Take A Part

Take A Party: Efford, the Capital of Culture for Plymouth

Efford Walking Tours

Artist: Tony Whitehead

Community Groups/Institutions Involved:

Crazy Glue, High View School, Friends of Efford Valley and local residents

Efford is a place with hidden spaces, secret locations and a lot of great public arts projects surrounding the regeneration of the area. These walking tours are a chance to discover the physicality and history of the area and to find out more about the impact that Take A Part and the regeneration of the area have had in the community.

Tony Whitehead has been engaged in walking and talking about Efford since making the Radio Aporee Efford Sound Map in 2010 as part of Plymouth Arts Centre's Ambulation exhibition. Tony is interested in walking and art and uses communities themselves as a starting point for all walks that he has made in the area.

Come and find out more about Efford's spaces of interest!

Tours start at 1pm, 2:30pm, 4pm and 5:30pm.

Tour 1 – 1pm: Heart of Efford Community Partnership and the Regeneration Programme

Michael Bridgwater and Tony lead you though the history of the area, the regeneration process and its impact in Efford.

Tour 2 – 2:30pm: Efford Cemetery

The West and Malone families take you to one of Efford's greenest and serenest places, Efford Cemetery, which is one of the largest in the city and has a long, interesting history.

Tour 3 – 4:00pm: Showman's Guild

A chance to uncover one of Efford's gems, the Showman's Guild, which is based in Efford fort and is a community of people that put on carnivals and fairs across the South West. Led by the Floyd-Taylor family.

Tour 4 – 5:30pm: Efford Valley

Friends of Efford Valley take you down to the community's gem, a green valley that has seen a lot of regeneration and is the focus of huge community pride.

You can also take tours of the area and hear the voices of the community describing their area via Radio Aporee, a living Google map application made with Tony Whitehead and Crazy Glue/High View School which places the community's voices within the geographical spaces of the area. If you have an Android phone, you can download the application at Andriod Market. If you want to have a look closer look at the Efford Sound Map, you can head to Efford Library where a computer there allows you to explore the community by sound.