

# More-than-human governance: Experiments in Europe



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10.30 - 16.30

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## About DemocracyNext

DemocracyNext is a global platform for democratic innovation.

We believe in a more just, joyful, and collaborative future, where everyone has meaningful power to shape their societies. We work to shift who has power and how we take decisions in government and in institutions of daily life like workplaces, schools, and museums.

Grounded in rigorous research and extensive practice in the field, we're both a knowledge hub and action lab on Citizens' Assemblies, deliberation, and sortition - the practice of selecting decision makers by lottery. We connect networks who share a goal of innovating democratic governance.

Our three focus areas are democratic infrastructure - building the field, institutions - scaling systemic change, and innovations - enabling experimentation.

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## About Arising Quo

Arising Quo is taking its first steps towards exploring what transformative wealth redistribution looks like, over an initial period of 12 months.

We are a small team who over the course of this first year are undertaking a range of activities – from moving resources into micro-demonstrators, to commissioning work that signals towards something with transformative potential, to exploring the pre-conditions for more transformative work, alongside doing our own research.

This is all being done in a spirit of enquiry. What we do over the course of this initial period, we imagine will guide what happens in the following years, and will help inform where further resources are distributed. We're trying to work in the open, sharing insights as we go.

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# About our more-than-human governance project

There is a growing network of people and places exploring and practising how governance and policy design can draw on more-than-human and planetary intelligences.

We are conducting an exploratory research project to learn who is conducting new governance experiments in Europe to map the field, learn from best practices, and share these findings.

You are invited to present and participate in a convening on [18 June 2024](#) bringing together the cutting edge innovators in more-than-human governance. This project is supported by [Arising Quo](#). There is more information about the projects we have been tracking [here](#).

## Questions we are exploring

- Who is doing more-than-human governance practice in Europe? Or enquiring about it too?
- Where is the work being applied into policy and governance?
- Who is doing what, where?
- What is emerging in this field in Europe?
- How can it be further supported?

## Objectives

1. Have a better shared understanding of the landscape of Europe-based actors experimenting with different more-than-human governance approaches
2. Learn from one another's projects - the rationale, the impact, what's working well and what's challenging
3. Meet and connect - establish the basis for an informal network of people and organisations working with shared goals and visions who can support and learn from one another

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# Agenda

- 10.30-11.00      [Coffee and arrivals](#)
- 11.00-11.20      [Welcome and introduction](#)  
Claudia Chwalisz and Lucy Reid, DemocracyNext
- 11.20-11.50      [Getting to know one another](#)
- 11.50-12.40      [First panel](#)  
7 minutes presentation each, 20 minutes Q&A and discussion
- Melanie Challenger, Animals in the Room
  - Calvin Po, River Don Project
  - Joffrey Lavigne, Micro-parlement des des espaces naturels
  - Phoebe Tickell, River Roding Interspecies Council
- 12.40-13.40      [Lunch](#)
- 13.40-14.30      [Second panel](#)  
7 minutes presentation each, 20 minutes Q&A and discussion
- Maria Lucia Cruz Correja, Voice of Nature K institute
  - Elahe Rajabiani, European Commission, Joint Research Centre - workshop model with non-humans
  - Marianna Sonneck, Organisms Democracy
  - Christiane Bosman, Embassy of the North Sea
- 14.30-15.20      [Third panel \(virtual presenters\)](#)  
7 minutes presentation each, 20 minutes Q&A and discussion
- Isabelle Bucklow, Superflux
  - Lara Houston, CreaTures
  - Eva Rovers, Assembly addressing the needs of the forest
  - Carlos Andrés Baquero-Díaz, MOTH (More than human) Rights Initiative
- 15.20-15.40      [Break](#)
- 15.40-16.30      [Wrap-up](#)  
Key take-aways from the day, how could this field be further supported, and next steps

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# Participants

1. Christiane Bosman, [Embassy of the North Sea](#) (The Netherlands)
2. Isabelle Bucklow, [Superflux](#) (UK, international), virtual
3. Ieva Cesnulaityte, Head of Research and Learning, [DemocracyNext](#)
4. Melanie Challenger, [Animals in the Room](#) (UK)
5. Claudia Chwalisz, CEO and Founder, [DemocracyNext](#)
6. Corbin LaMont, [Arising Quo](#), virtual
7. Maria Lucia Cruz Correia, [Voice of Nature KInstitute](#) (across Europe)
8. Lara Houston, [Creative Practices for Transformational Futures project \(CreaTures\)](#) (EU), virtual
9. Joffrey Lavigne, Vraiment Vraiment, [Les micro-parlements des espaces naturels](#) (France)
10. James MacDonald-Nelson, Project Lead - Urban Planning and Design, [DemocracyNext](#)
11. Calvin Po, Dark Matter Labs, [River Don Project](#) (UK)
12. Elahe Rajabiani, European Commission, Joint Research Centre - workshop model with non-humans (EU)
13. Lucy Reid, COO, [DemocracyNext](#)
14. Eva Rovers, [Bureau Burgerberaad](#), Assembly addressing the needs of the forest - new project (The Netherlands), virtual
15. Carlos Andrés Baquero-Díaz, [MOTH \(More than human\) Rights Initiative](#) (International), virtual
16. Marianna Sonneck, Club Real, [Organisms Democracy](#) (Germany)
17. Robbie Stamp, Board Chair, [DemocracyNext](#) (UK)
18. Phoebe Tickell, [Moral Imaginations](#), [River Roding Interspecies Council](#) (UK)