

In and Out of Time: Story Gathering across Borders

19-23 November 2024, Guesthouse, Le Locle



To all Story Lovers! An alle, die Geschichten lieben! Pour Tou.t.e.s qui aiment les contes !

Join us for magical days of music, workshops, storytelling and more!

(L'atelier et les histoires sont en anglais – mais nous proposons volontiers un soutien linguistique / Workshop und Geschichten sind auf Englisch – gerne bieten wir jedoch sprachliche Unterstützung)

Through story, music and walking, we will be crossing borders, visiting places in between, and journeying to the far reaches of imagination, dream worlds and beyond.

Join us, to nourish our bodies, minds and spirits. Discover the energy of place, wild plants, craftswomanship, and most of all, stories to live with in these times of chaos and upheaval.

As the days shorten and the nights get longer, the twilight and the fireside offer quiet times to reconnect to a deep ancestral wisdom that speaks in riddles, poems, songs, and story. It will be a time of reflection, of looking inwards, while dropping deeper into space and location. We will be walking the territory of story, song, or memory. Establishing a rhythm of connectivity, finally balanced with the weather, and the land.

Full Programme

Tuesday 19/11/2024: Connection, Time & Role of the Ancestral

9-13h: Workshop with Anna: Mapping connection and time, and understanding the role of the ancestral. Through exercises, ritual, poetry, and story we will journey to meet the ancestors.

14-18h: Afternoon with Stacey and Sophie: Refreshing time travel through the streets of Le Locle, followed by Voice, Sounds & Music in Stories and Bilingual Storytelling

19-21h: The Coat and its Stories, with Sophie and others, by the fireplace

Wednesday 20/11/2024: Mapping the Internal, Sensation & Feelings

9-13h: Workshop with Anna: Mapping the internal, through understanding and working with sensation and feelings: Skin, Flesh, Muscle, and Bone of a story - moving it into our bodies

14-18h: Philosophy and poetry of time: Visiting the watch museum Château des Monts, followed by input and exchange with and among storytellers

19-21h: Informal story jamming session, by the fireplace

Thursday 21/11/2024: Mapping Space and Location

9-13h: Workshop with Anna: Mapping space and location, walking the territory, asking how does your story travel across the landscape? How does the land speak through you and your story?

14-18h: Experiencing outdoors with Jane: Outing to the border zone, to listen to the wind, the trees, and the rocks

19-21h: On weaving and knitting: If you like, come and make your own coat (it may well be accompanied by stories and a drink), by the fireplace

Friday 22/11/2024 Underground: What's behind

9-13h: Workshop with Anna: Mapping the history of a story. Researching its background and what each of your characters bring to a story.

14-18h: Deeper levels: Visit to the Moulins Souterrains - underground mills. Reflections on light and electricity, the night turned day, with Sophie

19-21h: Stories developed over the week coming alive: Invitation to tell your story by the fireplace

Saturday 23/11/2024: In and Out of Time

Suggestion, around 16h: Visit to the Musée des Beaux-Arts, including Tchín-Tchín Performance with Michael Günzburger (starting 17.30h)

Saturday 23/11/2024, 19.30h: In and Out of Time - Story Night

An evening packed full of bewitching stories and music. Jane travels to the coast of Scotland, with tales of shapeshifting women taking to the seas. Stacey will enchant with her story: 'The Lady of the Lake' who emerges from the water with a herd of cows. And Anna will share 'The Handless Maiden' who travels through a magical forest where time stands still.

>> *all events can be attended separately, please let us know you're coming:*

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>> *please note that times can slightly vary. plenty of breaks are included in the workshop times*