



**BRIDGES General Assembly Public Programme**  
**and Inaugural Building Bridges Distinguished Public Lecture**  
 Dylan Thomas Centre, Swansea, Wales UK

10 am arrival, registration and coffee	
Main Venue The Vivian Hall	Venue 2 The DCT Lecture Theatre <i>Film screenings and workshops</i>
<b>Session 1</b> 10:30 - 10:50 am	
<p><b>Setting the Scene</b></p> <p><b>Luci Attala</b>, BRIDGES Directorate, UWTSD</p> <p><i>Welcome addresses from collaborating partners</i></p> <p><b>Steven Hartman</b>, Executive Director, BRIDGES and UWTSD</p> <p><b>Derek Walker</b>, Wales Commissioner for Future Generations</p> <p><b>Peter Schlosser</b>, Vice President and Vice Provost of Global Futures, ASU</p>	
<b>Session 2</b> 10:50 - 11:40 am	
<p><b>Showcase of Projects Associated with BRIDGES Hubs, (10 min presentations)</b></p> <p>Moderator, <b>Luci Attala</b>, Deputy Executive Director, UNESCO-MOST BRIDGES</p> <p><b>Carlos Alvarez Pereira</b>, <i>The Fifth Element</i>, The Club of Rome Knowledge-Action Hub</p> <p><b>Louise Steel</b>, <i>Coastal Tales</i>, The UK Hub</p> <p><b>Roman Bartosch</b>, <i>Advice — Communication — Application: Policy Strategies at the Cologne Hub for Planetary Wellbeing</i>, The Hub for Planetary Wellbeing, University of Cologne</p> <p><b>Kirsti Bohata</b>, <i>REPAIR: Biophilic project</i>, The UK Hub</p>	<p><b>A Warrior's Message: Milton Born with a Tooth (20 mins)</b></p> <p>“Nature, my boss, is unforgiving”, states First Nation’s activist Milton Born with a tooth, in a powerful message on how the world must come together as global people to face our common problem, climate change.</p> <p align="center">+</p> <p><b>The Future is Now (16 mins)</b></p> <p>presents three powerful stories of youth and creative engagement with global sustainability challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Our Children’s Trust</i>, featuring 21 young Americans suing their federal government over climate inaction</li> </ul>

**Joni Adamson**, BRIDGES Humanities Labs, ASU  
BRIDGES Flagship

- Artist Chris Jordan’s haunting work with albatross on Midway Island, highlighting the impact of ocean plastic
- Students at Stockholm’s Global High School leading sustainability efforts in their community

**Session 3**  
**11:40 am-12:30 pm**

***Intergenerational Conversation: Storying our Futures***

This dynamic, intergenerational session brings together diverse voices to explore how the stories we tell shape the futures we imagine and build. In a world marked by accelerating climate change, social inequality, and shifting global narratives, how can shared storytelling across generations inspire more ethical, inclusive and sustainable pathways forward?

Moderator, **Allison Pierok**, Director of Programmes, Globethics.

**Steven Hartman**, Executive Director, BRIDGES Coalition, Literature scholar

**Bethany Wiggin**, Climate Storytelling: connecting climate stories for youth-Led, community-driven change

**Chris Pak**, author exploring how science fiction mediates our understanding of climate change and the future.

**Members of the Future Generations Academy**

**Al Attala**, world building artist with an interest in politics

***Greenland Response (20 mins)***

This short film shares the story of the Greenland RESPONSE project and the archaeologist racing to record and rescue what is left. Focusing on sub-artic farmland of Kujataa, south Greenland, the film documents the excavations of Norse farming between 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> centuries while showing the tangible connections to present day Inuit communities working the same soil.

**Followed by a series of short films (approx. 5 mins) showcasing BRIDGES and partners initiatives including:** Coastal TALES, Club of Rome’s 5<sup>th</sup> Element, The Earth Humanity Coalition, Future Generations Cymru Can, Representing Climate Change, Gonawindua trailer of the Kogi performance.

**Session 4**  
**12:30-1:10 pm**

***Cultural Address and Ritual Delivered by Members of the Kogi Indigenous Community (Colombia).***

A powerful expression of ancestral knowledge and ecological responsibility.

Introduced by **Luci Attala**, Deputy Executive Director, UNESCO-MOST BRIDGES

Kogi Participants: **Belkis Lorena Nuvita Gil and her husband, Jose Manuel Sauna Mamatacan**

Translator: **Paula Rodriguez**

**Lunch**  
**1:10-2:00 pm**  
showcasing local Welsh produce

**Session 5**

2:00-3:00 pm

**Strategic Partners showcase of BRIDGES member institutions, their profiles and flagship projects**

Moderator, **Joni Adamson**, BRIDGES Flagship Hub Director, ASU

**Louis Klein**, Tamkeen Foundation for Human Development

**Erika Robrahn González**, Vice President of the UISPP

**Piero Dominici**, CHAOS, University of Perugia

**Rowan Jackson**, Researcher, NABO, Environmental Change in the Circumpolar North

**Barny Haughton**, Cegin y Bobl

**Futures workshop**

Led by **Petranka Malcheva** from the Future Generations Office

An interactive session designed to help us build bridges between past, present and future. You will be guided through a reflection on the connections you already have to past and future generations; imagine how you can become a good ancestor to all future generations; and consider how you can expand your temporal horizons in your everyday decisions.

**3:00-3:20pm Refreshments**

Bring your tea and join the fireside chat

**Session 6**  
**3:20-4:00 pm**

**3:20- 3:50**

**Fireside Chat**

A dialogue between **Derek Walker**, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales and **Gustavo Merino**, Director of Social Policy, UNESCO, focused on the real-world implications of climate policy, grounded in the findings of UNESCO's latest report.

The report titled, *Who Bears the Cost? Addressing inequality from climate change and climate action*, asks the question, 'Can climate policies increase inequalities?' And answers, yes.

The document advocates for integrated, inclusive policies that embed fairness from the outset, focusing on social protection, technology transfer and gender-sensitive approaches to ensure a just and sustainable future for all.

**Interactive workshop**

**Amgueddfa Cymru (National Museums Wales)**

"Everyone has a right..."

"Mae hawl gan bawb..."

Amgueddfa Cymru believes everyone has the right to belong, to understand their past, and to envision a better future. This workshop explores how Welsh museums are becoming more inclusive, amplifying unheard voices and fostering intergenerational dialogue to help build a better Wales and a better world.

**4.00pm-4:45pm**

**3:50-4:45**

**Imagining the Future of BRIDGES in Wales and Beyond**

This session asks, how can BRIDGES become a more inclusive, responsive and impactful platform for ethical leadership and global collaboration?

**Film: Gonawindua: The Heart of the World**  
**GONAWINDÚA, EL CORAZÓN DEL MUNDO**

**CREDITS**

**Artistic Direction: Nube Sandoval y Bernardo Rey**

What new directions, partnerships or formats might be explored?

This dynamic and participatory session invites fresh thinking on how the **BRIDGES** should evolve both in Wales and internationally. Participants will be encouraged to contribute creative ideas and practical insights to help shape the next phase of BRIDGES' development.

Come prepared to share your vision. This session is as much about listening as it is about co-creating.

**Moderator, Steven Hartman**, Executive Director of BRIDGES

**Gustavo Merino**, Director of Social Policy, UNESCO, Social and Human Science Sector

**Erika Robrahn González**, Vice President of the UISPP

**Peter Schlosser**, Vice President and Vice Provost of Global Futures, ASU

**Carlos Alvarez Pereira**, Secretary General of The Club of Rome

**Janani Ramanathan**, Secretary General of the World Academy of Art and Science

**Bethany Wiggin**, Founding Director of Penn Program in the Environmental Humanities, U Pennsylvania

**Performance created thanks to the partnership between the Gonawindúa Tairona Organization (OGT) and CENIT Theatre.**

**General Production of Teatro CENIT, co-produced by Ministerio de las Culturas, las Artes y los Saberes and Teatro Mayor Julio Mario Santo Domingo**

**Video production: Teatro Digital of Teatro Mayor and Caracol Television.**

**Musical direction and production: Christian Castagno**

**Photography: Juan Diego Castillo, Tatiana Llinás, Jeremy Wheleham and Juan Camilo Segura**

Teatro Cenit's innovative *Theatre as Bridge* approach transforms theatre into a tool for connection and empowerment. Rooted in social engagement, it builds bridges between individuals and communities, especially in vulnerable or marginalised areas, through artistic projects across Colombia, Ecuador, the USA, Europe, and Kenya.

#### Session 8

4:45-5:30 pm

#### **Keynote: Building Bridges to Better Futures**

A visionary talk to round out the BRIDGES General Assembly programme, focusing on connection, imagination, and system change.

**Jane Davidson**, former Welsh Minister for Environment and Sustainability and Pro Vice-Chancellor UWTSU, and a key architect of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

Introduced by **Derek Walker**, Future Generations Commissioner

#### Session 9

5:30-6:30pm

*Inaugural Bridging Futures Lecture: Phan Thị Kim Phúc, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for the Culture of Peace*

Introduced by **Elwen Evans**, VC University of Wales Trinity Saint David

#### Session 10

6:30-7:00 pm

**Concluding High-level Roundtable: Leadership for a Flourishing Future**

Featuring leaders in thought, example and action on the intersections of sustainability, policy, education, and culture.

This closing interdisciplinary session will focus on holistic, compassionate and ethically driven, future-orientated leadership, especially relevant in post-conflict or environmentally stressed societies. It thinks about the broader systemic change encouraging embracing empathy and cultural understanding in shaping inclusive futures and as tools for social transformation.

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**Networking and Drinks in the Bar**

**7:00-9:00**