

Verdoyons 2025



Discover the 5th edition of *Verdoyons*, a highlight of Rennes 2 University's environmental transition. Led by the Transition socio-environnementale team, the Cultural Service, and University Libraries, this engaged cycle reflects the university's commitment to addressing major societal challenges.

Read on to learn about a few of the events happening on our campus ([full list available here](#)).

“The Garden” - Photographic Exhibition by Siân Davey

October 2, 2025 - February 6, 2026 Outdoor display near Buildings D and P (open Monday-Sunday)

A poetic and intimate series where the photographer transforms her family garden into a biodiversity refuge and a space for connection. Among wildflowers, friends, and passersby, *The Garden* becomes a place of grief, healing, and shared joy. In partnership with [Glaz Festival](#).

Installation: The Talking Tree

November 3 - December 19, 2025 BU Sciences Humaines - Building S

An invitation to reflection—a moment by a tree... Let your emotions guide you as you leave a note or drawing on its branches.

Exhibition: “Francis Hallé, the Forest Genius”

November 3 - December 19, 2025 BU Centrale - Exhibition Space

A passionate botanist, Francis Hallé takes us on a journey through trees, forests, and their secrets. Through his drawings—paired with those of Nicoby, author of *Génie de la Forêt*—we discover life itself. From his garden to tropical forests, from fallen trees to canopies, Hallé shares a lifetime of research and his unbroken wonder at the forest's absolute beauty. In partnership with the Francis Hallé for Primary Forest Association and Albin Michel Editions.

Meeting with Francis Hallé: “Tracing Life”

Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 6:00–7:00 PM BU Centrale - News Room

Launching the *Echoes of the Earth* series: a conversation with **Francis Hallé** (botanist and biologist), **Nicoby** (comic artist), and **Johan Oszwald** (geography professor at Rennes 2). They'll discuss primary forests, forest soils, life, canopies, and the urgent need to protect these spaces. They'll also explore the role of drawing—how Hallé captures life and the importance of making research accessible through art and comics.

Exhibition: “The Keepers of Time”

November 5 - December 17, 2025 BU Sciences Humaines

For the past 10 years, naturalist photographer **Émilien Colleu** has captured the wonders of biodiversity. His work invites us to pause, listen, and observe—just as he does.

“Forests” - Micro-Exhibition at the Fonds ancien

November 5 – December 15, 2025 BU Centrale – Rare Books Collection (access via the rear of Building H)

Mysterious, awe-inspiring, and endlessly fascinating, forests have fueled our imagination since time began. Discover a curated selection of treasures from the 34,000-volume Reserve Collection . Open Monday–Friday, 2:00–5:00 PM, or by appointment. [More information available here](#).

“BlockSmog” - Interactive Multimedia Exhibition by Guillaumit

November 12 - December 12, 2025 Hall du Tambour

A vibrant, interactive work blending graphic art, augmented reality, and scientific data to raise awareness about air pollution. Three murals with mini-games explore its causes, consequences, and potential solutions. Co-produced with Electroni[k] as part of the Saison MAINTENANT , in partnership with EduLab, Atelier des Transitions, Maison de la Consommation et de l’Environnement , and CROUS Bretagne.

Around the exhibition:

- MCE info stand: Friday, November 14, 2025, 10:00 AM–2:00 PM, Hall du Tambour
- Micro-sensor walks, CO₂ sensor workshops, and data sharing sessions (January 2026) for Rennes 2 students and staff.

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