

DOWN TO EARTH الأرض إلى الأسفل

26.11.21 + 27.11.21

CELEBRATING ALL THINGS GREEN

FRIDAY
1pm—9pm

JAMEEL ARTS CENTRE
Jaddaf Waterfront, Dubai

SATURDAY
1pm—7pm

A WEEKEND OF: PLANTS • TALKS • WORKSHOPS • FLOWERS •
FOOD • BEES • GARDEN TOURS • DEMOS • SHOPPING

SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERS: BEE'AH • HAWA WATER

COMMUNITY PARTNER: DUBAI HOLDING

WITH THANKS TO: AL BAYADER • BOCA RESTAURANT •
DUBAI MUNICIPALITY • MINISTRY OF CLIMATE CHANGE &
ENVIRONMENT • NAI ARABIA • SOMA MATER

EXPLORE THE SCHEDULE

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ALL SESSIONS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS

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Experience a DIY way of making paper by playing with colour and found objects, such as leaves and flowers. **(Age 10+)**

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Ghaf seed planting

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Grow & Tell Zone

with Goumbook

Under their flagship initiative, the “Give a Ghaf” tree planting programme, sustainability-focussed social enterprise Goumbook invites children of all ages to nourish the UAE’s heritage and contribute to sustainably greening the communities of the future. Make a contribution by planting Ghaf seeds – the UAE national tree, a symbol for resilience and tolerance. **(Age 5+; must be accompanied by an adult)**

2:00–4:00pm

Plastic yarn crochet

Workshop

Rooftop Terrace

with Abdulrahman Bucheeri

Grab your hooks and learn how to transform plastic bags into all kinds of creations in this beginner-friendly, sustainable crochet workshop led by Bahraini crafter Abdulrahman Bucheeri and organised by Farah Ali of the Art Jameel Assembly. Participants will walk away with eco-friendly plarn (plastic yarn) creations made with love and a fantastical green spirit. **(Age 12+)**

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Adult workshop

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Panel discussion

This panel explores socially conscious, grassroots collectives in the UAE who are disrupting conventional modes of knowledge production in artistic and academic settings. Featured panelists: Bhoomika Ghaghada from Gulf Creative Collective and Vamika Sinha from Postscript Magazine. **(Age 13+)**

3:00–4:30pm

Project Space

Mindful mini gardens

with Nazy Saif

Adult workshop

Revive your connection to nature as you channel the senses of touch, smell, sight and sound under the guidance of mindfulness practitioner Nazish Saif Zubairy, to slowly make your own mini garden with real plants and flowers to take home or gift to a loved one. **(Age 13+)**

3:00–4:30pm

La Brocante Lounge

Upcycling your home

with Pia Desai

Adult workshop

In this introductory workshop on upcycling and transforming old furniture, participants will use chalk paints, transfer stickers and stencils to turn plain items into personalised, bright and beautiful ones. Join in for a fun and colourful afternoon of upcycling wooden trays to take home. **(Age 13+)**

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Material activism

Adult workshop

Creek
Workshop
Zone

with Material8

In this “makeshop,” sustainability passion leaders Caoimhe Jane and Lizzie Monaghan guide you through what it means to become a material researcher, using cooking ingredients that you might come across in daily life to play, experiment and create your own bioplastics as you explore and identify the consistencies and natural colours you prefer, whilst gaining a deeper understanding of plastics versus bioplastics, alongside their material benefits and potential. **(Age 16+)**

3:30–4:00pm

Trends on single use plastic in the UAE

Talk

Amphitheatre

with Shift Eco

The consumption of single use plastics is on the rise. During this talk, the speakers share the results of their research on single-use plastic waste in the UAE, highlighting consumer habits, impact and willingness to change. Featured speakers: Namrata Bhudraja, Shift Eco and Maria Talakina, Nielsen Sports. **(All ages)**

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An informative session led by aquascaping artist, Huzefa Goga, on the different variety of accessible aquarium plants. Covering the different subfamilies, size groups and difficulty levels, Huzefa will also outline how each group can be used best and the benefits that some groups have over others. **(All ages)**

4:00–4:45pm

We can save the planet!

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Gardens

with Bookends

A storytelling session about recycling in connection with Bookends’ bookmark-making session out of pages from pre-loved books. **(Age 5+; must be accompanied by an adult)**

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Origamipalooza

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with Reem Al Bastaki

Fold, crease, fold! In this paper workshop, you will learn and expand your origami-making skills by delving into simple origami exercises using recycled paper. Exercise your problem-solving skills and hand-eye coordination as you create something beautiful from paper that was meant to be discarded. **(Age 8+)**

4:15–5:00pm

Buzz in!

Demonstration

Grow & Tell Zone

with Oliver's Bee Farm

Learn everything you need to know about bees, from the distances they travel to caring for your own hive to harvesting honey. **(All ages)**

4:30–4:50pm

Tree for 50

Talk

Amphitheatre

with Vahid Fotuhi

The founder of Impact Adventures discusses an ambitious project that aims to plant 50,000 mangroves in the UAE and 50,000 in Africa, in collaboration with AQDAR and the Kenya Forest Service, by March 2022 in honour of the 50th anniversary of the UAE. The campaign is designed to help us engage with the nature around us in a fun and adventurous way. **(All ages)**

4:30–6:30pm

Nano terrarium

Demonstration

Bazaar

with Discus.ae

This demo takes you through the exercise of designing a desktop terrarium with the use of moss and rhizomatous plants for an exotic display in a closed, humid glass enclosure, explaining the requirements and elements needed to enjoy the processes of planting and caring involved in this artistic undertaking. **(All ages)**

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Adult workshop

with Sustainability Tribe

During this workshop, you will explore the basics of sustainable and organic gardening in the UAE, and the essential tips for growing edible and non-edible plants and maintaining a healthy garden. Embracing a zero-waste and sustainable lifestyle, you will create a planter out of waste material to kickstart your at-home gardening journey. **(Age 16+)**

5:00–6:15pm

Amphitheatre

Food x Climate in collaboration with SOMA MATER

Talk

5:00–5:15pm

Sonia Weymuller | The Founding Partner of Venture Souq will discuss the emerging impact-investment landscape in the region and her experience building out the Conscious Collective.

5:20–5:35pm

Lara Hussein | The Co-founder of The Waste Lab discusses the importance of rescuing food scraps and building soil, so that every scrap becomes a solution rather than a burden on our society and environment.

5:40–5:55pm

Deema Khoury | The Marketing & PR Manager for Dibba Bay Oysters shares insights on how oyster farming is one of the most sustainable and climate positive forms of animal farming out there.

6:00–6:15pm

Keary Shandler | The University Lecturer in Business Sustainability at Murdoch University shares a hopeful message for combatting being overwhelmed by all the climate emergency talk and looking at the positive power we have as consumers and communities.

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Clay as a canvas

Adult workshop

*Outdoor
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with Hadeel Al Heeti

In this ceramics workshop led by Hadeel Al Heeti of HAH Ceramics, learn how to employ hand-building techniques to produce low, high and sunken reliefs using clay as a canvas. Combining texture, carving and layering to create these sculptural reliefs, participants will observe the landscape and surroundings of Jaddaf Waterfront and Jameel Arts Centre to construct symbolic shapes, forms and layers to assemble a foreground, midground and background on ceramic slabs. **(Age 16+)**

6:15–7:00pm

Stamping with leaves

Workshop

Project Space

with Khalid Mezaina

Looking at nature as a source of inspiration and materials, utilise a variety of leaves, plants and weeds as organic stamps to produce a dynamic design printed onto a fabric surface. Take home your very own hand-printed botanical textile. **(Age 5+; must be accompanied by an adult)**

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Embracing our collective responsibility to normalise sustainable practices through businesses and individual action, this panel discussion explores how sustainability-focussed start-ups from across multiple sectors in the UAE are taking steps toward a greener planet and overcoming the challenges they face along the way. **(All ages)**

7:00–8:00pm

Bowl environment

Adult workshop

Bazaar

with Discus.ae

A collaborative demonstration and workshop led by aquascaper and aquatic Bonsai sculptor, RJ Denosta, to showcase and teach the method of building a miniature planted ecosystem within a small glass bowl, using natural materials and live plants to create either a desk terrarium or a filled in aquatic layout with endless possibilities and concepts. **(Age 16+)**

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Precious plastics

with Hernan Torres

This workshop teaches you about different types of plastic and how to identify them. After hands-on exercises and experiments, you will use specialised recycling machines – both a shredder and an injector – to make your own useful products out of bottle caps! **(Age 8+)**

Workshop

7:30–9:00pm

Project Space

The gift of smudging

with Zina Alhasan

Reconnect with your senses and with nature as you work with a mix of sage, rosemary, lavender and roses to create a smudge stick in this beginner-friendly, DIY-style workshop led by yoga instructor and cacao ceremony facilitator Zina Alhasan. Participants will walk away with a thoughtful and cleansing gift made with love and intention, either for themselves or for a loved one. **(Age 5+; must be accompanied by an adult)**

Workshop

All Day



1:00–7:00pm

Bazaar

Bubble-wand making

with My Backyard Chronicles

Forget plastic wands! Get creative and keep the planet happy by making your very own bubble wands using bamboo and cotton string to make colourful bubbles around the park! **(Age 5+; must be accompanied by an adult)**

Workshop

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Bazaar

Plant doctor

with The House of Plants

Wondering how to keep your plant happy and thriving? Get professional help by bringing an image of your plant to receive helpful advice on all things plant care, including the repotting and watering tips you need to maintain a healthy growing plant! **(All ages)**

Special Activation

All day

Galleries

Jameel Arts Centre exhibitions

See 'Pacita Abad: I thought the Streets Were Paved with Gold'; 'The Distance from Here'; Artist's Rooms: Samson Young; Off Centre / On Stage curated by Todd Reisz; *The Jump*, a film by Shuruq Harb; and Artist's Garden *Desert is a Forest*.

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Roof Terrace

Faire Trade

in collaboration with Farah Ali

Special activation

Visit the interactive community free store where everything is priceless and completely sustained by its visitors! Drop off new or preloved items gathering dust at home—from unread books to a funky shirt—in exchange for any item that spikes your interest. Faire Trade aims to encourage organic community-spirited interactions through the sustainable and circular exchange of material items.

All day

*Park and
Creekside*

**HERE-O, Salad Jar, Teible,
The Ice Cream Shop & Veghana**

F&B

Satisfy your cravings for light bites and refreshments or enjoy a meal in the designated picnic area across the Jaddaf Waterfront Sculpture Park.

All Day

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The Green Bazaar

Shop

The Green Bazaar features everything one needs to grow, nurture and accessorise a broad variety of indoor and outdoor plants, plus the fashion, home decor and sustainable living must-haves for every conscious consumer.

All Day

Creekside

Jaddaf Community Garden

Special Activation

Join us as we launch a participatory project that invites local residents to grow fruits, vegetables and herbs and to connect around creating a shared sense of community alongside the creek in Jaddaf. Powered by Al Bayader. **(All ages)**

All day

Creekside

La Brocante Lounge

Pop-up

Recycled, restored, upcycled and preloved. Take a moment to catch your breath as you look out onto the Dubai Creek and try out La Brocante's vintage furniture in this special pop-up. Sit back, relax and try before you buy (or rent)!

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Artist's Garden tour

Tour

Lobby

with Nadine El-Khoury

Join Nadine El-Khoury, of the Art Jameel curatorial team, in exploring the unique history of the UAE's plant ecology and nutritional habits through this year's garden commission, *Desert is a Forest*. **(All ages)**

2:00–3:00pm

Plant your garden

Workshop

Bazaar

with The House of Plants

Sow a seed and watch it grow into a big and healthy plant in your take-home sustainable recycled pot. **(Age 5+; must be accompanied by an adult)**

2:00–4:00pm

Ghaf seed planting

Workshop

Grow & Tell Zone

with Goumbook

Under their flagship initiative, the "Give a Ghaf" tree planting programme, sustainability-focussed social enterprise Goumbook invites children of all ages to nourish the UAE's heritage and contribute to sustainably greening the communities of the future. Make a contribution by planting Ghaf seeds – the UAE national tree, a symbol for resilience and tolerance. **(Age 5+; must be accompanied by an adult)**

2:15pm–3:00pm

Photo walk: Capture/Preserve

Adult workshop

Lobby

with Gulf Photo Plus

Explore the Jameel Arts Centre Artist's Garden with locally based photographers. This photography workshop walks through *Desert is a Forest* and the 7 desert courtyards. You will take the time to honour the plant life native to the land and explore an alternative method of preservation: taking photographs. Come along with your phones or cameras to capture and preserve nature in this photo stroll. **(Age 13+)**

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Socially disruptive

Panel discussion

Jameel Library

in collaboration with Lubnah Ansari

This panel explores socially conscious, grassroots collectives in the UAE who are disrupting conventional modes of knowledge production in artistic and academic settings. Featured panelists: Shamsa Al Ameemi from Swalif Collective and Shayma Al Harthi from Unootha Magazine. **(Age 13+)**

3:00–4:30pm

The gift of smudging

Workshop

Project Space

with Zina Alhasan

Reconnect with your senses and with nature as you work with a mix of sage, rosemary, lavender and roses to create a smudge stick in this beginner-friendly, DIY-style workshop led by yoga instructor and cacao ceremony facilitator Zina Alhasan. Participants will walk away with a thoughtful and cleansing gift made with love and intention, either for themselves or for a loved one. **(Age 5+; must be accompanied by an adult)**

3:00–4:30pm

Upcycling your home

Adult workshop

La Brocante Lounge

with Pia Desai

In this introductory workshop on upcycling and transforming old furniture, participants will use chalk paints, transfer stickers and stencils to turn plain items into personalised, bright and beautiful ones. Join in for a fun and colourful afternoon of upcycling wooden trays to take home. **(Age 13+)**

3:15–4:00pm

Material activism

Adult workshop

*Creek
Workshop
Zone*

with Material8

In this “makeshop,” sustainability passion leaders Caoimhe Jane and Lizzie Monaghan guide you through what it means to become a material researcher, using cooking ingredients that you might come across in daily life to play, experiment and create your own bioplastics as you explore and identify the consistencies and natural colours you prefer, whilst gaining a deeper understanding of plastics versus bioplastics, alongside their material benefits and potential. **(Age 16+)**

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4:00–4:20pm

Amphitheatre

Clean and conscious

with *Beauty Binge*

Talk

Organic, vegan, clean, cruelty-free and more — marketing buzzwords or missions with purpose? Get up close and personal with the beauty industry and learn to differentiate myths from reality as you get to know the importance and impact of purchasing clean and supporting businesses that truly are ethical and eco-conscious, regardless of your age, background or gender. Featured speaker: Minal Siyal, Beauty Binge. **(All ages)**

4:00–4:30pm

Bazaar

Types of aquatic plants

with *Discus.ae*

Demonstration

An informative talk by aquascaping artist, Huzefa Goga, on the different variety of accessible aquarium plants. Covering the different subfamilies, size groups, and difficulty levels including how each group is used best and the benefits some have over the others. **(All ages)**

4:00–5:00pm

Artist's Garden

BOCA x Desert is a Forest

with *Matthijs Stinnissen*

Adult workshop

This tasting session with award-winning BOCA restaurant chef Matthijs Stinnissen draws inspiration from the Artist's Garden commission by taking three desert plants native to the UAE, which have traditionally been used as food or medicine, as a starting point for new recipes using aging, pickling and fermenting techniques. **(Age 16+)**

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Observational sketching

Adult workshop

Lobby

with Bayan Dahdah

Following the principle of drawing what you see, not what you think you see, multidisciplinary artist Bayan Dahdah will guide you through the mindful art of observational sketching by quieting the mind to draw exactly what is in front of you, as an exercise in meditation as well as sketching. Taking place in the Lobby, participants will repeat this meditative exercise to get out of their heads and onto the page. You're encouraged to bring your own sketchbook for this workshop. **(Age 16+)**

4:00–6:00pm

Precious plastics

Workshop

*Tashkeel
Workshop
Zone*

with Hernan Torres

This workshop teaches you about different types of plastic and how to identify them. After hands-on exercises and experiments, you will use specialised recycling machines – both a shredder and an injector – to make your own useful products out of bottle caps! **(Age 8+)**

4:15–5:00pm

Buzz in!

Demonstration

Grow & Tell Zone

with Oliver's Bee Farm

Learn everything you need to know about bees, from the distances they travel to caring for your own hive to harvesting honey. **(All ages)**

4:30–5:15pm

Bookmark making

Workshop

*Outdoor
Workshop
Area*

with Bookends

Never lose your spot in your book again, with your very own DIY bookmark made from pages of pre-loved books. **(Age 5+; must be accompanied by an adult)**

4:30–6:30pm

Nature aquarium

Demonstration

Bazaar

with Discus.ae

Witness an elaborate demonstration of a design inspired by the late Japanese artist Takashi Amano, known worldwide as "The Master of Aquascape". Watch as a layout recreating an ecosystem using natural materials such as mountain rocks, drift woods, special substrates and a combination of plants which grow on hard surfaces and from the ground, comes to life from start to finish. **(All ages)**

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5:00–5:45pm

Project Space

Intro to DIY gardening

with Sustainability Tribe

Adult workshop

During this workshop, you will explore the basics of sustainable and organic gardening in the UAE, and the essential tips for growing edible and non-edible plants and maintaining a healthy garden. Embracing a zero-waste and sustainable lifestyle, you will create a planter out of waste material to kickstart your at-home gardening journey. **(Age 16+)**

5:00–6:15pm

Amphitheatre

Food x Climate in collaboration with SOMA MATER

Talk

5:00–5:15pm

Karine Salibi | A recent MSc Food Policy graduate from City University London explores food waste in Dubai, and the technology that can help us reduce our climate impact and drive greater food security at the city level.

5:20–5:35pm

Fatema Almulla | From the UAE Ministry of Climate Change and Environment, will be discussing the key aspects of food security, what it means for the UAE, and the approaches to building a more secure food future.

5:40–5:55pm

Tina Latif | Advisor at the Office of the UAE Climate Change Envoy will be discussing the most recent global and national initiatives being undertaken by the UAE to combat climate change through the agricultural sector.

6:00–6:15pm

Lara Rudar | UAE Ambassador for Nature provides insight on how youth are leading climate action around the world as well as environmental initiatives that UAE residents can join to make a positive impact.

5:15–5:45pm

Grow & Tell Zone

Composting

with The Waste Lab

Demonstration

Composting queries? The Waste Lab has answers! Join this session on getting started in the desert and how to troubleshoot some of our climate's unique challenges. **(All ages)**

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Clay as a canvas

Adult workshop

*Outdoor
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Area*

with Hadeel Al Heeti

In this ceramics workshop led by Hadeel Al Heeti of HAH Ceramics, learn how to employ hand-building techniques to produce low, high and sunken reliefs using clay as a canvas. Combining texture, carving and layering to create these sculptural reliefs, participants will observe the landscape and surroundings of Jaddaf Waterfront and Jameel Arts Centre to construct symbolic shapes, forms and layers to assemble a foreground, midground and background on ceramic slabs. **(Age 16+)**

6:15–7:00pm

Stamping with leaves

Workshop

Project Space

with Khalid Mezaina

Looking at nature as a source of inspiration and materials, utilise a variety of leaves, plants and weeds as organic stamps to produce a dynamic design printed onto a fabric surface. Take home your very own hand-printed botanical textile. **(Age 5+; must be accompanied by an adult)**

All Day



1:00–7:00pm

Bubble-wand making

Workshop

Bazaar

with My Backyard Chronicles

Forget plastic wands! Get creative and keep the planet happy by making your very own bubble wands using bamboo and cotton string to make colourful bubbles around the park! **(Age 5+; must be accompanied by an adult)**

1:00–7:00pm

Plant doctor

Special Activation

Bazaar

with The House of Plants

Wondering how to keep your plant happy and thriving? Get professional help by bringing an image of your plant to receive helpful advice on all things plant care, including the repotting and watering tips you need to maintain a healthy growing plant! **(All ages)**

All day

Jameel Arts Centre exhibitions

Exhibitions

Galleries

See 'Pacita Abad: I thought the Streets Were Paved with Gold'; 'The Distance from Here'; Artist's Rooms: Samson Young; Off Centre / On Stage curated by Todd Reisz; and Artist's Garden *Desert is a Forest*.

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Gallery 9

Film screening

Film

The Sky Oscillates Between Eternity and Its Immediate Consequences is Nadim Choufi's winning project from Art Jameel Commissions: Digital's open call in 2020. Set in a space colony on Earth, this new sci-film explores how the future of smart cities relies on the promise of "sustainable" closed systems in the face of health and ecological crises. Looping all day.

All day

Roof Terrace

Faire Trade

Special activation

in collaboration with Farah Ali

Visit the interactive community free store where everything is priceless and completely sustained by its visitors! Drop off new or preloved items gathering dust at home—from unread books to a funky shirt—in exchange for any item that spikes your interest. Faire Trade aims to encourage organic community-spirited interactions through the sustainable and circular exchange of material items.

All day

*Park and
Creekside*

HERE-O, Salad Jar, Teible, The Ice Cream Shop & Veghana

F&B

Satisfy your cravings for light bites and refreshments or enjoy a meal in the designated picnic area across the Jaddaf Waterfront Sculpture Park.

All Day

*Park and
Creekside*

The Green Bazaar

Shop

The Green Bazaar features everything one needs to grow, nurture and accessorise a broad variety of indoor and outdoor plants, plus the fashion, home decor and sustainable living must-haves for every conscious consumer.

All Day

Creekside

Jaddaf Community Garden

Special Activation

Join us as we launch a participatory project that invites local residents to grow fruits, vegetables and herbs and to connect around creating a shared sense of community alongside the creek in Jaddaf. Powered by Al Bayader. **(All ages)**

All day

Creekside

La Brocante Lounge

Pop-up

Recycled, restored, upcycled and preloved. Take a moment to catch your breath as you look out onto the Dubai Creek and try out La Brocante's vintage furniture in this special pop-up. Sit back, relax and try before you buy (or rent)!

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