
Beyond Dinosaurs: Thinking about the Deep Past

Discussion Event & Pop-Up Exhibition

Monday 13 June, 18:00-20:00

Anatomy Museum & Anatomy Lecture Theatre
King's College London Strand Campus, WC2R 2LS



Attendance free – sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/beyond-dinosaurs-thinking-about-the-deep-past-tickets-348167808287>

Featuring exhibits by: Friends of Crystal Palace Dinosaurs, Bob Nicholls & Mark Witton.
And discussion with: Adrian Lister, Jeremy Young & Ellinor Michel.

When thinking about the deep paleontological past, people tend to immediately imagine dinosaurs. But what about other aspects of deep history? What can things like fossil mammals, plants, and rock layers tell us? Why are these interesting to us today, and why have they been interesting in the past? And how can we use them to think about big issues like biodiversity, climate change and extinction?

In this one evening event, we'll take you through some of the lesser known features at the Crystal Palace Geological Courts (known best for their Victorian dinosaur sculptures), we'll think about what models of geological strata, ancient animals like the Palaeotherium and Megatherium, and community projects to recreate ancient landscapes, can tell us about long-term climatic and environmental change, and how we connect with and value the natural world.

Event Outline

18:00-c.19:00 - Discussion (Anatomy Lecture Theatre)

In the lecture theatre next to the exhibition space, there will be a series of talks:

- Adrian Lister (Natural History Museum): How can prehistoric mammals help us understand climatic change and biodiversity?
- Jeremy Young (UCL): How can geology help us understand the British natural environment and deep time?
- Ellinor Michel (Natural History Museum): How can prehistoric plants help us understand changing environments and community engagement?

19:00-20:00 - Pop-Up Exhibition (Anatomy Museum)

In the King's College London Anatomy Museum will be a series of exhibits on display from 18:00-20:15. The artists and exhibitors will be on hand to discuss their work, and some of this will be for sale. There will also be some refreshments available.

Getting There

The event will be in the KCL Strand Campus (map and directions here: <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/campus/strand.aspx>) on the **sixth floor of the King's Building**.

To find the event, go into the main KCL reception on the Strand. There will be a desk to sign in at between 17:40-18:15. The people at the desk will have a list of attendees, so no need to print out your ticket (although bringing it along might save time).

Once inside, walk through the barriers in the reception (ignoring the first staircase on your left) to go into the King's Building. The exhibition space and lecture theatre will be on the sixth floor, which is accessible by lifts. You will see the lifts on your left about half-way down the corridor. There will also be signs guiding you to the event.

Once you are on the sixth floor, turn right and follow the signs to the Anatomy Museum. You will be directed to the lecture theatre when the discussion segment is about to start.

This event is part of the "[Crystal Palace Park: Beyond the Dinosaurs](#)" project, being run between [Dr. Chris Manias](#) of King's College London, and the [Friends of Crystal Palace Dinosaurs](#), funded by the King's College London Faculty of Arts & Humanities. For more details or if you have any questions, please contact chris.manias@kcl.ac.uk