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About the Event

**Wellcome Collection** are creating a series of events and activities called **Reaching Out**.

**Reaching Out** will take place on Saturday 5th March 2022.

It will happen between **10am** and **4pm**.

Some of the content will be in person at **Wellcome Collection**.

Some of the content will be **online** or be things you can do **from home**.
About the Event

Reaching Out is part of a series of events taking place throughout 2022 called Feeling Our Way.

The events are co-curated by Touretteshero and Wellcome Collection.

Feeling Our Way will focus on the experiences of disabled and neurodivergent people.

You can learn more about Feeling Our Way here:

https://wellcomecollection.org/event-series/Yfkp3REAACEAIbwV
(Click this link)

(Scan this code with your phone camera)
What to Expect

The theme of Reaching Out is social touch.

There will be different activities and performances to take part in at the event.

Most of the content has been made by BLINK Dance Theatre.

BLINK Dance Theatre are a neurodiverse group of artists who perform and facilitate together.
What to Expect

Reaching Out is a relaxed event which means you can move around and make noise at any time.

Members of our Visitor Experience Team will be available throughout the building.

They wear black tops with the words “Ask me” on them.

You can ask them questions at any time.

Staff at the venue will make sure that each space doesn’t get too busy.
Chill-Out Rooms

There will be two chill-out rooms at the event.

One will be in the Studio breakout room (on level 1).

The other will be in the Viewing Room (on level 2).

In the chill-out rooms there will be:

- low lighting
- comfortable seating
- cushions
- mats
- ear defenders
- earplugs
- board games
- sensory toys
Events and Activities

There are different events and activities to take part in throughout the day.

The programme repeats in the morning and afternoon.

The morning is usually quieter and less busy at Wellcome Collection.

All the events and activities are free.

You do not need to book so you can just turn up.
Consent Robot is a **performance**.

It will happen throughout the **Wellcome Collection** building.

In the **morning** it will happen between **10am** and **11.30am**.

In the **afternoon** it will happen between **1.30pm** and **3pm**.

BLINK have made a **consent robot** that will walk around the building.

You can **watch** it walk around the building.

You can use an **iPad** to **say “hi”** to the robot from a social distance.
Events and Activities

Hug-Demic is a performance.

It will happen throughout the Wellcome Collection building.

In the morning it will happen between 10am and 11.30am.

In the afternoon it will happen between 1.30pm and 3pm.

BLINK have made some very big tactile arms.

They will use the arms to safely pass a hug from one person to another, without actually touching.

BLINK want to use the arms to spread love and warmth to strangers.
Events and Activities

Tangled is a performance.

It will be in the Reading Room (on level 2).

It will happen between 12pm and 12.15pm.

It will happen again between 3.30pm and 3.45pm.

At the performance you can join BLINK Dance on a colourful sensory journey.

The audience will help make the performance.

You can watch or join in by interacting with stretchy tactile props.

The props are made to ensure maximum fun and social distancing.
Events and Activities

BLINK Film Screening

Blink have made a short film.

You can watch the film in the Studio (on level 1).

The film lasts for about 10 minutes.

The film will be played on a loop from 10am to 4pm.
Events and Activities

At the event there will be an **activity book**.

This book has been made with love by artists **Amber Anderson** and **Ifeoma Orjiekwe**.

In the book there are lots of **creative activities** for you to do.

We hope the activities will help you explore what **touch** means to you.
Access at Wellcome Collection

There is step-free and level access to all floors of the building via lifts.

There are accessible toilets and changing facilities on all floors of the building.

There is a changing places toilet on level 0.

If you have any questions about access please email us:

access@wellcomecollection.org

or call 020 7611 2222