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YORKSHIRE ARBORETUM CELEBRATES ART AND SCIENCE WITH NEW ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

The Yorkshire Arboretum is delighted to welcome local artist and scientist Meg Huby as she begins a year-long artist's residency.

Meg, who began her career as a biologist, forged a lifelong bond with the natural world and an interest in human impacts, both good and bad. Her working life in science and public policy has been a source of inspiration for her artwork in a range of media from paint to print.

In her own words, "the natural world is endlessly changing and cycles of dereliction and regeneration in the man-made world reflect decay and growth in nature. The Yorkshire Arboretum itself constantly changes in a cycle of breakdown and regrowth." Meg hopes to produce work that raises awareness about the transience of living things and the vital contribution made by trees to both human and environmental well-being.

She adds, "This residency is incredibly exciting, and the opportunity to explore the arboretum environment through all the seasons will provide fantastic inspiration. It's an absolute privilege and I am looking forward to creating a whole new range of work."

Meg is a passionate advocate of art as something that anyone can take part in and enjoy. During her residency, she is keen to encourage visitors to join in with the process of drawing and painting, and experience how this "can offer new and different ways of understanding the natural environment." She will host a small programme of events at the arboretum throughout her time there, with the first – an informal day session for people of all abilities and experience called 'Trees Undressed' – taking place on Wednesday 6th November.

Yorkshire Arboretum Director Dr John Grimshaw said, "Each Artist-in-Residence has taken a different perspective on the Arboretum. We're very much looking forward to being part of Meg's exploration and seeing the artwork that emerges."

An exhibition of the body of work Meg produces during her year-long residency will run from 18th September to 19th October 2020, featuring original paintings, prints and other merchandise.

To find out more, or to book onto any of Meg's events, please visit:

www.yorkshirearboretum.org/artist-in-residence

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Email attachment – credit Meg Huby

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Yorkshire Arboretum and Ray Wood are gardens of the Castle Howard Arboretum Trust, an independent charity (registration number 1044931) established to maintain and protect these unique collections. Founded in 1997 as a partnership between the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and Castle Howard, the Trust's patron is HRH The Prince of Wales.

The Yorkshire Arboretum is located opposite the entrance to Castle Howard and is open from 10am – 4pm every day from 1st February – 30th November, with extended opening at weekends from 1st May – 31st October. In addition to the 120 acre garden of trees there's a children's woodland playground, a café offering delicious home-cooked seasonal food and drink and a gift shop. Well-behaved dogs are welcome. Admission is £7 for adults, £3.50 for juniors (12-16) and £17.50 for families. Under 12s are admitted free. Find out more at www.yorkshirearboretum.org

The arboretum's annual event programme includes a wide range of family and outdoor activities, botanical and horticultural education, and arts and crafts workshops. Full details are available at www.yorkshirearboretum.org

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