Outside: Activating Cloth to Enhance the Way We Live

An international conference and forum for practicing artists, craftspeople, activists, curators, students and volunteers who are excited by the potential of cloth to enhance the way we live in contemporary society today.

The day will be introduced by our Key Note Speaker Jennifer Marsh flying in from US to discuss her involvement with the International Fiber Collaborative and her recent global initiative The Dream Rocket Project [www.internationalfibercollaborative.com](http://www.internationalfibercollaborative.com)

![The Gas Station, IFC](image1.jpg)  ![Lise Bjørne Linnert, Fences Project](image2.jpg)

This will be followed by Professor Lesley Millar, who will be presenting a paper titled ‘A lifeline? A bloodline?’ The familiarity of cloth within our lives means that it disappears into the fabric of society. Such ‘invisibility’ is a powerful tool for dissent and covert communication and connection. Lesley will discuss the use of textiles as conscious and unconscious witness to the personal and political narratives that may not be spoken in words. [www.transitionandinfluence.com](http://www.transitionandinfluence.com)

An informal lunch will be served and a chance to view Crafting the Community exhibition and work produced for the Dream Rocket Project in our award winning Creative Arts Building.

New debates and discussions will follow including papers by June Hill (curator/writer); Philippa Lawrence (Textile Artist); Jan Bowman (academic and Artist) and a range of peer reviewed papers including approaches from philosophers, volunteers, artists and educators.

![Tea & cake with Betsy](image3.jpg)

The day ends with a chance to meet and talk with the textile activist Betsy Greer from Washington DC, who wrote the seminal book Knitting for Good and who will also lead the plenary session. [www.craftivism.com](http://www.craftivism.com)

Date: 23 January 2012
Venue: University of Huddersfield
Cost: £80

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