



## A unique artwork by Simon Ryder **Cabinet of Change**

**You are invited to join us on  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

**Mitcheldean Community Library**

2.30pm-4.00pm

**Newnham Community Library**

6.00pm-7.30pm

Please come and view this amazing artwork - the outcome of Simon's research during his micro-residency in the Forest of Dean.

Artist Simon Ryder ([artNucleus](#)) was commissioned by Carolyn Black ([Flow Contemporary Arts](#)) to create a 'cabinet' in some form that could be used to reflect upon changes in the nature of the Forest of Dean, inspired by his own research in this forest and through engagement with local Community Library users.

Nature, texts, blog posts and technology have been combined to create a unique system that reflects upon how fungi attaches to trees and their interdependence. The Cabinet, designed in collaboration with Millar + Howard Workshop, holds books, texts and objects that Simon encountered along the way - you are invited to contribute contents too. The selected materials and processes in its making speak of the industrial nature of the forest – wood and words combine with high-tech laser and water-jet cutting.

The Cabinet of Change is a prototype for one of a number of artworks that Flow will deliver in the future as a touring collection of cabinets to libraries, heritage locations and museums.



Scanning in the forest with an X-Box

**Thanks to volunteers** in both Newnham on Severn and Mitcheldean libraries, who have supported this project, and to all those who took part in the workshops; also to the many people I have met along the way whose willingness to share their enthusiasm, local knowledge and insight into the Forest of Dean has given shape to this project, many of whom I have mentioned by name at the end of individual blog posts. **If you were involved, come and collect a limited-edition document - it's my way of saying thank-you for your involvement in the project.**

**Simon**

### **BLOG:**

<http://simonhyder.wordpress.com/category/forest-of-dean/>

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