



**An Invitation to Schools to join a 'Creative Conversation'
At Wheal Martyn on Friday 5th July 2019
With dance, movement, creative writing and art workshops**

SpinDrift Dance Collective and Suzie West (Clay Walks) are beginning a new project at Wheal Martyn called **Flock**. This July and August they will be researching what Wheal Martyn means to people that visit or that live nearby.

The Flock would like to invite you to join them on Friday 5th July for a creative conversation. You will show us your favourite places at Wheal Martyn, describe to us your experience of the site and direct our movement choices with your ideas. There will be creative workshops for you to get involved with, including creative writing, movement and art.

What is Flock?

The work begins with the 5 female founders of the RSPB. Female activists of their time, who gathered women together and protested against the use of feathers and plumage in fashion.

Flock is a group of dancers who will explore collective enterprise and the importance of a message. *What would our message be for this place, Wheal Martyn and our own area? What would our message be for now? What is important to us? What do we wish to protect? What changes can we make for the better?*

The Flock is ever-growing in numbers and we would like you to be part of the creative journey with them. ***Birds of a feather, sticking together to celebrate why we love Clay Country.***

Who is it for & how much?

The day is open to any school and would suit Key Stages 1 to 4. Ideally the activities would suit a class size of 30 maximum, or a smaller group of pupils who would benefit from the creative day.

£1.00 per pupil*

To book, contact the Education Officer on gmartin@wheal-martyn.com

The 'Creative Conversation'

An overview of the day's activities is detailed below.

If you would like to make this a full day, we can include a Guided Tour of the Historic clay works in the morning, prior to the Creative Conversation starting at 11.30am. This might help your pupils to form ideas and opinions to take into the creative activities.

11.30 am A creative talk and walk: The Flock professional dancers, Falmouth College students and other movers from the Cornish community will meet you to talk about 'your places'. The conversation will be led and shared by what you describe, observe and choose to conserve at Wheal Martyn and in Clay Country. What makes these spaces special and worth conserving? How do you want future generations to remember this place? What makes it a special place?

12.15pm Creative collecting: You will decide / vote on three places you think are most special and provide the dancers with words, images or movement ideas. On the day you can choose how you would like to respond, either through a creative writing, movement or art workshop.

1pm 'Chatting & Chalking': Over lunch, talk in small groups and contribute to a collective chalk display. Complete their creative contributions and get them ready for sharing.

2pm Sharing: The Flock will perform their short prepared pieces out and about on site at Wheal Martyn. You will be able to talk to them, giving your own feedback, writing, art work or movement ideas in small groups. The words, movement and thoughts are captured on paper birds and swapped as gifts for each other.

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