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**The Great Outdoors Expedition 2014**

**- {Adventure No.1} - *Exploring partnerships for Outdoor Arts***

**Wye Valley River Festival**

**Monmouth Shire Hall, Agincourt Square, Monmouth, NP25 3DY**

**Fri 9th May, 12.30 – 7pm. Festival performance, procession and fire garden 7 – 9.30pm**

*Inspired by the launch of the new ‘Wye Valley River Festival’, which is born of a freshly formed partnership between the AONB and The Desperate Men. Articulture offer an opportunity to explore and respond to ideas around partnership working for organisations and practitioners as well as dipping in to the festival animations and experiences.*

**12.30pm** INTRODUCTIONS, LIGHT LUNCH and NETWORKING

**1.40pm** WELCOME from The Desperate Men : Jon Beedell and Richard Headon. Introducing the Wye Valley River Festival.

**1.50pm** ‘I CAN DO IT ALL MYSELF THANKS’. A short performance piece by Mr and Mrs Clark.

**2pm** ‘THE JOURNEY…how we came to create a new river festival’, Sarah Sawyer Community Links Officer, Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

**2.15pm** ‘SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE!’, Phillippa Haynes, Festival Director Wye Valley River Festival

**2.30pm** TEA BREAK and NETWORKING

**3pm**  Visit the FESTIVAL ANIMATIONS

**3.45pm** ‘MULTIPLE PARTNERS’, Carys Wynne, Portfolio Manager, Arts Council of Wales.

**4pm**  CASE STUDY 1: Building Partnerships with the Community for The National Theatre Wales Assembly - Catherine Paskell, Independent Theatre Practitioner and former Creative Associate, National Theatre Wales.

**4.15pm** CASE STUDY 2: Partnerships from an Artist’s Perspective - Marc Rees

**4.30pm** CASE STUDY 3: The Barricade partnership….large, complicated and international! Ali Williams, Director, NoFit State Circus.

**4.45pm** Last Word for Today…. round up from Articulture

**5pm**  Main programme end

**5.30-6.30pm** Wye Valley River Festival/AONB reception, Monmouth Shire Hall with light refreshments

**6.30pm** Depart for evening festivities

**7.15 pm** Chloe Loftus Dance, Rowing Club steps (Articulture Wales Commission)

**7.45pm** Riverside theatrical walk to Dixton Church – Where’s Ratty?

**8.30pm** Performance and Fire Garden at Dixton Church (Desperate Men, the Wye Valley River Festival Ensemble & And Now)

**9.00pm** Procession to Shire Hall

**9-9.30pm** Fire Garden remains open at Dixton Church

**10pm**        Arrive Shire Hall & disperse

 