

Birmingham Settlement presents

Neighbourhood FUTURES FESTIVAL 2026

26-28 JUNE

FRIDAY 26th JUNE

AMPHITHEATRE

2:30pm-3:30pm - Navigating Complex Systems

The challenges of community-led greening and the support available - Q&A.

4.30pm-5pm - Keneish Dance present She; Through the Wild, an African-Jamaican dance journey through time.

NATURE ZONE

12pm-1:30pm - Campfire Conversations
Inspiring stories from the people, organisations, and groups regreening their communities.

5pm-6:30pm - Open Mic
Stories, poetry, songs and conversation around the campfire.

COMPOST ZONE / PLANT ZONE

11am-2pm - FOTF Compost Build

Help the Friends of the Field volunteers build a new community compost bay!

2pm-4pm - Plant With Pat

Have a go at gardening with Pat!

COMMUNITY
GARDEN

CENTRAL FIELD

10.30am-11am - Morning Yoga

Get your morning off to a relaxing start.

3pm-6:30pm - Community Picnic & Play!

Bring a blanket and picnic (or grab a bite from the Red Shed Cafe) for our Community Picnic! With sports, games, crafts and more.

ALL DAY - Festival Marketplace

Explore various stalls with our community partners. Meet funders, connect with local groups working for a greener Birmingham.

DOMES & COURTYARD

LARGE DOME - The Settlement Story History Exhibition & Settlement Charity Shop.

SMALL DOME - RECLAIM
Co-Design a Community Garden using recycled materials!



POWER IN
place

OFF GRID ZONE (ON FRIDAY, THE OFF GRID ZONE IS BY THE MARKETPLACE)

10:30am-11pm - Mindfulness with David

A morning mindfulness session in the peaceful surrounds of nature.

2:30pm-5pm - Seeing in Colour

Thermal imaging with Community Energy Birmingham.

1:30pm-3pm, 5pm-6.30pm - The People's Emergency Briefing

Film screening with GreenPeace UK + discussion.

BONGA TENT

10:45am-11:45am - Green Connections

Networking with Ladywood NNS

RESERVOIR GATES

3:30pm-4:30pm - Birds & Butterflies Reservoir Walk

Take a stroll with Friends of Edgbaston Reservoir.

ON ALL DAY!

Kids Zone - Settlement Crafts

Come along and explore your creative side!

Marketplace - Birmingham Settlement Healing Arts Showcase

Exhibition of artwork created by activity groups across our centres.

Marketplace

Visit a variety of stallholders and community groups!

COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE & FESTIVAL INFO POINT

Friends of the Earth | Act on Energy | Warm Earth | Ladywood & Edgbaston NNS | Friends of Edgbaston Reservoir | Incredible Surplus | Kings Trust | & many more!

WELLBEING TENT

1:30pm-2:30pm - Wellbeing Through Nature

Workshop with Birmingham Mind.

CREATIVE SHED

10:30am-4:30pm - Meet CIVIC SQUARE, drop-in to try the art of Block Printing (12pm-3pm).

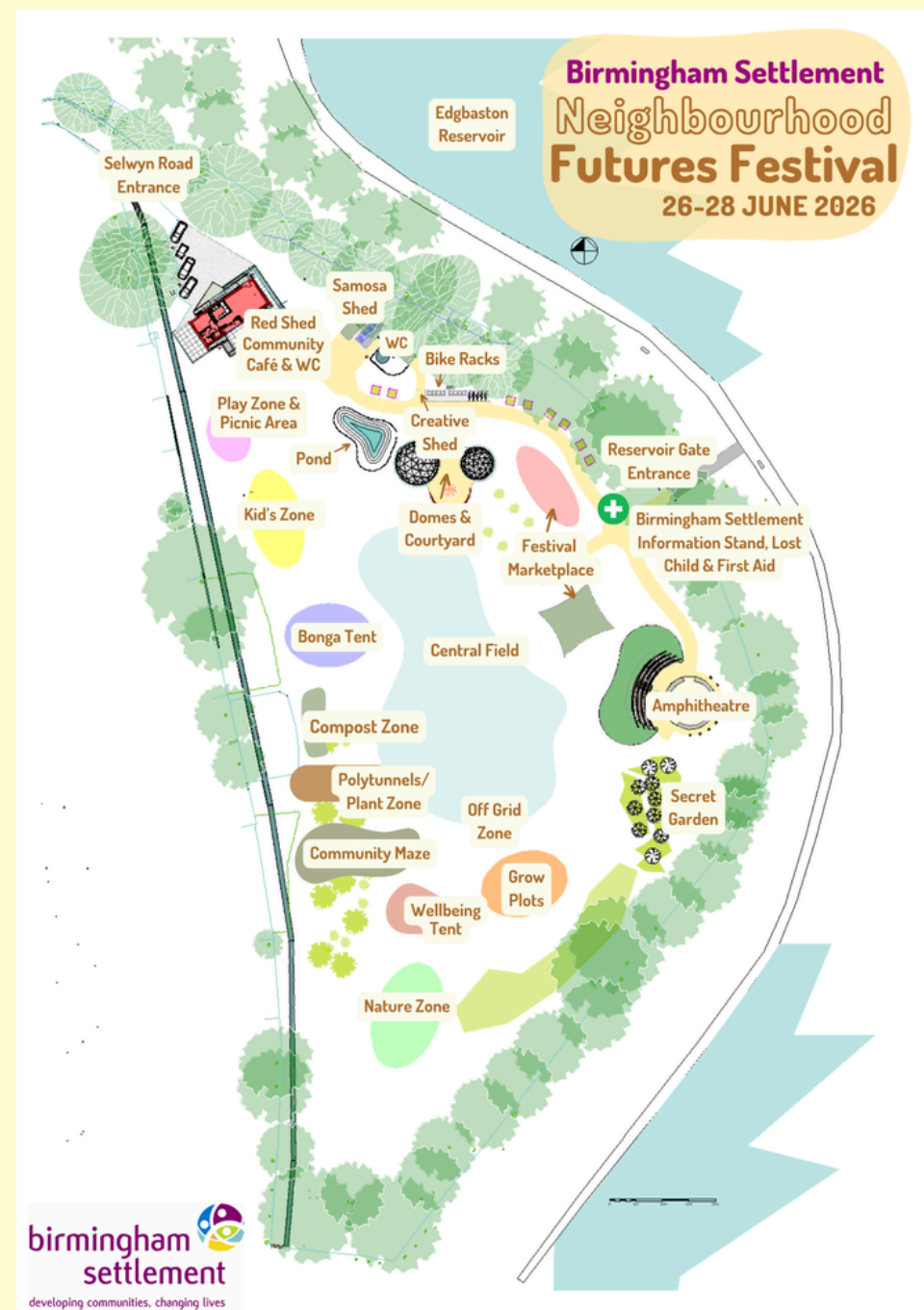
MEET @ POND

1:45pm-2:30pm - Climate Action Demonstrator Tour

A guided tour of the Nature & Wellbeing Centre.

4pm-5pm - Nature Navigators

Try pond-dipping, explore the overnight moth trap!



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