

# UK Border Walk

5-7 August 2011

From Upsettlington to Hungry Law via Shid Law



UK Border Walk is a 77k walk along the English/Scottish border by Artist Rocca Gutteridge and Curator Claudia Zeiske. A public Artachat discussion will take place in the Romany town of Kirk Yetholm halfway along the way.

Both walk and talk aim to highlight and discuss the effects the Points Based System (PBS) has for arts and cultural activities across our communities in the UK.

**UK Border Talk: Sat 6<sup>th</sup> August, 6pm**

Wauchope Hall, Yetholm.

Open debate on the consequences of PBS to UK cultural life.

Hospitality by *Sophie's Sunshine Catering*

**UK Border Walk - 5k for 5tier policy: Sun 7 August, start 9am**

If you like to join Claudia and Rocca for all of the walk, contact [claudia@deveron-arts.com](mailto:claudia@deveron-arts.com) for more details.

**What is PBS?** In autumn 2008 the UK introduced a new points-based system (PBS) for managing migration to the UK. The regulations have led to a restriction of non-European artists' ability to come to the UK, at the invitation of arts curators, promoters and artists. UK hosts are now required to be licensed sponsors if they wish to invite visiting artists. This has regulated the relationship between international artists and UK hosts from one of convivial artistic exchange, collaboration and cultural production to a contract which is excessively bureaucratic and treats international guest artists with suspicion and control. PBS has led to the cancellation of artists' residencies, exhibitions, productions and performances across the UK. Many artists are refused visas, others are deported from UK airports because they were not sponsored.

For a full dossier of testimonials, petition to UK Government and media coverage visit the Manifesto Club's website: [www.manifestoclub.com/visitingartists](http://www.manifestoclub.com/visitingartists)

For more information on transport and booking the hostel contact: [info@deveron-arts.com](mailto:info@deveron-arts.com)

*UK Border Walk* is a partnership between:

Deveron Arts, Artachat, artsadmin and the Manifesto Club

In collaboration with GASWORKS, Thami Mynyele Foundation and Edinburgh Arts Festival

To book a place contact:

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## **UK Border Walk- Practical info**

### **Walking instructions**

Claudia Zeiske and Rocca Gutteridge will be undertaking the full 77k Border walk from Upsettlington to Hungry Law via Shid Law between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> August.

Options to join for the walk:

- **Long-distance:** If you are an experienced walker and happy to take full responsibility for your wellbeing we welcome you to join us for all or a longer section of the walk. Please contact Rocca or Claudia if you are interested in this option on 5/6 and/or 7 August: [claudia@deveron-arts.com](mailto:claudia@deveron-arts.com) or [info@artachat.com](mailto:info@artachat.com)
- **Short-distance:** If you have less time, but would like to join us for a section of the walk then we have organised a "5 k for the 5 tier policy" walk on Sunday morning. Total walking distance 10k, start: 9 am. Return time to Kirk Yetholm, ca 12 pm.
- **UK Border talk:** if you like to join for the artachat only, that is also possible.

**Booking essential for all events:** [info@artachat.co.uk](mailto:info@artachat.co.uk) or [info@deveron-arts.com](mailto:info@deveron-arts.com).

What to bring on the 5 k walk:

- Rucksack
- comfortable clothes, waterproof trousers and anorak
- Good shoes/Boots
- Refreshments

Please note that you are walking and crossing the Border at your own risk.

### **How to get to Kirk Yetholm**

#### **By Bus**

*Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August*

Bus 51 or 52: Leave Edinburgh St Andrews Bus Station at 14.10, arrive Kelso 16.05 Take Bus 81 to Kirk Yetholm 16.12 arrive Kirk Yetholm 16.40

*Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August (return)*

No Sunday service to Kelso from Kirk Yetholm: take taxi (ca £18) 01573 22 31 00

Leave Kelso 15.05, Arrive Edinburgh 16.57

Travel link: <http://www.munrosfjedburgh.co.uk/80-81%20aug10.pdf>

#### **By Car**

From Edinburgh, ca 1.5 hours, from Newcastle, ca 2 hours

### **Accommodation**

We have booked spaces at Kirk Yetholm Youth Hostel:

[http://www.syha.org.uk/hostels/borders/kirk\\_yetholm.aspx](http://www.syha.org.uk/hostels/borders/kirk_yetholm.aspx)

Email [anna@deveron-arts.com](mailto:anna@deveron-arts.com) if you want a bed with breakfast; cheque of £20 required to confirm booking.

Kirk Yetholm Tourist Information for other accommodation:

<http://www.visitsouthernscotland.co.uk/kirk-yetholm-c228.html>