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## ***Impossible Views* of art and science at the BGS Open Day**

**The British Geological Survey and Quarrylab have collaborated to bring science and art together in the *Impossible Views* exhibition, which will premiere at the BGS 2017 Open Day in Keyworth on 1<sup>st</sup> July.**

The British Geological Survey (BGS), in collaboration with Quarrylab, will be hosting an exhibition of artworks to coincide with the BGS 2017 Open Day. Quarrylab is rural based artist development project that was founded by artist Roy Pickering. The exhibition will showcase work of Quarrylab artists alongside materials and artefacts from the British Geological Survey archives. *Impossible Views* draws parallels between art and science. It explores how research and experimentation in both fields can be mutually beneficial.

Professor Mark Rawlinson, Faculty of Arts, University of Nottingham:

"*Impossible Views* explores the similarities, overlaps and synergies between art and science, the artist and the scientist. Art and science rely upon assessment, judgement, the display of results and narratives which contextualise findings, elucidate practices and inspire further investigation. Art and science are fundamentally about the human imagination, the desire and drive to understand our world and our impact upon it."



Professor John Ludden, of the BGS, said: "The BGS, as part of Quarrylab and this exhibition *Impossible Views*, is a means of enhancing the dialogue about Earth and its future with the public and with reference to the Midlands Engine."



*Impossible Views* will be installed at the BGS at the end of June; the first opportunity to view will be at the BGS Open Day on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July and by appointment until the 13<sup>th</sup> August. It includes paintings drawings, photography, video, audio and mixed media work by artists Sardul Gill, Beverley Bennett, Paul Harraway, Matthew Chesney, Mark Rawlinson and Roy Pickering.

The BGS [Open Day](#) is being held at its Environmental Science Centre in Keyworth on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 from 10am to 4pm. The BGS is planning a packed day that illustrates the wide scope and applications of its research activities. There will be something for rock lovers of all ages — from newbies to experienced earth scientists.

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**Notes for Editors**

The following are available for interview:

- Professor John Ludden, Executive Director, British Geological Survey

Information on attending the BGS Open Day: <http://www.bgs.ac.uk/news/events/openday/>

For information on Quarrylab: <http://quarrylab.org/>

**The British Geological Survey**

The British Geological Survey (BGS), a component body of the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), is the nation's principal supplier of objective, impartial and up-to-date geological expertise and information for decision making for governmental, commercial and individual users. The BGS maintains and develops the nation's understanding of its geology to improve policy making, enhance national wealth and reduce risk. It also collaborates with the national and international scientific community in carrying out research in strategic areas, including energy and natural resources, our vulnerability to environmental change and hazards, and our general knowledge of the Earth system. More about the BGS can be found at [www.bgs.ac.uk](http://www.bgs.ac.uk).

**The Natural Environment Research Council**

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**Quarrylab**

Quarrylab is a cross-disciplinary artist's development initiative promoting research, cultural diversity and new work in the rural/ industrial landscape of north Nottinghamshire, hosted by artist Roy Pickering. <http://quarrylab.org/>