Creative Workshop seminar

Organised by the Creativity and Emergent Educational-futures Network (CEEN).
Graduate School of Education, University of Exeter.

Thinking-*with* whimsy as generative acts.

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Helen and Sharon are primary teachers and teacher educators working within subject disciplines of science and geography. They currently work in interdisciplinary ways as @Attention2Place, researching place attention and responsiveness with children, teachers, students, and local communities. They explore posthumanist, new materialist, common worlds perspectives through creative, playful, critical, material encounters with the world.

'Whimsy describes the capricious, playful and fanciful, and designates something irrational or without an immediately obvious reason to exist. I argue that this frivolity and illogicality are precisely what can make whimsy a significant, if fleeting, ground for micro-political change…' (Mann,2015:65)

The session aims to provide opportunities to explore themes of emergence, creativity, whimsical attention, playing-*with* place, diffraction, and collective experimentation. During this interactive workshop we will think-*with* whimsy *to* play-*with* new ideas and do things differently*.* We will consider what whimsy might be, the paradoxes of whimsical practices, offer participants time to engage-*with* whimsy, and to muse on possibilities for their own context.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Sharon.Witt@btinternet.com

- **Before the seminar,** participants are invited to read: Mann, J. (2015) Towards a politics of whimsy: yarn bombing the city. *Area*, 47 (1), 65-72
- **The seminar:** **March 22nd 1 – 2pm, via Zoom**

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To participate fully it would be useful to have the following available during the workshop:
a camera/phone, a character/ mascot, a short walking route.