Friends of BUC Arts

The BUC Arts Committee is hosting a series of events throughout the year to support and build our creative communities. Please join us whenever you can. If you have any ideas for activities or projects please let us know.

An Artist Talk with Frances Tapueluelu

Bev Evans, Olive Arts Co-ordinator welcomed Frances to our Friends of BUC Arts gathering on **Sunday 19th May**. Twelve people, including BUC Arts committee members, listened eagerly to Frances as she spoke about her journey as an artist.

Frances began by acknowledging the ancestors of the land on which we were meeting. Frances' journey began as an eight year old at an exhibition which included an artwork of flies. She remembers thinking 'Well if you can be in art gallery just be drawing flies ...'. She couldn't get this experience out of her head. When she was 12 her mother brought home a bag of second hand clothes for Frances and her siblings to share. From this Frances realized that she could use fashion as a form of art. She spoke briefly of her experience of extreme trauma and grief and how art has helped her work through this, saving her life multiple times. Frances came to realise that her art practice involves the same practices as her female ancestors, the repetitive motion of weaving for her ancestors, of cutting out pieces of fabric or other objects for the creation of her own works.

Frances shared the stories of the various pieces of artwork she had brought with her. Frances is passionate about using art to protest and to support issues of domestic violence, climate justice, politics. She focuses on and delights in reusing and recycling materials to make new works. Her home is full of boxes of possibilities.

We loved listening to Frances' stories and were amazed by her abundant creativity. After the formal presentation we enjoyed a Devonshire Tea provided by Leanne Salau and Natalie Papworth together with time for a closer look at the artworks and the opportunity to ask Frances questions.

You can listen to Frances' presentation here.

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