

# ONE WORLD FAMILY FESTIVAL

Celebrate the many communities and faiths of Oxfordshire through a dazzling array of free activities, performances, talks and crafts for all ages exploring the theme of Nature.



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**PROGRAMME**

SAT 14 - SUN 15 FEB 2026

## Sat 14 February | Level -1

### Welcome

11–11:10am, Atrium  
Talk

The opening of the One World Family Festival led by Ashmolean Director of Audiences & Content, Gina Koutsika.

### Tea Wind, Tea Soul

11:15am – 12pm, Atrium  
Performance by Oxford Chinese Dance Club

Enjoy a series of poetic and dynamic dance performances celebrating Chinese tea culture. Traditional dances inspired by leaves, water, mountains, and the changing seasons capture the beauty and spirit of tea in motion.

### Adhan, Islamic Call to Prayer

Dhuhr 12:23pm and Asr 3:02pm, Atrium  
Prayer

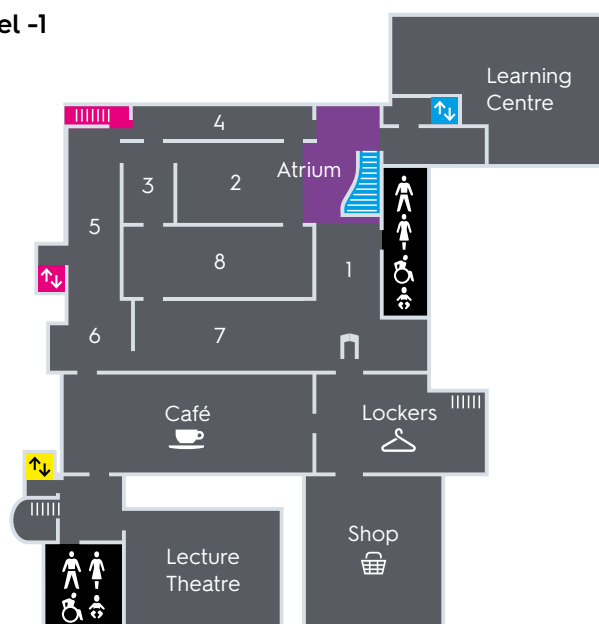
Listen to the Adhan, the melodious Muslim call to prayer, recited five times a day by a mu'adhin. Traditionally delivered from the mosque roof, it's now often called from inside, with speakers carrying the mu'adhin's voice throughout the neighbourhood.

### Hindu Invocation – Bhajan and Chanting

2pm, Atrium  
Prayer

Come and share in the spiritual kirtans and the expression of devotion.

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Toilets

## Sat 14 February | Ground Level

### Embossed Printmaking

11am – 4pm (all day), Gallery 11  
Workshop by Asma Hashmi

Create beautifully embossed prints inspired by nature using your own stencils on a hand press. Play with texture and form to make a unique, tactile artwork to take home.

### Light the Journey

11am – 4pm (all day), Gallery 14  
Workshop by Christ Church Cathedral

Set off on an imaginative eco-pilgrimage inspired by Christian traditions, and open to all. Explore what pilgrimage means, share stories, and craft your own colourful wool staff and paper lantern to brighten the journey.

### Hinduism and Nature

12–1:30pm, Gallery 21  
Performance by Oxford Hindu Temple

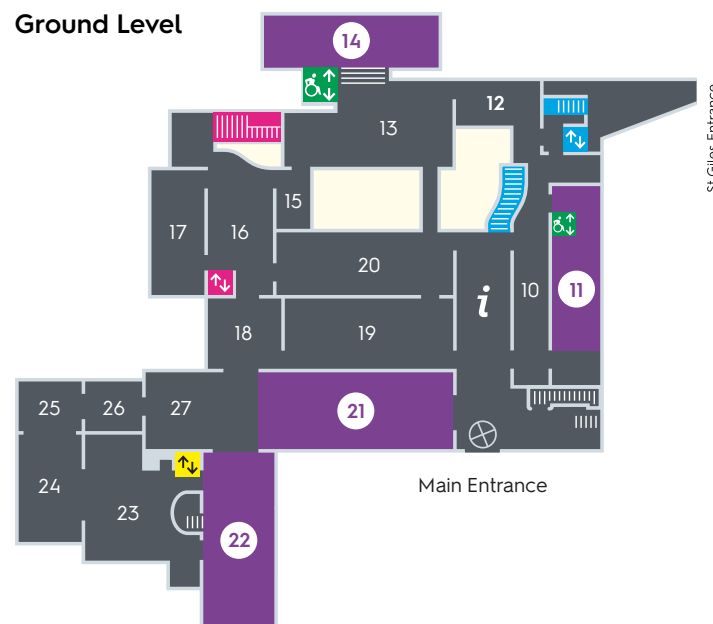
A music-rich storytelling exploration of Hinduism's timeless respect for nature. Discover teachings that honour the elements and natural cycles, encouraging harmony, sustainability, and reflection on our connection to the environment.

### Weaving the World

11am – 4pm (all day), Gallery 22  
Workshop by OVADA

Join a hands-on workshop making 'god's eyes' with natural yarns and twigs. Slow down, connect with materials, and take home your own creation. The activity weaves global stories of the Pleiades, linking nature, navigation, and shared sky traditions across cultures and seasonal change.

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Information

Wheelchair access

## Sat 14 February | Level 1 and Level 2

### Water Stories from Poland

11am – 4pm (all day), Gallery 31

Workshop by Oxford Polish Association

Join in creating a vibrant river-themed collage, share stories, and discover connections among the plants, wildlife, and waterways that call Poland home.

### Islamic Calligraphy Demonstration

11am – 4pm (All Day), Gallery 35

Demonstration by Razwan Baig, Shazain Baig and Shanzay Baig

Watch Islamic calligraphy in action. See how nature inspires this timeless art form, celebrating creativity, faith, and the natural world.

### Moon and Morocco Talk

11:30am – 12:30pm, Gallery 44

Talk by Natty Mark (African School)

Most people focus on the natural world around us, but what is above us can also generate wonder. Explore North African astronomy through brain teasers,

chanting, and a quiz: sharing the beauty and knowledge of the night sky.

### Nature & Faith Panel

1:30–2:30pm, Gallery 44

Talk by Oxford Council of Faiths

Bring your questions about nature and the environment, and hear responses from diverse faith traditions. Join a discussion on how nature shapes spiritual responsibility and discover shared teachings on environmental care and harmony with nature.

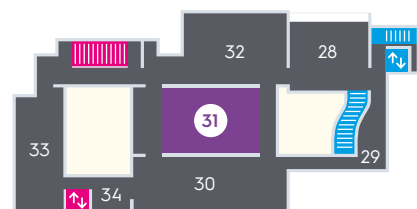
### China–Oxford: Nature & Art in Conversation

3–4:30pm, Gallery 44

Talk by Muzim-Art4Connect and Weave Yard

Join Chinese and British artists, musicians, and community art lovers for art and conversation. Enjoy music and artworks inspired by nature, take part in the discussion, and make quick, creative drawings.

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### Level 2



## Sun 15 February | Level -1

### Musical Storytime: A Journey from the Andes to Appalachia

11am – 12pm, Atrium

Performance by Vanessa Alanis of Canta y No Llores

Enjoy a bilingual musical story time inspired by the Argentine tale *Soy un Coya Chiquitito*. Journey from the Andes of Argentina, Peru, and Colombia to North America through storytelling, crafts, and the joy of making music together.

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### Sung Jewish Prayer

1pm, Atrium

Prayer

Listen to sung Jewish prayer with Cantor Rebecca Blumenfeld of the Oxford Jewish Congregation.

### Closing of One World Festival

3:10pm, Atrium

Talk

The closing of the One World Family Festival led by Ashmolean Director, Xa Sturgis.

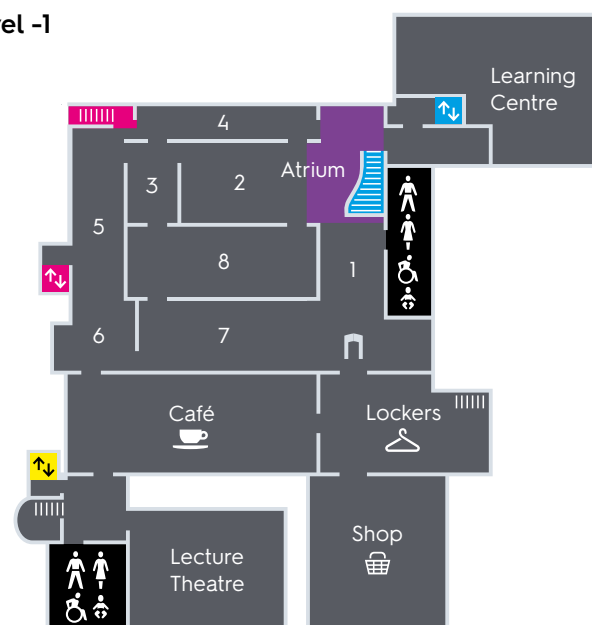
### Entertainers

3:15pm – 4pm, Atrium

Performance by Achi Afro-Fitness

Get moving with this joyful, uplifting dance and fitness session celebrating African culture and community through music and movement.

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## Sun 15 February | Ground Level

### Nature in Characters

1:30–4pm, Gallery 11

Workshop by Chinese Learning Group

Discover nature through the art of Chinese calligraphy and make your own bookmark inspired by characters related to animals, plants, and landscapes.

### The First Garden

11am – 4pm (all day), Gallery 14

Workshop by Oxford Jewish Congregation

Inspired by the account in the Jewish Torah, create your own bright and beautiful Garden of Eden on a paper plate, with colour, texture and imagination.

### Dancing with the Seasons

11:30am – 12:30pm, Gallery 21

Performance by Oxfordshire

Nepalese Community

Experience the vibrant rhythms of traditional Nepalese dance and mindful movement inspired by nature and seasonal festivals. Watch, move, or simply enjoy as music, costume, and rhythm celebrate Nepal's cultural heritage,

connecting people, place, and tradition through shared energy and expression.

### Stories for the Soul

1:30–2:30pm, Gallery 21

Performance by Ayo-Dele Edwards

Join a vibrant storytelling and music performance featuring voice and keyboard. Blending Yoruba traditions with uplifting Christian praise, explore nature's beauty through song and story. Join in with simple call-and-response and joyful refrains, celebrating togetherness, faith, and the harmony of cultures.

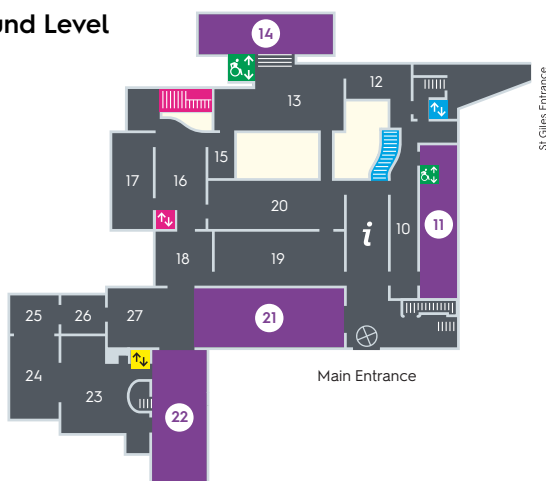
### Eco Art Workshop







11am – 4pm (all day), Gallery 22

Workshop by Tugay Yalcin and Melike Nurgul Balci with Dialogue Society Oxford

Join an interactive eco-art workshop to create artworks from recycled materials while discovering practical ways to live more sustainably. Explore the importance of recycling, learn key facts about environmental pollution, and see how small everyday choices can positively impact the planet.

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## Sun 15 February | Level 1 and Level 2

### Written in Nature

11am – 4pm (All Day), Gallery 31

Workshop by Hanan Zein Eddin

Get creative and make nature-themed collaged bookmarks, decorated with nature-inspired designs and finished with Arabic calligraphy.

### Quaker Meeting for Worship

1:30–2:30pm, Gallery 33

Prayer

Sit together in peaceful silence at this reflective gathering, open to all ages. Listen inwardly and experience a quiet connection with others and the world.

### Nature's Song

11am – 12pm, Gallery 44

Performance by Oxford Jewish Congregation

Hear a selection of Jewish-themed songs and poetry inspired by nature, drawn from diverse Jewish traditions. Enjoy melodies that celebrate the natural world and our shared heritage.

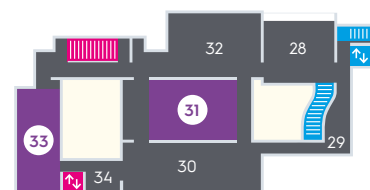
### Sacred Ground and Flowing Rivers

2–3pm, Gallery 44

Performance by Udayan, the Oxfordshire Bengali Cultural Society

Songs, poetry, and classical Indian dance honouring spiritual connections to Mother Earth. With projected English translations, audiences are invited to connect, reflect, and share in a celebration of unity, harmony, and artistic expression.

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### Level 2



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Many objects in the Ashmolean were made, cared for and used by people living in faith communities, in different times and places. Performances and activities this weekend bring these objects from around the world to life.

Please consider a £6 family donation to help with festival costs



Above: Star tile with vegetal and calligraphic decoration, Iran, late 13th – early 14th century, Gallery 31

Right: Visitors taking part in festival activities at the Ashmolean



## Credits

With many thanks to the One World Festival Committee and contributors including: Achi Afro-Fitness CIC, African School, Central Oxford Mosque, Christ Church Cathedral, Muzim-Art4Connect, OVADA, Oxford Chinese Dance Club, Oxford Civic Society, Oxford Council of Faiths, Oxford Dialogue Society, Oxford Hindu Temple and Community Centre Project, Oxford Jewish Congregation, Oxford Polish Association, The Oxford Foundation, Oxfordshire Nepalese Community, The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Udayan – Oxfordshire Bengali Cultural Society, Weave Yard.

## Access Information

- A quiet and prayer room is available in the Learning Centre, from 10am – 4:30pm both days, for rest, prayer, personal reflection or meditation.
- There is British Sign Language (BSL) interpretation 🗣️ for some events on Saturday 14 February.
- There is level access throughout the Museum, with ramps into the building, lifts to all floors. Wheelchairs are available.
- If you need any assistance on the day, please ask our Visitor Experience Assistants for help.

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