

## **Assembly Walk and Talk Biographies**

**Veronica Vickery** is an artist whose work is project-based in response to situations and issues but can take a variety of forms from painting through to events. Her current project, Peopled Places, centres round an exploration of derelict cottages in West Cornwall.

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**Steven Paige** is an artist based in the South West of the UK, a founding member of the research group The Western Alliance and co-runs Back Lane West in Redruth, Cornwall.

**Dr Harriet Hawkins** is based in the School of Geography at the University of Exeter where she researches on the geographies of visual arts and the creative industries. After a PhD at the University of Nottingham, exploring the geographies of art and rubbish, Harriet moved to Exeter to work on a project on creative practices and creative industries in the south west of Britain. As part of her interest in art, place, space and landscape and politics Harriet has collaborated on the production of an artists' book 'insites', and is currently working on a project on 'Creative Mapping' with Iniva, Royal Geographical Society and Tate Britain.

**Jon Brookes** is Countryside Manager for the National Trust in West Cornwall, managing a team of wardens and volunteers who look after much of the coastline and moors of West Cornwall. He is passionate about the ability of contemporary art to 'reconnect people with their cultural landscape', as well as its ability to bring a new perspective to what he does.

**Naomi Frears** is an artist working in one of the Porthmeor Studios in St. Ives and a member of the Cornwall Visual Arts Forum.

**Jane Pugh** is a highly experienced writer and project manager working with artists in all art forms. She is currently writing an online drama with young people and a play involving brass bands. She co-project-manages FEAST, which funds and supports artists working on the highest quality participatory and audience development projects. After a career in television drama, she moved to Cornwall ten years ago.

**Andy Harper** is an artist based in St Just and London. He is represented by Danese in New York and founded Assembly with Abigail Reynolds in 2006.

**Abigail Reynolds** is an artist living and working both in St Just and London Bridge. She shows with Seventeen Gallery in London and founded Assembly with Andy Harper in 2006.

**BOSarts** is a collaboration between Veronica Vickery and Jon Brookes (National Trust) based in Cornwall. It instigates and commissions projects that explore the spaces between art, culture, everyday living, heritage, and the environment, with an emphasis on research and cross-disciplinary dialogue and interaction.

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