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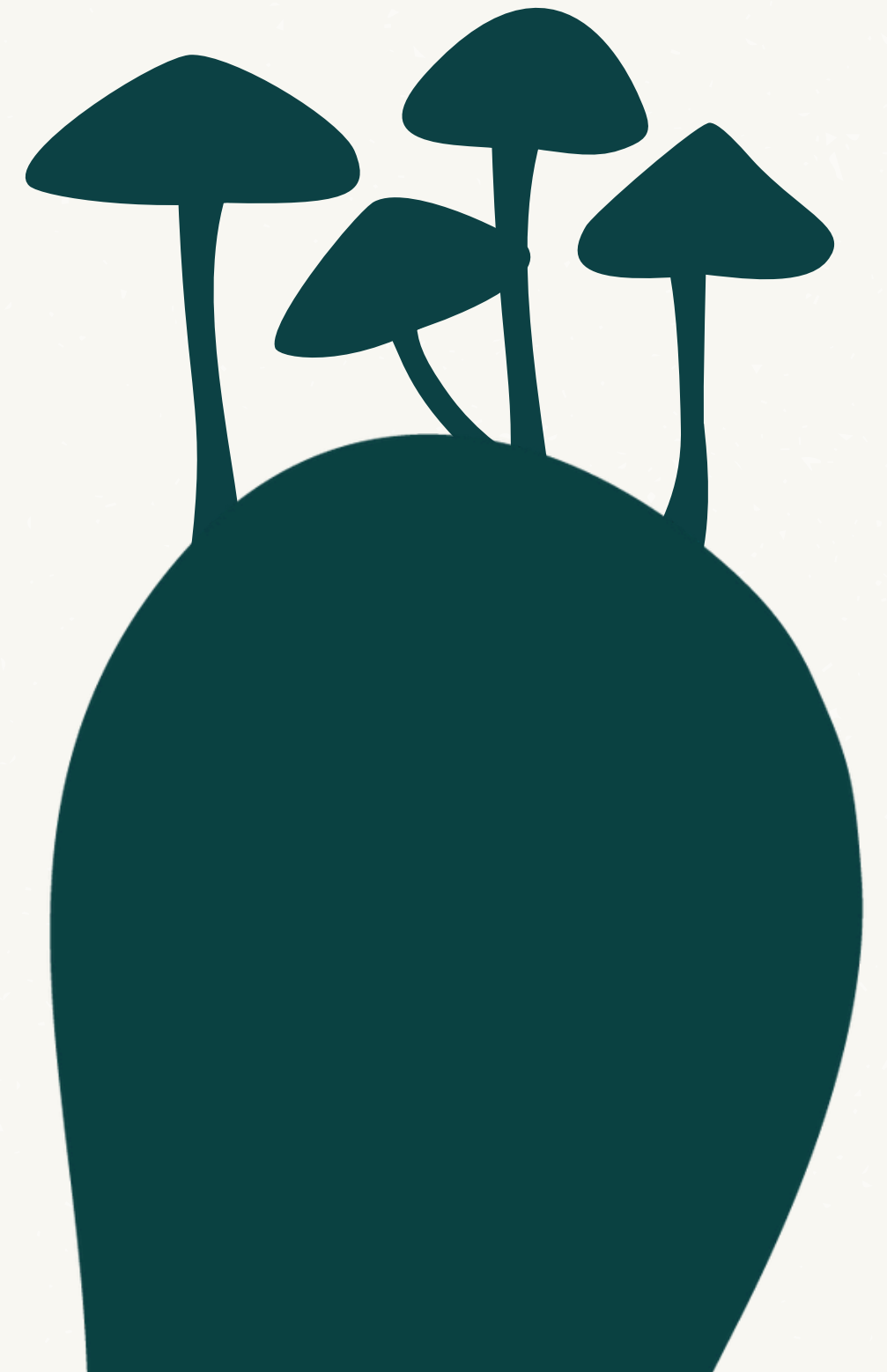


Understanding Our Backyard

Is a movement that helps urban residents reconnect with the nature around them. By slowing down and paying attention, we rediscover the joy of everyday nature and understand how our choices in our city ripple all the way to vital ecosystems like the Western Ghats.

Through walks, talks, art, and community, UoB invites people to notice, care for, make conservation more accessible and ultimately protect the ecosystems that quietly sustain us.

*A growing movement to reconnect
with nature that surrounds us.*



Why

The Western Ghats, just six hours from Bangalore, are among the world's most critical ecosystems. Yet for many of us living in the city, they remain out of sight and out of mind.

But here's the truth: we don't need to escape to faraway places to reconnect with nature. There's wonder in what's already around us, in the birds on our balconies, the trees lining our streets, and the monsoon frogs singing in roadside puddles.

Where

UoB will unfold through events and activations across Bangalore, at cultural hubs, schools, parks, and community spaces, while building awareness of how urban life connects back to the forests, rivers, and species of the Western Ghats.

Who

For anyone who feels a quiet urge to pay attention again.

- Students
- Families
- Artists & scientists
- Climate & community professionals
- Curious, concerned citizens

If you've ever felt disconnected or disoriented, or if you're simply longing to belong, to place, purpose, and planet, this is for you.



Current edition - UoB2 :



DATE

21st Sept 2025

TIME

10AM - 7PM

LOCATION

Bangalore Creative Circus

The second edition of Understanding Our Backyard (UoB2) will take place on 21st of September, spotlighting the rivers of the Western Ghats in celebration of World Rivers Day. UoB2 invites Bangaloreans to reflect, engage, and act for our rivers and lakes, through workshops and sessions leading up to the main event.

Free and open to all with RSVP. Lunch experience is ticketed.

Highlights of the Event

Riverside Chat

Climate, Water & Us

A riff on Fireside Chats, with experienced environmentalists & field-workers in a moderated discussion on rivers, water, and climate.

Eat Like the Locals

Lunch Experience

A pre-paid ticketed narrative lunch experience spotlighting hyperlocal & seasonal ingredients of the Western Ghats.

Film Screening

& Connect with the Filmmaker

On a homegrown short film or documentary featuring aquatic life and ecosystems.



Planned Installations, Activities, Art & Culture Planned Installations, Activities, Art & Culture

Large Installation of Mahaseer

An Endangered Fish,
Endemic to WG.

An Environmental Treasure Hunt

Native Plant Nursery

Plants from the WG
for your Backyard

Cultural Performance with a rivers theme

Sounds of the Western Ghats

DJ Set

- Aug 9 Calligraphy/Clay Workshop
- Aug 16 Where is your water coming from?
- Aug 23 Water Hyacinth Weaving Workshop
- Aug 30 Underwater Photography Workshop
- Sept 6 Spotlight on Fishes of the Western Ghats

Pre-event activities



Sept 21 Main Event

- Oct 4 River Ecology Workshop
- Nov 1 Visit to DF Habitat for UoB Participants
- Dec 6 Lake Cleanup by UoB Participants

Post-event activities



Let's explore our backyard together.

We're calling on:

**Artists, Students, Conservationists,
Collaborators, Concerned citizens, Volunteers**
To be a part of this movement.





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Why We're Reaching Out

We're building a multi-sensory, immersive space — and we can't do it alone.

We're looking for collaborators who can

Bring creative energy and technical skill to shape:

Site-specific installations

Nature-inspired art interventions

Hands-on workshops for all ages

Venue aesthetics rooted in eco-conscious and upcycled materials





1. Venue Design & Installations

Help us reimagine Bangalore Creative Circus as a riverine ecosystem.

We're looking for:

Installation artists (student groups welcome)

Set & spatial designers

Recyclable/upcycled material specialists

Botanical artists & native plant decorators

Sculptors & textile artists

**Think bamboo, jute, paper, clay, discarded river debris, old wood —
anything that tells a story.**

. Calligraphy x Rivers Workshop

igraphy artist or designer who works beyond the page.

Someone who explores:

Free-flowing linework

Movement inspired by water

; that curve, swell, meander like a river

- where form, rhythm, and flow meet personal expression and ecological connection.

mentation, typography & motion artists, or art educators with a deep process-based approach.



3. Water Hyacinth Weaving Workshop

We're planning a hands-on weaving experience using invasive water hyacinth — turning ecological waste into craft.

Looking for:

Designers, weavers, or educators with experience in hyacinth weaving
Institutions or studios that have worked with water-based materials or eco-crafts
Individuals open to conducting a guided demo + co-creation experience



Who We're Looking For

We invite:

Students of design, architecture, fine arts, and performance

Independent artists and collectives

Volunteers who can help with on-ground fabrication, production, or workshop logistics

Art/design school faculty willing to guide or offer their space/expertise



Interested? Let's talk!

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