



# THE FESTIVAL ACADEMY

## ONLINE TRAINING #2: FESTIVALS AND THE MITIGATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE

### MENTORS AND SPEAKERS

We are delighted to announce the mentors and speakers for the Online Training #2. Check their bios below and on [this link](#):

#### Facilitator:

- **Mike Van Graan** – Playwright, Founder of the African Cultural Policy Network - South Africa

#### Mentors and working group leaders:

- **Brett Pyper** – Associate Professor and Head of the Wits School of Arts at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, former CEO of the Klein Karoo National Arts Festival (Absa KKNK) – South Africa
- **Robyn Archer** – Singer, writer, creator and Artistic Director The Light in Winter Festival – Australia
- **Lily Hughes** - Programme Manager for the Edinburgh International Culture Summit - UK
- **Samantha Nampuntha** – Event producer, PR and Communications Expert - Malawi
- **Tamar Bruggeman** – Managing Director WoNDeRFeel – Netherlands
- **Tom Creed** – Theatre and opera director, festival director and independent producer - Ireland

#### Speakers:

- **Andy Fryers** – Sustainability Director of Hay Festival - United Kingdom/South America
- **Angharad Wynn Jones** – Head of Creative Engagement at Arts Centre Melbourne – Australia
- **Benn Wiebe** – Executive Producer of HF Productions, Climate Reality Leader, Board Advisor of SIE Society, Advisory Committee member of Center for the Digital Future on the expansion & implementation of GDKP, governance team member of UN Environment's Playing for the Planet Alliance – North America, Australia, South-eastern Asia, EU
- **Prof. Brian Walker** - CSIRO Honorary Fellow, Australian National University Visiting Professor, Fellow in the International Beijer Institute for Ecological Economics Sweden - Australia
- **Chiara Badiali** – Knowledge and Sector Intelligence Lead for Julie's Bicycle – A non-profit organization that supports the creative community to act on climate change and the environment – United Kingdom
- **Dora Palma** – Sustainability Manager at Rock in Rio – Portugal/Brazil
- **Dorottya Bauer** – Virens Events (Sziget Festival) – Germany
- **Lavinia Iovino** – Spokesperson for MockCOP 26 – A group of young people dedicated to creating a set of climate targets ahead of COP26 – Global
- **Tamar Brüggemann** – Co-director of Wonderfeel Festival – Netherlands



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## ATELIER PROGRAMME

### DAY ONE: Tuesday, 20 October

- 14:00**      Introductory session  
Introduction to the Festival Academy  
Purpose and proposed outcomes of the Atelier  
Introductions of all participants
- 16:00**      Introductions in groups of 4
- 16:30**      One-on-one introduction sessions
- 17:00**      Movie on climate change - Rahul Mehrotra (India), an inspiring Indian architect and academic – TED TALK

### DAY TWO: Wednesday, 21 October

- 12:00**      The climate crisis and its regional impacts, some innovative models and responses  
**Speakers:** Andy Fryers, Benn Wiebe, Prof. Brian Walker, Lavinia Iovino
- 14:00**      *[Break]*
- 14:30**      Working Groups: Provocation 'How can the arts and festivals be a leader/instigator towards transformational change related to climate change?'
- If the first step to transformational change is, recognizing the seriousness of the problem, how can we contribute to the acceptance of climate change being a real threat to humanity/our planet?
  - What are actions we could take collectively to generate awareness of this as well in civil society as in formal leaders (political, economic, social etc. )
  - Festivals being micro-communities, what would be models that can inspire people/ leaders to rethink the way cities, life, use of resources could be organized? Are there any projects we could engage in collectively?
- 16:30**      Introduction to the Climate Change Toolkit  
**Speakers:** Lily Hughes, Samantha Nampuntha
- 17:00**      One-on-one sessions with mentors
- 18:00**      Closure



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## DAY THREE: Thursday, 22 September

- 12:00** Panel discussion - Festivals, the arts and climate change: case studies from around the world  
**Speakers:** Angharad Wynn Jones, Dora Palma, Dorottya Bauer, Chiara Badiali, Tamar Brüggemann
- 14:00** Working Groups: Working through the Toolkit  
Practical ways for the arts/festivals to mitigate climate change
- 16:00** Plenary reports from Working Groups
- 17:00** Reflections from mentors/speakers
- 17:30** Social time: groups, one-on-one
- 18:30** Party