

Panel Discussion on Sustainability in the Arts

Biography

Emma Honeyford



Emma-Jay Honeyford is a *Sustainability Advisor* at *Factory International*. She holds a degree in Human Geography and an MSc in Environmental Management & Sustainable Development, with a strong commitment to sustainability, local communities, and the role of arts and culture in driving meaningful change.

Her work is informed by both lived experience and academic research. Having grown up in Wythenshawe, Manchester—often referred to as a garden city—she has seen firsthand how access to nature can enhance resilience in communities facing socio-economic challenges. This has shaped her belief in the vital role of green spaces in fostering well-being, supporting social mobility, and contributing to a sustainable future.

Emma takes a trauma-informed and intersectional approach, recognising that environmental and social issues are deeply interconnected. She believes that addressing human challenges is fundamental to reconnecting people with the planet and achieving lasting environmental progress.

She is the co-author of "*Brighter Futures, Greener Lives in UK Sustainable Development Policy*," a chapter featured in *Critical Geographies of Childhood and Youth: Contemporary Policy and Practice*, (2012).