

Our Place - A community arts and history project.

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PRESS RELEASE

**Our Place – a celebration of place, in the face of airport expansion,
Harmondsworth 11/12 August**

Singing, story sharing and art-making are part of a weekend of events on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 August at St Mary's Church Hall in Harmondsworth, 11 am – 6 pm. The Our Place project involves local residents in a celebration of the places where they live, their homes and their community at a time when they are under threat from a proposed third runway at Heathrow. A variety of exhibits are expected from the project including: 'Not for Sale to BAA' signs for people's front gardens, a panel (for the Climate Camp) featuring photographs of people's homes and other cherished places, as well as audio and musical pieces.

Those wanting to take part can call-in at anytime during the weekend (11am-6pm) to take part. Residents are being asked to bring photographs of their home or other special places (e.g. schools, pubs, local hospitals, play grounds, sports grounds, shops, etc) to be copied, for inclusion in the exhibition panel. Another copy of the photos will be archived. Models of local houses or other buildings can also be constructed for exhibition. Local historian and author Philip Sherwood will give a talk and slide show at 2.30 pm on Sunday 12 August.

Other activities during the weekend include-

Story sharing: All weekend long we will be recording short interviews with people living in local areas threatened by the Third Runway. All are welcome irrespective of the time they've lived in the local area. We'll be asking the question: What makes this place your place?

Singing: Our singer and songwriter will be at Our Place sharing his songs about Stopping the Third Runway and Climate Chaos. Come along to sing along, or to contribute to the lyrics.

A spokesperson for the Our Place project said:

“The Our place project is a creative and fun response, involving the local community to the proposed third runway at Heathrow.”

They continued:

“The finished' Our Place projects will be exhibited publicly, including at the Camp for Climate Action the following week. Climate change campaigners are concerned at the creation of 'climate refugees' – people fleeing areas made uninhabitable by climate change. Christian Aid says this could make at least one billion people homeless by 2050. The Our Place project shows a common concern shared by environmentalists and local residents: the possible loss of the place we call home.”

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Editors Notes

Camp for Climate Action (14-21 August) is a response by climate change activists to the proposed third runway at Heathrow. Peaceful non-violent demonstrations and direct action, as well as workshops and educational events are planned at the site.