

Dear BABE Friends

With the more recent restrictions due to Covid we will be hosting a 'lost weekend' version of BABE over the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021 as an interim BABE in the run up to our usual larger event which we will now plan to hold at Arnolfini in 2022.

For 2021 Arnolfini will stream talks/readings/performances in the auditorium, showcase some real books in the reading room, host public workshops and perhaps live performances, there may even be a themed cocktail on sale in the bar. Our aim is for the public to be able to visit over the weekend.

**We are inviting BABE participants old and new to join us remotely by proposing one (or more) of the following to our committee by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020:**

### **Videos**

5-minute walk through a book or animation of your book

5-minute talk about your work in progress

10-minute talk on publishing practice

5 or 10-minute performance or reading

5 or 10-minute anything else we haven't considered in the above list that you want to propose making a video about. Please submit your proposal **by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

The BABE 2021 committee will select videos to screen in the auditorium to the public, and will also host them online. If your proposal is selected you will need to send us your video by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

### **Artists' books**

**Would you like to show one of your books over the weekend? If so, email some info and an image by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 about a small / lightweight work.** If selected you will need to post your book to us by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021, and they need to be able to be handled. Arnolfini will show the books in the reading room and send them back to you afterwards.

### **Live interventions/workshops/pop-ups/performances**

We also invite proposals for a real in person performance, workshop, pop-up or intervention for which we have a small budget. **Please send your proposals for these by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.**

We will also be making a call for a collaborative making / response during the run up to the weekend of 17-18 April that we will share on social media.

Please join us! We can make this a lovely weekend of talks by local, national and international friends before we can all get together again in 2022. In 2022 we will be welcoming Nordic/Scandinavian artists and librarians to BABE supported by the Nordic Culture Council. For 2021 some of them will be presenting videos as part of a Scandi Salon so you can see some of their work before 2022.

**Please send your proposals to [Sarah.Bodman@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Sarah.Bodman@uwe.ac.uk) by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.**

Any questions feel free to ask them. We really hope you can be part of BABE 2021.

Best wishes  
Sarah, Tom, Phil and Angie