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British Geological Survey exhibition brings science to life through art and storytelling

A range of art installations, from sculpture to film, will be on display for the first time in Edinburgh for one day this year, letting visitors see geology from a new perspective.

The 'Science through storytelling: The art of geology' exhibition at Dynamic Earth on Sunday 11 November brings together a diverse collection of art produced by British Geological Survey (BGS) scientists, who have used their creativity to share their knowledge and scientific experiences with a wider audience.

The exhibition curated by the British Geological Survey, a world-leading applied geoscience research centre which has its Scottish headquarters at the Lyell Centre on Heriot-Watt University's campus, will take visitors on a journey from volcanoes on Caribbean islands to the basalt columns of the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland.

Each work of art has been created by a member of the team at BGS and they will be present at the exhibition to talk to visitors about their inspiration.

Dr Anna Hicks, a volcanologist who came up with the idea for the exhibition, hopes the eclectic range will let visitors see geology in a new light.

Dr Hicks says: "Our exhibition is a chance to see science through a completely different lens. Visitors will be able to engage with the scientists on a personal level and discuss their artistic creations."

Art featured in the exhibition will include: 'waterways' on how we interact with rivers and their surroundings; music created from seismic waves of earthquakes; a geology map of Northern Ireland created from tweed and other textiles; fossil bowls inspired by ancient sea beds, and much more.

Dr Hicks's own 'Living with Volcanoes' exhibit is a series of oral history films featuring people who have survived eruptions and continue to live alongside the risk posed by active volcanoes. She has spent much of her working life travelling around areas of the world with active volcanoes, engaging with local communities to understand why and how people live with volcanic risk, and developing ways that scientists can combine their knowledge with local knowledge to help reduce that risk.

BGS hopes their new exhibition will present science in a fresh light by engaging with visitors in a way they might not expect through art and storytelling.

The British Geological Survey's 'Science through storytelling: The art of geology' exhibition will be at Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh from 10am-4pm on Sunday 11 November.

Entry to the exhibition is free of charge.



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