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SIT WITH US



Mafwa Theatre presents Sit with Us, an interactive installation where women from different migration backgrounds invite you to sit, make yourself comfortable and listen. Sit with Us features printed textiles, poems, soundscapes, filmed monologues and invitations to take yourself on guided 'soundwalks'.

Sit with Us is created by and with Kuluhenna Drama, a group of women from refugee, asylum seeker and settled Leeds communities who have worked with artists to create the set design and performances to be delivered in the space. The installation came from a desire to create a tranquil oasis and explores what it means to be comfortable in a hostile environment.

WHO WE ARE



Mafwa Theatre is a community theatre company which brings refugees, asylum seekers and settled communities together in Leeds. We use drama and the arts to create work that celebrates our similarities and differences, brings people together and speaks truth to power. We use our platform to highlight and enable development opportunities for artists and theatre makers from migrant backgrounds, advocate for migrant rights and celebrate diverse communities.





It's
closer
to home.

**A PEACEFUL SPACE
TO SQUEEZE YOUR
REFLECTIONS INTO.**

**A FEELING OF COMFORT
TO WRAP YOURSELF IN AND
HAVE A CONVERSATION.**

**A PLACE TO GATHER
YOUR FRIENDS AND
YOUR THOUGHTS.**

We invite you
Take a deep
You deserve



WHAT CAN AUDIENCES EXPECT?

**FLEXIBLE RUNNING TIME
DEPENDANT ON SIZE OF
SPACE. RECOMMENDED
30 MIN SLOTS.**

Sit With Us showcases art and stories of migration and community created by women from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds. The space is decorated with wall hangings, printed textiles, comfy furniture and plants.

Take a seat and read from 'Welcome Home and Other Poems', a poetry anthology exploring ideas of home and comfort from the perspective of Mafwa members.

Step into someone else's shoes and listen to 'Walk With Us', a series of monologues and soundwalks created by our Associate Artists.

Watch 'Sit With Us', a short movement film created during a series of Mafwa movement workshops. Listen as atmospheric soundscapes play.

**APPROPRIATE FOR ALL AGES
BABIES AND TODDLERS WELCOME**

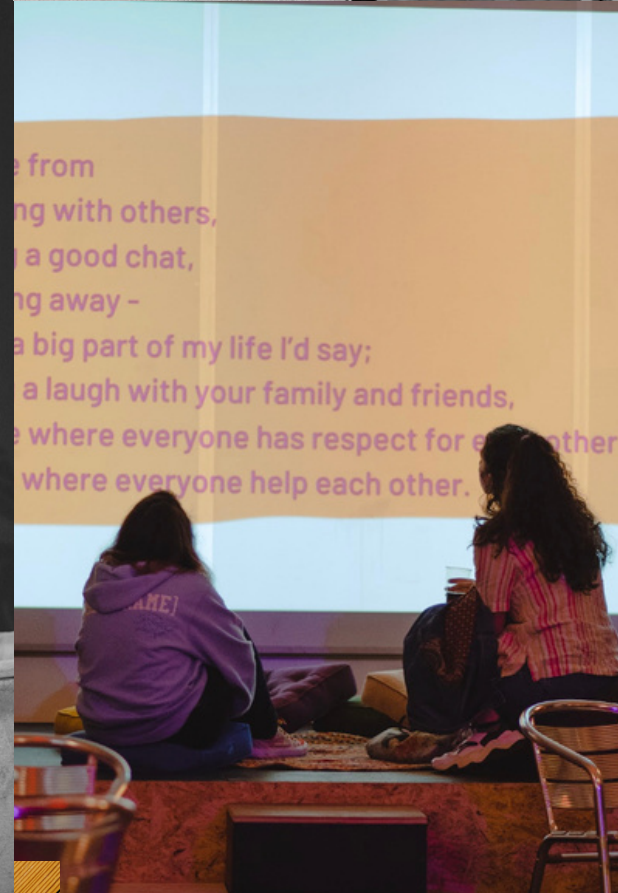


REST YOUR LEGS

TAKE A DEEP BREATH

GATHER YOUR THOUGHTS

AND SIT WITH US.



Welcome to our home.

We invite you to explore,
sit back and relax.





AUDIENCE FEEDBACK

**"RELAXED AND INSPIRED...BEAUTIFULLY
PUT TOGETHER"**

"A beautiful installation that stayed
with me for a few days after I visited."

**"PEACEFUL AND IMMERSIVE, I COULD HAVE
SPENT HOURS IN THE SPACE"**

"Welcoming, calm, safe and colourful."

**"A FANTASTIC SPACE...THE MOST COMFORTABLE
I HAVE FELT IN A WHILE."**

"I did not want to leave"



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the greenery, the water site.
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British trains. I don't get bored to see
outside. Green pastures.
It reminds me of Robert Browning, John Keats.
I used to read English literature.
The beauty of nature. Pleasure.
The way those poets wrote. If I'm out
amongst the greenery it changes my mood.
Aptitude. Peace of mind.

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TECH REQUIREMENTS

Sit With Us can come in all shapes and sizes. We can adapt the installation to fit your venue but we will need:

- Minimum room size: 15m squared.
- Minimum room height: 2.4m.
- Get in time: 5 hours
- Get out time: 3 hours
- A soundproof space for the installation
- A space with access to plug sockets
- A laptop
- A screen/wall space to project onto
- Access to nearby parking with proximity to a loading bay

DESIRABLE

- Sofas and comfortable chairs that can be used as part of the installation
- One or two projectors
- PA system



MARKETING 'SIT WITH US'

A marketing pack with the following promotional resources is available upon request

- Poster
- Marketing copy
- Press Release
- Installation images
- Film featuring interviews with Mafwa members involved in creating Sit With Us
- Social media graphics that can be adapted to suit your venues branding guidelines
- Suggested social media copy
- Audience quotes
- Creative team quotes

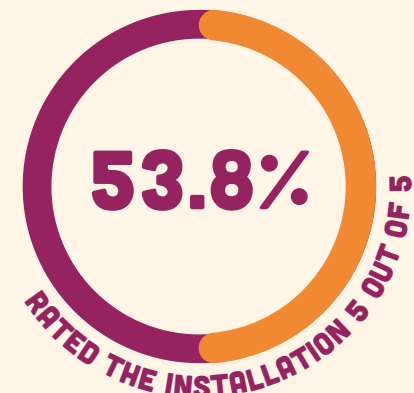
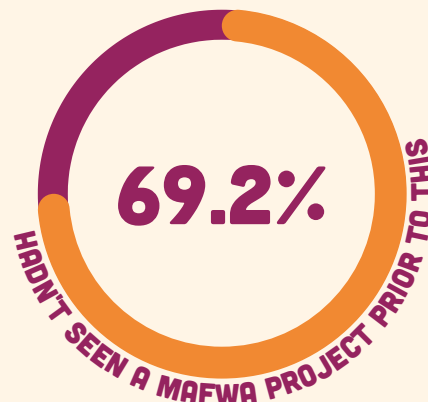
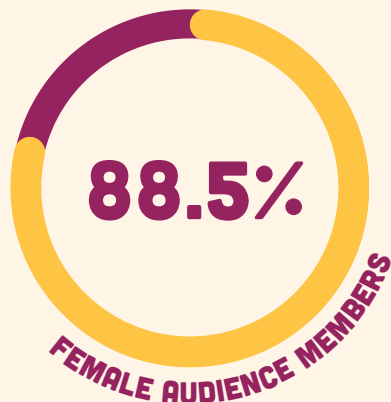
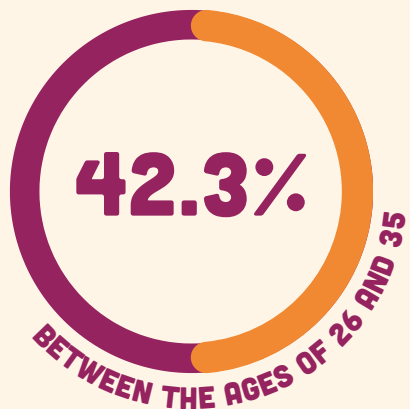


AUDIENCE DATA

'Sit With Us' was first held during Refugee Week 2021 at Convention House, Leeds. Covid-19 restrictions were in place and the installation was open to 3 visitors for 30 minutes at a time. Sit With Us has since been part of CLAYground 2021 and Yorkshire Integration Festival 2022.

Sit With Us was developed with 45 participants across 17 free to access workshops.

118 AUDIENCE MEMBERS VISITED THE INSTALLATION ACROSS 7 DAYS



919 ONLINE AUDIENCE MEMBERS VISITED THE VIRTUAL INSTALLATION ON MAFWA'S WEBSITE

I come from
laughing with others,
having a good chat,
chatting away -
that's a big part of my life I'd say;
having a laugh with your family and friends,
a place where everyone has respect for each other.
I come where everyone help each other.



TOURING COSTS

Budget lines marked with an * are presentation dependant, costs may change depending on location and distance from Leeds.

Please note that this budget reflects ONE DAY of the installation's presentation. Further fees will be added for extra days of presentation.

There is a small charge for consumables (like biscuits) that we have to replace each day.

	Unit Price	Units	Amount	Cost
Staff Costs				
Invigilator	150	Day	1	£ 150
Technician	150	Day	1	£ 150
Driver	150	Day	1	£ 150
Admin Fee	300	Flat Fee	1	£ 300
Production Costs				
Lead Artist Comission	300	Flat Fee	1	£ 300
Technical Equipment Hire	100	Day	1	£ 100
Accomodation x3 staff*	225	Night	1	£ 225
Van Hire	50	Day	2	£ 100
Fuel*	90	Flat Fee	1	£ 90
Insurance	30	Flat Fee	1	£ 30
Consumables	15	Day	1	£ 15
TOTAL INSTALLATION COSTS				£ 1610.00
Workshop Fees (Optional Extra)				
Materials	15	Workshop	1	£ 15
Refreshments	15	Workshop	1	£ 15
Workshop Facilitators x2 (Planning Inclusive)	300	Workshop	1	£ 300
TOTAL INSTALLATION & WORKSHOP COSTS				£ 1940.00

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