

Manifesto for Sustainable Experimentation 21 May-9 August 2025

Tamsin Pender

Willow you walk withy me?

2025

Willow and other plants, action, 31 May 2025, 3-5pm

Tamsin Pender has been invited to share her recent practice of wreath-making with willow stems (otherwise known as 'withy') when walking in nature: a practical response to grief. In her playful contribution to *Manifesto for Sustainable Experimentation* the artist invites visitors to the opening celebration 'Willow You Walk Withy Me?' – to walk, gather and weave withies and found-plant material from the next-door plant nursery Urban Oasis, into wreaths, in a gentle practice that investigates loss, resilience and unloosing. Wreaths are chain-linked together and remain in the space for the duration of the exhibition.

Tamsin Pender is a multidisciplinary artist and educator who has exhibited at Tate St Ives *As Dark As Light* (1999) and Wallsall New Art Gallery *Girl* (2000) and created learning and participation experiences for the Southbank Centre. She was an early collaborator at Nosepaint 5 June 1993, and over the last 30 years has been commissioned by Beaconsfield for *Glean*, 66-28 June 1998 and *Chronic Epoch* 1995-2005, 14 September-20 November 2005, and exhibited in *Fraternise - The Salon*, 2 April-29 May 2011.



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