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## Why Ants?

Ants and Humans have some uncanny similarities. As master engineers, we both can redesign landscapes, and we both tend livestock and use other forms of agriculture. But even more intriguing, is that ants and humans solve problems in many of the same ways. But humans are so big, and ants are so small, how is all of this possible?

“AntVenture is borne out of an artistic impulse to highlight, not only how similar we are to ants, but what we might learn from these marvelous creatures in order to solve our greatest environmental problems”

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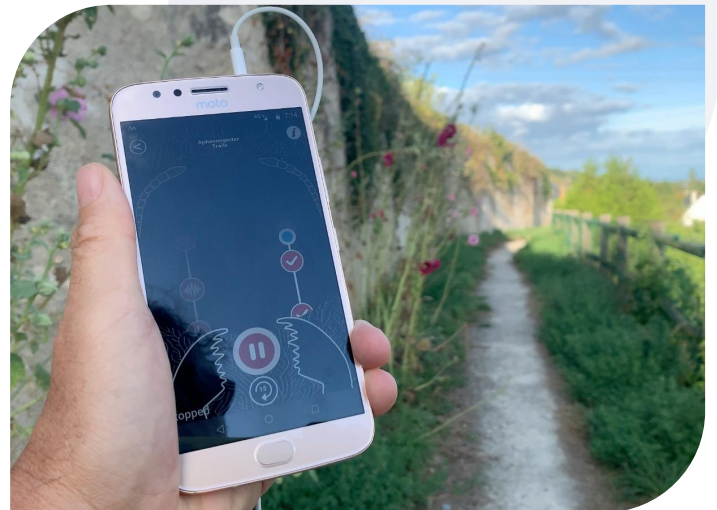


# The AntVenture Project

The AntVenture Project is composed of a digital app, and a series of online and in-person site-specific workshops exploring what it feels like to be ant. It is a reminder that even in the most concrete laden streets, nature is always to be found at the very least in the form of an ant.

## Past events

- Guimarães, Portugal, The Walking Body Conference, March 18-21 2024
- The UK International Radio Drama Festival, March 25-29, 2024



“The Walking Stories original concept and technology we created with the programmer Carlos Garcia bring our senses and our body back to the stories and to the Earth”

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# AntVenture and your Event

Designed to be embedded seamlessly in your arts festival, conference or natural science museum, AntVenture allows participants to explore the many ways that ants interact with their colonymates and the environment around them.



## The AntVenture Experience

### The Smartphone App

The AntVenture app creates an engaging and immersive walking experience that is linked to the sensory awareness you have of your surroundings. With multi-branching choose-your-own adventure stories, you witness the every-day dramas of four common ants as you walk your neighbourhood.



### AntVenture Interactives

To deepen the AntVenture experience, we design and facilitate workshops for participants to experience how ants negotiate their world. Tailored to mirror the sensory awareness of ants, or the way that these engineers construct a nest, These activities can be specific to your event offering unique ants-eye perspectives of your festival grounds, nearby parks, or your city in its entirety.

## Olfactive tracks in Guimaraes, Portugal

During the Walking Body-5 festival March 18-21 2024, we presented the AntV Olfactory Scavenger Hunt where participants problem solved their way around a virtual map of the city only with their noses.

With essential oils on q-tips in locations on the board that match the streets of the city, the participants actively engaged the olfactory driven intelligence of ants, and served to heighten the awareness of participants as they later walked the streets of Guimaraes.

