

Office for Non-Human Engagement, A Manifestish

+ The Universe

What is the difference between you and the Universe?

+ The Parliament of Things

We want the meticulous sorting of quasi-objects to become possible - no longer unofficially and under the table, but officially and in broad daylight. In this desire to bring to light, to incorporate into language, to make public, we continue to identify with the intuition of the Enlightenment. But this intuition has never had the anthropology it deserved. It has divided up the human and the nonhuman and believed that the others, rendered premoderns by contrast, were not supposed to do the same thing.

- Bruno Latour

+ The Humans

If humans are unique
then every single non-human is also unique
therefore, humans are not unique.
Humans also consist of non-humans.

+ The Non-humans

We can never quite experience or understand what it is to be a non-human. The world is full of 'other' worlds outside our comprehension. Acknowledge the unimagined possibilities.

+ Nature

Nature is not natural and can never be naturalized
-Graham Harman

+ Language

Language has become of quite good use to humans. However one must remember – language is an abstract construct. Language should be more fluid. Language separates and compartmentalises a world that cannot be compartmentalised.

+ Objects

Objects do not go into their concepts without leaving a remainder
- Theodor Adorno via Jane Bennett

+ Senses

To become more aware of your senses is to become closer to the world around you.

+ Co-Lab-or-A-shun

No individual artist is in isolation. It is always collaboration.

+ Science

For the curious. Knowledge does not stifle our sense of wonder but opens it up.

+ Systems

We are a system. Connected to other systems. Connected to other systems. Connected to other systems.

+ Species

The Origin of Species has a cheeky title, for it's one of the least teleological books ever written. Darwin demonstrates that all the categories of the life sciences – species, variation, monstrosity – collapse into one another.

- Tim Morton

+ People

The world is full of persons (people if you prefer), but few of them are human

The world is full of other-than-human persons

The world is full of other-than-oak persons

The world is full of other-than-hedgehog persons

The world is full of other-than-salmon persons

The world is full of other-than-kingfisher persons

The world is full of other-than-rock persons...

-Graham Harvey

+ Water

I crawled out of it billions of years ago

It rains from the sky

It courses under the earth's crust

I can turn it into a fizzy drink

+ Rocks

The very stone one kicks with ones boot will outlast Shakespeare

- Virginia Woolf

+ Matter

All the matter around you is active

Around you all the matter is active

Active matter is all around you

You are active matter around all

All you are is active matter

You are matter active

All is active matter

+ Art

Sometimes we make 'Art'. Mostly we play.

- Nadège Philippe-Janon & Felix Wilson - July 2014

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