



John Hansard Gallery

Community
Takeover

12 June to
20 September 2026

Community Takeover is a celebration of the ideas and talents of local people in Southampton. Co-curated with our JHG Ambassadors.

Enjoy a lively programme of exhibitions, workshops and activities, exploring the theme of care: self-care, care for each other and our surroundings. Gallery One has been transformed into a vibrant and creative space for exploration, listening and rest.

A Public Infrastructure, Soundscale is a project by Alexandra (Sasha) Anikina and Angela YT Chan that asks, 'To what extent are technological infrastructures in the hands of the public?'

Members of the Southampton Winchester Visitor Group (SWVG) have worked with Vanessa Rolf to create **Blanket of Care**. We are hosting walks with Antosh Wojcik to explore **Sounds of our Neighbourhoods**.

Acts of Kindness invites communities to explore small acts that care for their surroundings and for each other, in a commission by Tracey Bush.

Communities and visitors are working with Ren Fang Wooldridge to make miniature **Objects of Care** to create a collection of ceramics. **Journeys of Care** represents the JHG Ambassadors' creative journey and process to co-create ideas presented at the Takeover, with artistic guidance by illustrator Jonny Hannah.

Echoes of Care 003, is an installation by Kwame Phillips and L Gre exploring grief, memory, and Black ways of care. The artists have been working with local communities to build a space of care and belonging that honours traditional cultural practices.

JHG Ambassadors is a group of local people who have volunteered their time since August 2025.

**Community Takeover
offers a space for
exploration and play,
where communities can
come together and share
in our commitment to
being a welcoming and
inclusive space for all.**

Exhibitions

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A Public Infrastructure

'To what extent are technological infrastructures in the hands of the public?' Artists Alexandra (Sasha) Anikina and Angela YT Chan have created a meeting space where themes of technology, social, racial, gender and climate justices can be explored.

A Public Infrastructure is part of UKRI-funded project 'Soundscale' at the University of Southampton.

Blanket of Care

Created by members of the SWVG Art Group, this blanket embodies ideas of care and what care means to this community. Guided by textile artist Vanessa Rolf, each square expresses an element of care that holds particular significance for each person.

Objects of Care

We all value and care for objects we have been gifted or that have a powerful memory for us. It could be an object from home, or a lucky emblem we carry in our pocket. Some of the objects have been made in workshops led by Ren Fang Wooldridge and by the participants in the Touch Tour workshop led by Jo Bressloff.

Acts of Kindness

An installation devised by book artist Tracey Bush and made by community using paper and poetry, reflecting on care for our surroundings and for each other. Join in by adding your Acts of Kindness to our growing expression of shared ideas and words.

Echoes of Care 003

Echoes of Care 003 is a participatory, multi-sensory installation exploring grief, memory, and Black ways of care. Created by Kwame Phillips and L Gre in collaboration with local communities, the installation builds a resonant space of tradition, care and belonging that honours cultural practices while inviting wider audiences to engage.

Supported by Public Engagement with Research Unit and National Trust.

Journeys of Care

JHG Ambassadors share their journey from conversations about ideas to their shared themes of 'Care and Kindness', which has become the main theme of Community Takeover. Created in collaboration with illustrator Jonny Hannah.

Sounds of our Neighbourhoods (from July)

Community-recorded sounds of family-friendly walks across Redbridge and Mansbridge. Explore local urban and wild settings through conversational drifts, guided listening, creative note taking and sampling. Devised in partnership with Antosh Wojcik, poet, drummer and cross-disciplinary artist.

Echoes of Care. Photo Laura Florio



Do join in activities, talks and events throughout the Takeover. All events are free and will happen at John Hansard Gallery unless otherwise stated.

Events & Activities

All activities are free and drop-in,
unless stated otherwise.

Sounds of our Neighbourhood Antosh Wojcik

Mansbridge: Saturday 20 June,
1.30–3.30pm

Redbridge: Saturday 27 June,
1.30–3.30pm

Join Antosh for sound walks across the Redbridge and Mansbridge areas. Together we will record a reservoir of sound samples to be exhibited as part of Community Takeover.

Suitable for all ages. To find out about the 1.30pm meeting points and to book visit jhg.art

Conversations over the Map Sasha Anikina

Wednesday 24 June, 2–3.30pm

Wednesday 29 July, 2–3.30pm

Embroidery and sewing are traditional arts of care and repair. Make a collective textile map of Southampton, exploring public access to technology in your neighbourhood. Who provides care and support when infrastructures fail?

Spaces limited. To book visit jhg.art

Mapping Public Infrastructures: Your Neighbourhood Angela YT Chan

Wednesday 24 June, 6.30–8pm

Build paper-based maps to uncover your connection to your neighbourhood and community through the themes of technology and place.

Spaces limited. To book visit jhg.art

Light On Data Angela YT Chan

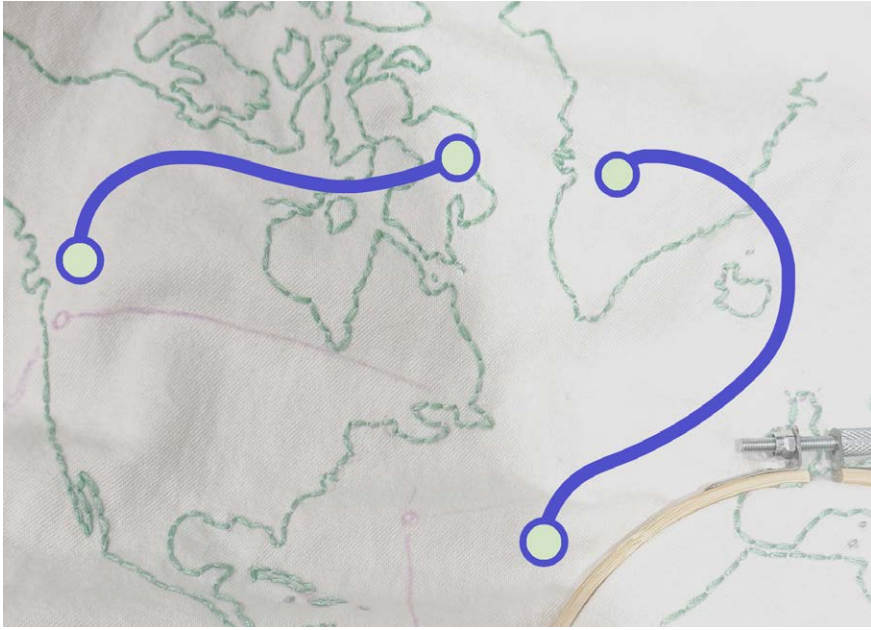
Thursday 25 June, 6.30–8pm

Play with light to tell stories. Design your own torchlight filters through collaging, writing and drawing. Explore the topics of emerging technologies and surveillance, and shine light on civic resistance in the city.

Suitable for ages 14+

Spaces limited. To book visit jhg.art

Conversations over the Map. Photo Sasha Anikina



Touch Tour and workshop Friday 3 July, 10.30am–1pm

Join educator Jo Bressloff for a tour and make soap sculptures inspired by *Objects of Care* for the exhibition.

Suitable for Blind and partially sighted adults and their companions.

Spaces limited. To book visit jhg.art

Songs from Home Thursday 9 July, 12.30–1.30pm

A celebratory, relaxed concert that brings together songs from around the world that have found their way to Southampton, alongside the rich traditions of opera.

All are welcome.

Organised by CLEAR, Welsh National Opera, Southampton Centre for Music Education and Social Justice, Department of Music, and supported by University Sanctuary Team.
Music Director: John Barber

Care Bears

Monday 13 July, 1.30–3.30pm

Join our Future Curator, Jess Starns, for a creative workshop exploring care as artists. Make together, and choose to sew, cut, stuff and share thoughts about how we care, create support and work together.

Suitable for ages 16+

Investigating Climate and Technology

Angela YT Chan

Thursday 30 July, 6.30–8pm

How is technology framed in the climate crisis both as a fix and as a source of material impact on people and the planet? Search for connections between consumption, politics and climate impacts and fast-evolving technologies.

Suitable for ages 16+

Spaces limited. To book visit jhg.art

Events & Activities



The Drop. Photo Ian Wilson

World Stages Now and The Comfort Cook Book Project Saturday 8 August, 2–4pm

By welcoming who people are and where they come from, we find comfort and meaning. Care is a reciprocal action found through connection, emotional attachment and empathy. Drama and shared food are the expressive processes we use to explore and share these pathways with a wider audience. Join our community led-conversation.

The Drop Saturday 12 September, 12–5pm (drop-in)

Southampton's number one live Hip-hop event returns as part of the multi-venue festival, Music in the City. Celebrate the real spirit of Hip-hop culture, showcasing the true, vibrant artistry of this music scene.

Children & Families

All events and activities are open to all ages unless stated otherwise.

Children's workshop. Photo Nosa Malcolm



Space to Create!

Every Saturday

Join us on Saturdays for sessions to draw, make and build together. For artist-led sessions please see details below.

Suitable for ages 4+. Under 16s must be accompanied at all times by an adult. See jhg.art for further details

Tracey Bush

Saturday 13 June, 11am–1pm

Shape paper and poetry, reflecting on care for our surroundings. Include your creations in *Acts of Kindness*, a growing installation of shared ideas and words.

Vanessa Rolf

Saturday 13 June, 2–4pm

Make new work inspired by *Blanket of Care*. Explore what care means to you and create your own fabric patch to show in the gallery.

Ren Fang Wooldridge

Saturday 20 June, 11am–1pm

Make a copy of your object in smaller form using terracotta clay. This object will then be kiln fired and included in *Objects of Care*.

Internet Detectives

Sasha Anikina

Saturday 27 June, 11am–12pm

Find out how the Internet travels under our feet and walk alongside the hidden technologies of the Gallery.

Spaces limited. To book visit jhg.art

Lullaby Workshops

**Monday 29 June, 10–10.45am
and 11.30am–12.15pm**

Join us for family-friendly lullaby-writing workshops. Bring songs, sounds, and traditions from your own culture, sharing and celebrating the rich diversity of our communities and making music feel at home in Southampton.

10–12 families per workshop.

No songwriting experience needed.

Spaces limited. To book visit jhg.art

Lullaby Concert

Monday 29 June, 1–2pm

A lullaby concert, created with families, staff, and little ones at Princess Anne Hospital. Experience how music can support care, bonding, wellbeing, and connection across cultures and communities. Organised by Southampton Centre for Music Education and Social Justice, Department of Music.

Suitable for families.

No need to book, just turn up.

Art Asia Southampton Mela

Saturday 18 July, 11am–4pm

**Offsite: Hoglands Park,
Southampton SO16 5SA**

Join us for a family-friendly creative workshop devised by aTracey Bush. Work made during the workshops may be displayed as part of *Acts of Kindness*.

Jonny Hannah

Saturday 8 August, 11am–1pm

What does Southampton mean to you?

Join Jonny Hannah to add your reflections to *Journeys of Care* in response to the Ambassadors' artistic prompts and views.



Sounds of our Neighbourhood **Antosh Wojcik**

Saturday 22 August, 11am–1pm

Inspired by *Sounds of our Neighbourhood*, through guided listening, creative note-taking and sampling you can explore the spaces inside and outside of the Gallery.

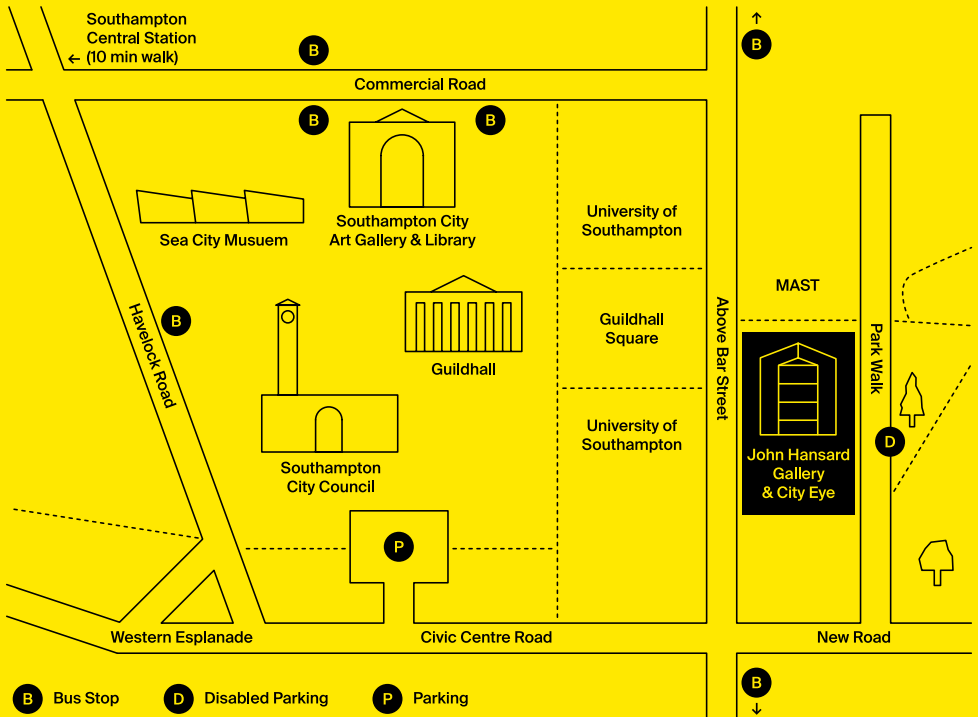
Southampton Pride

Saturday 29 August,
11am–6pm (drop-in)
Guildhall, SO14 7LP

Join us for family-friendly creative workshops devised by Tracey Bush. Work made during the workshops may be displayed as part of *Acts of Kindness*.

For more information
on any of our events visit
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lifts to all floors. We welcome
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