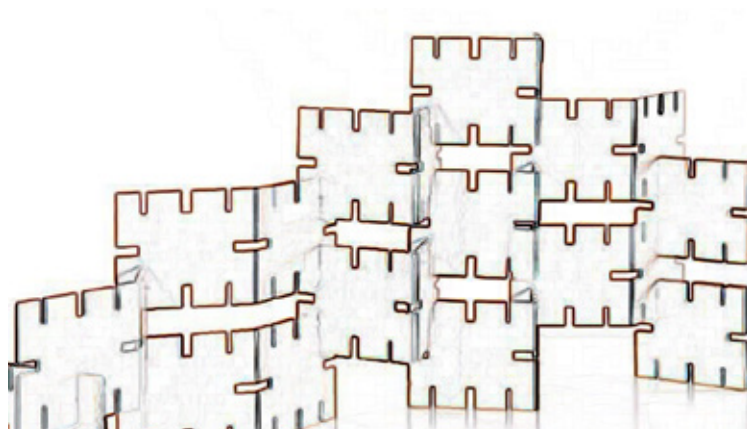




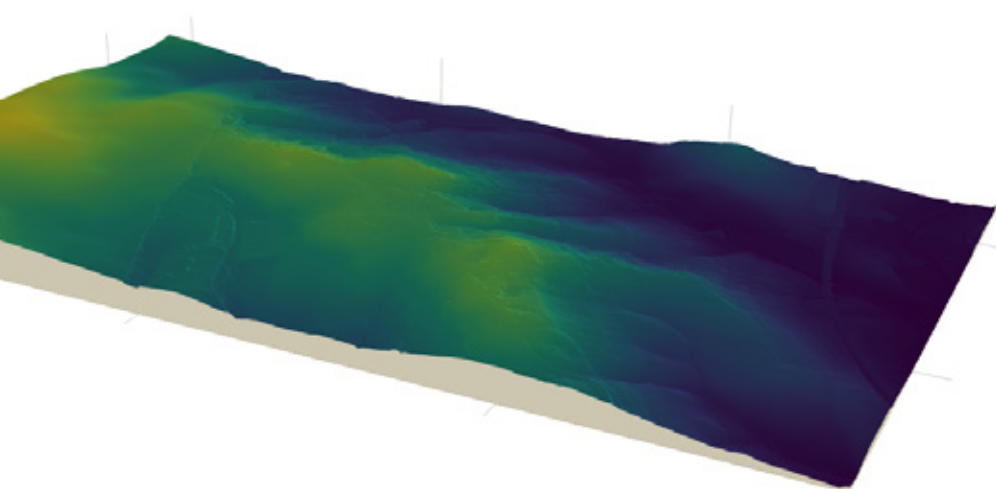


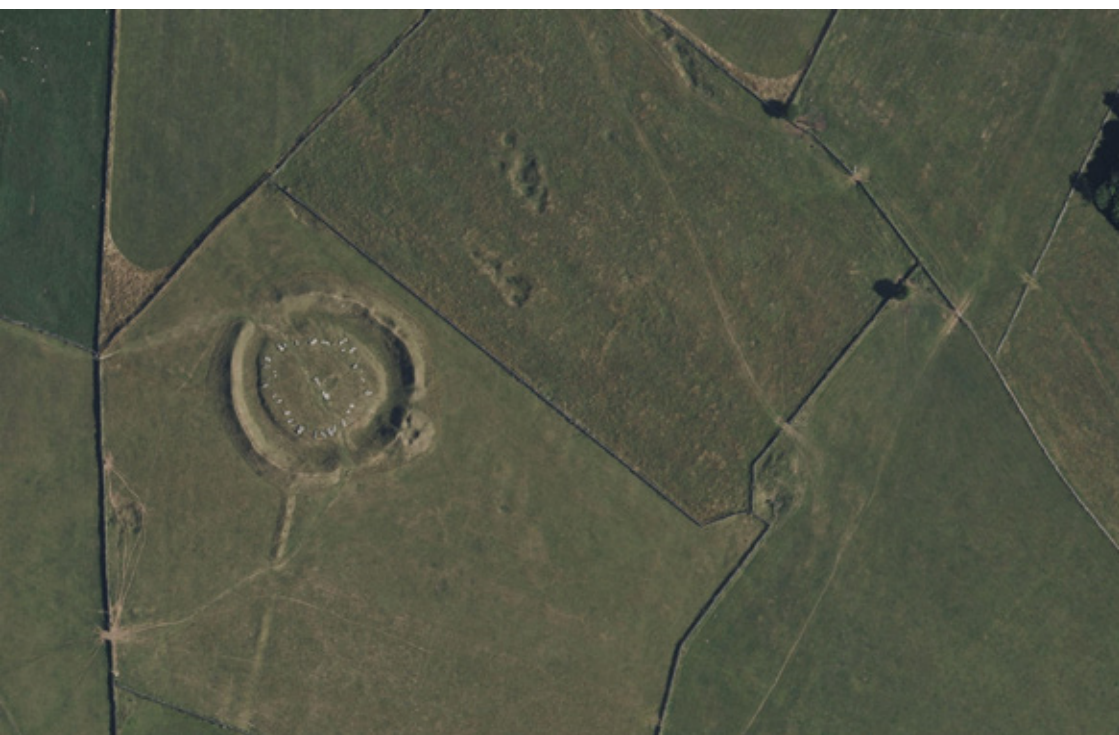
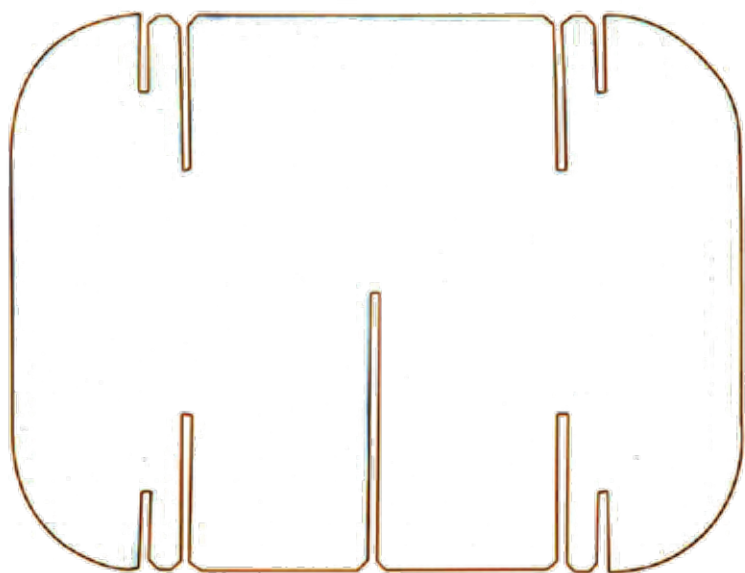
Organising in response to the  
land & existing communities.



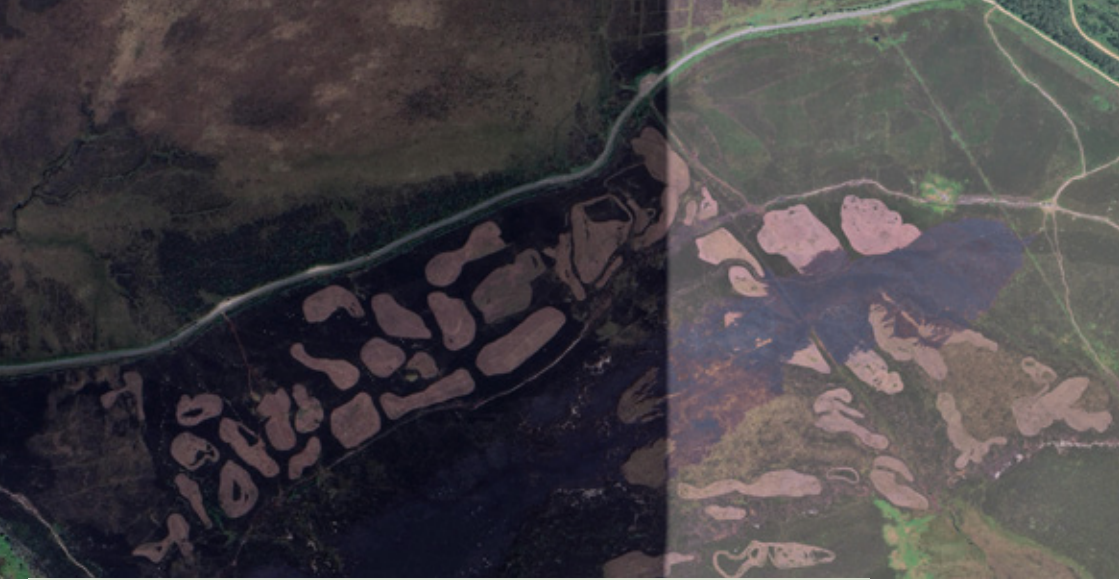


*The students communicated  
their ideas to those  
responsible for the  
renewal—not through a  
spoken language, but  
through an act of making*

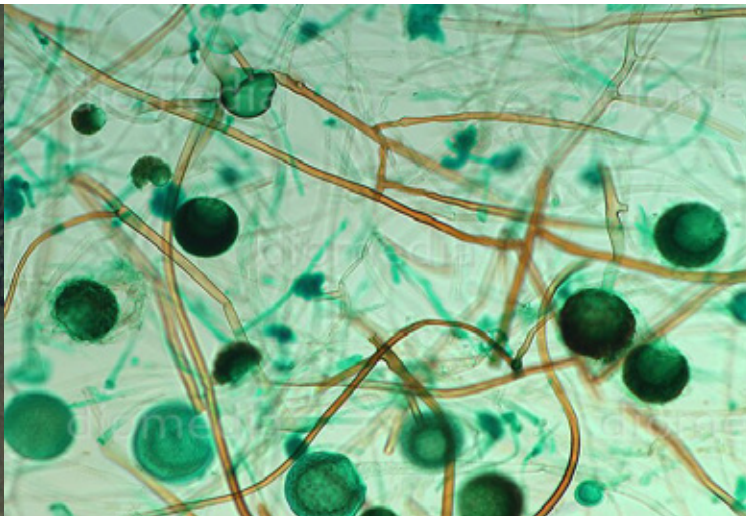








Remember when all we had was nature? – Right to Roam



What happens when we let go?

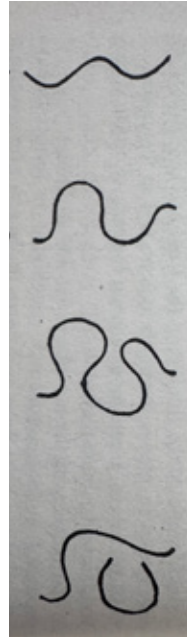




## Entanglement

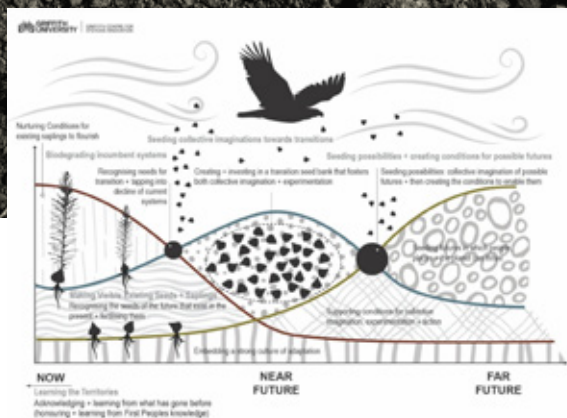


Material Journey's  
in / out / through  
Derbyshire



Building relational structures  
around permaculture principles.

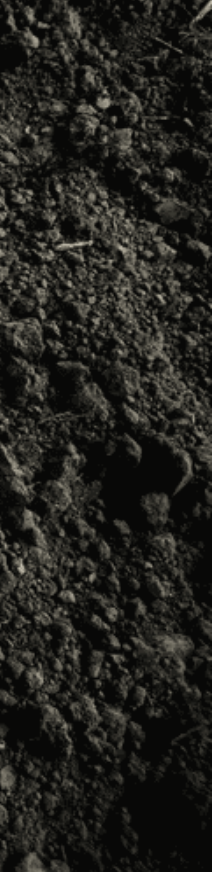






How humans think & Nature organises

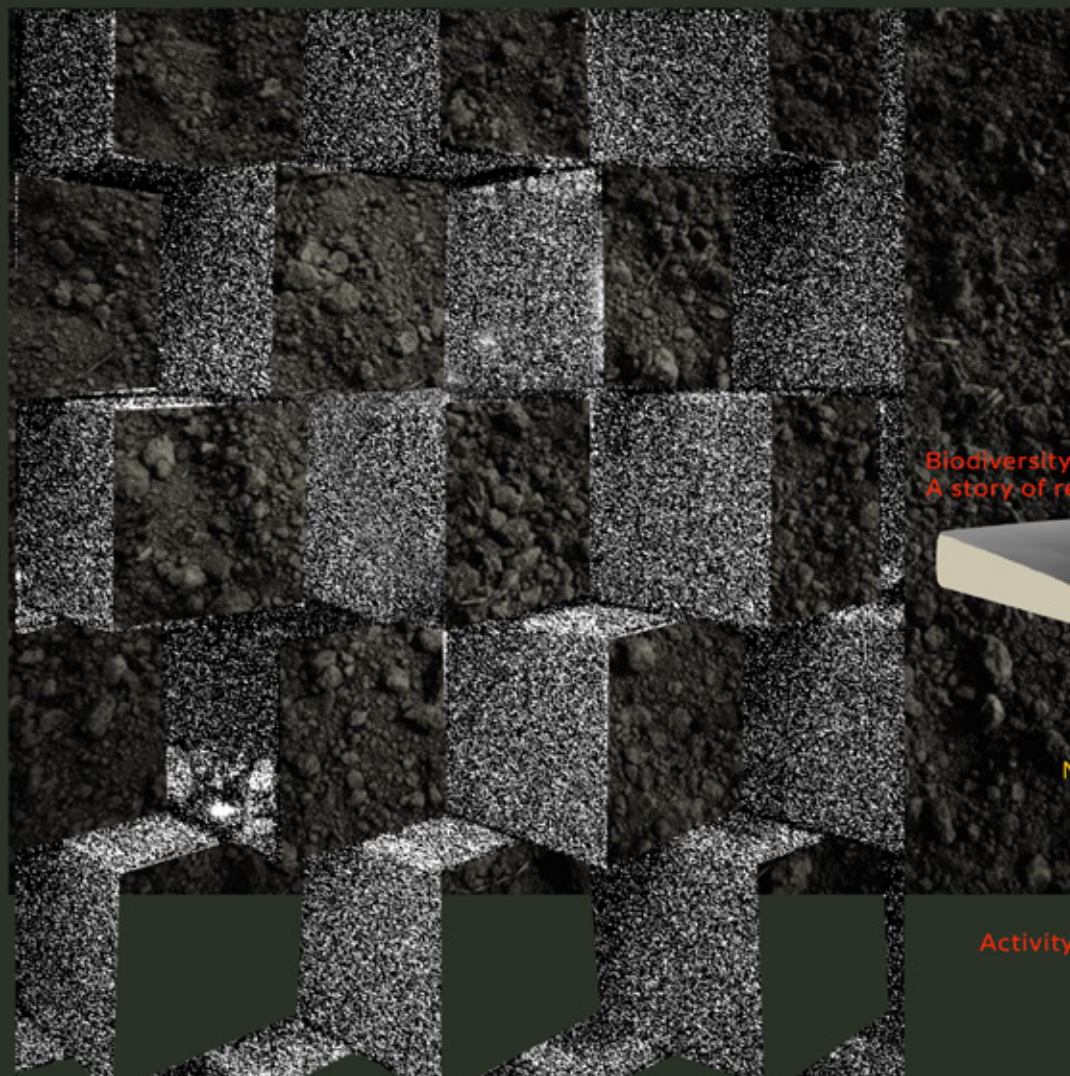
THE NEED FOR ROOTS





## COMMUNITY OF PARTICIPATION

What can we test here?



Biodiversity  
A story of re

Activity





In abandoned places.  
recovery

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What is beneath our feet?

NATURE memories.

- what did you use to hear, see, taste?
- what do you hear now?

- how to locate yourself on a map (value)
- this is who I am & this is what I can bring

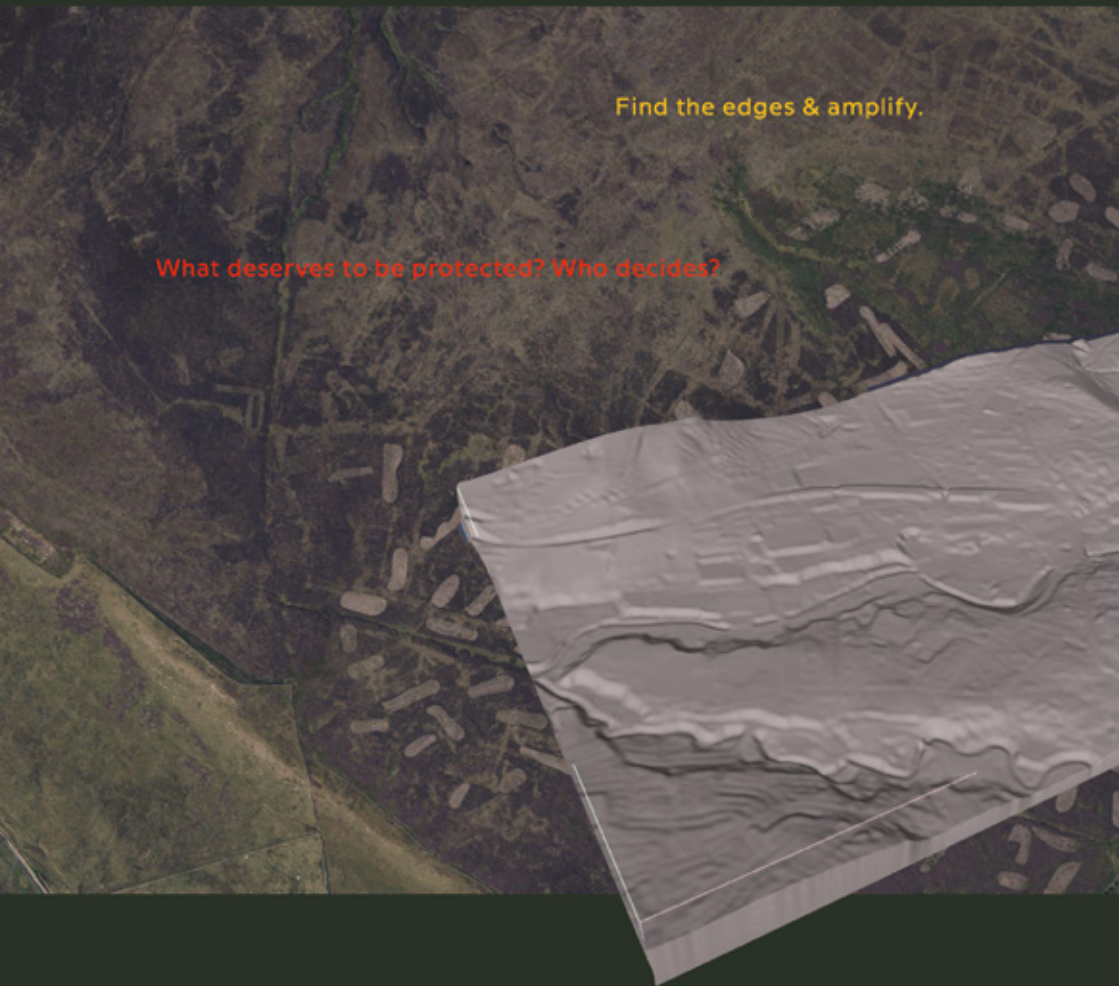
**MAKE ROOM**

**COMMUNITY OF PARTICIPATION**

What can we test here?

Find the edges & amplify.

What deserves to be protected? Who decides?






Glossop

NATURE memories.

- what did you use to hear, see, taste?
- what do you hear now?

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*nature is imagination*