

A brief summary of the exhibition themes:

### **Origins of Us – The Hive**

What does it mean to be human? How does our understanding of where we came from affect the way we see the world? This exhibition explores the way that archaeology, geology, and natural history have shaped our visions of ourselves. For two hundred years, people have been examining the traces of Worcestershire's landscape for clues to the greatest puzzles of all: how did we get here? When did we become human? What came before us?

The physical traces left by the Ice Age are the key to unlocking the story of the Origins of Us. Discover the characters — the celebrated, the surprising, and the forgotten — who have played a part in the human story of Ice Age Worcestershire.

### **Through the Mists of Time - The Hive**

An immersive experience inspired by the evolution of humans towards the end of the last Ice Age that led to the birth of modern society. As part of the Lost Landscapes project, and funded through Arts Council England, there will be an audio visual installation celebrating imagination and human ability to go beyond the here and now, constructing shared systems of beliefs and creating symbols, ceremonies and rituals. Digital artists SDNA produce distinctive digital artworks and vibrant interactive experiences for a range of settings, from intimate small scale pieces to ambitious projected installations for outdoor spaces and iconic buildings. We aim to extend the possibilities and reach of digital art by exploring the interaction between moving image, installation, virtual reality and live performance, and by collaborating with a diverse range of participants and audiences. [www.movingimage.art](http://www.movingimage.art) .

### **Ice Age - Worcester Museum and Art Gallery**

Celebrating half a million years of Worcestershire's history, from the time our ancestors arrived until the end of the last Ice Age 10,000 years ago. Over this enormous timespan there were many changes in climate, from woolly mammoths roaming icy tundra in Bromsgrove, to prehistoric lions hunting the grasslands beneath Bredon Hill. Humans came and went with the warming and cooling of the climate. Lost Landscapes of Worcestershire will bring this little known period of our prehistory to life through the Ice Age exhibition and many associated events and activities. Visit Ice Age and come face to face with a Neanderthal, crawl inside our Ice Age shelter and meet Fluffy the Woolly Mammoth.