



Caravan – a company of people
Caravanserai – a place where caravans meet
<http://fieldsite.wordpress.com>

Caravanserai is an arts residency project initiated by Annie Lovejoy and Mac Dunlop at Treloan Coastal Holidays (<http://www.treloancoastalholidays.co.uk>), a caravan and camping site on the Roseland peninsula in Cornwall. In partnership with the campsite owners, Pete & Debs Walker they are working to promote sustainable tourism through hosting creative activities that engage with, and celebrate the local environment and culture.

Artists, writers, academic researchers and post-graduate students are being hosted by the Caravanserai project at Treloan to explore and respond creatively to this unique context.

Participatory activities include fireside poetry & music, wild food walks, a local food feast, 'Bringing it Home: Climate Change and Roesland's Landscapes' (Univ. Exeter research project), raft making, charcoal making, willow coppicing, spinning & knitting, recycled clothes making and creative writing. Plus poetry interventions encountered locally through spoken word, written text and sited artworks.

Documentation of these activities will form the basis of a publication that creatively maps, celebrates and promotes the local - forming an imaginative, poetic and functional 'guide book.' An outcome that is conducive with the aspirations of the campsite owners to achieve sustainable targets and provide visitors with an engaged and enhanced experience of the locality that is grounded environmentally, socially and culturally.

An online web resource (<http://fieldsite.wordpress.com>) logs the development of the activities taking place and provides info & links to local interest societies and groups, producers and practitioners involved in arts and ecologies initiatives.

The project is envisaged as a creative way to engage in issues that are resonant with Cornwall. From local food to transport to energy, from waste to water & wildlife ..without a sustainable approach to tourism that protects the specific qualities of place and people we are faced with losing the amenities and meeting places that are central to our communities.

'discovering what's on our doorstep'

Caravanserai is supported by:

Activities Programme - FEAST (www.cornwallculture.co.uk/feast) *"Environmental issues are affecting and will continue to increasingly affect our lives in Cornwall, and we are interested in creative engagement projects which allow people to explore, debate, learn, comment, and even create solutions for some of these challenges".*

Post-Graduate placements - University College Falmouth.

Publication – UCF/RANE - Research into Art, Nature and the Environment

