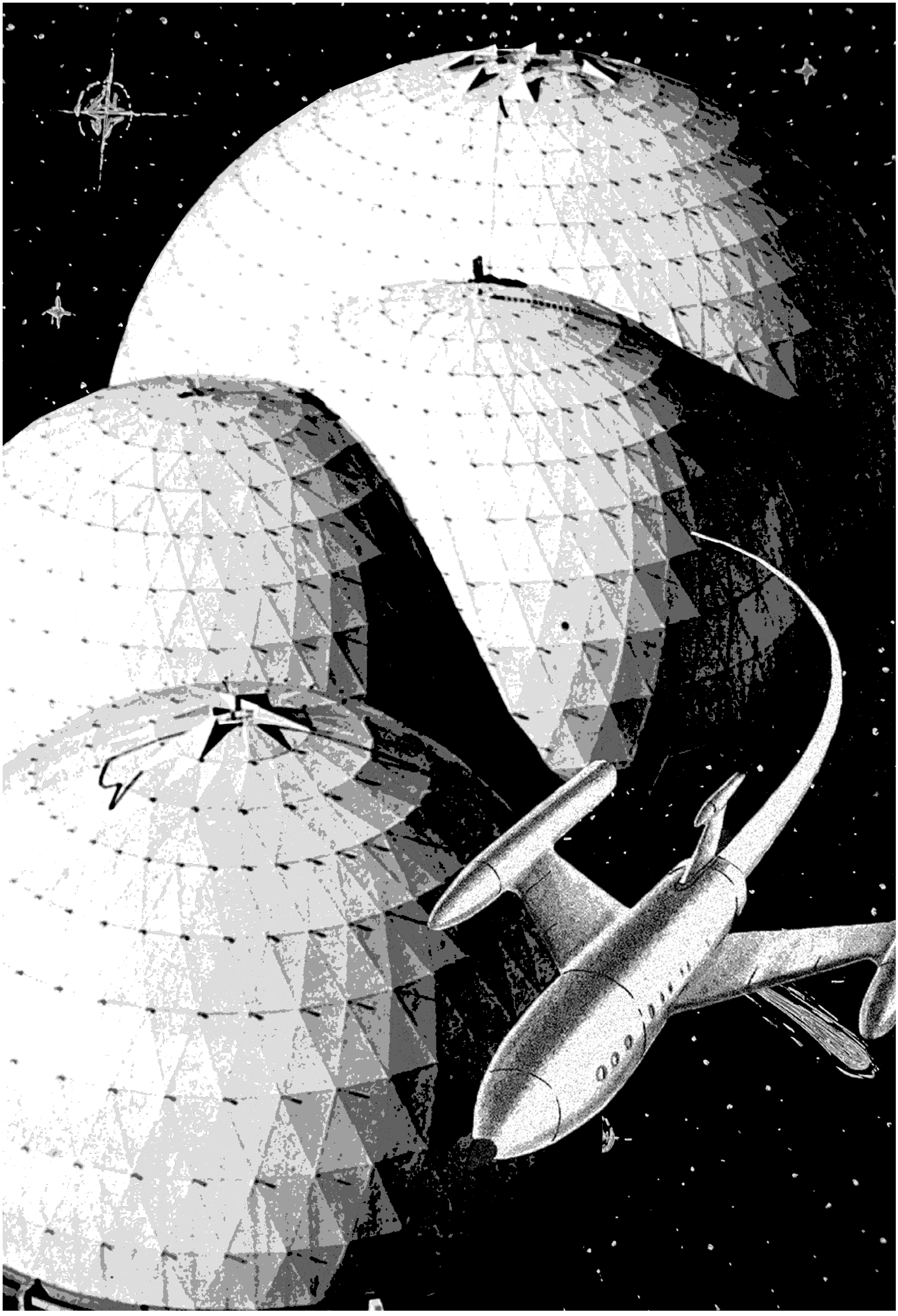
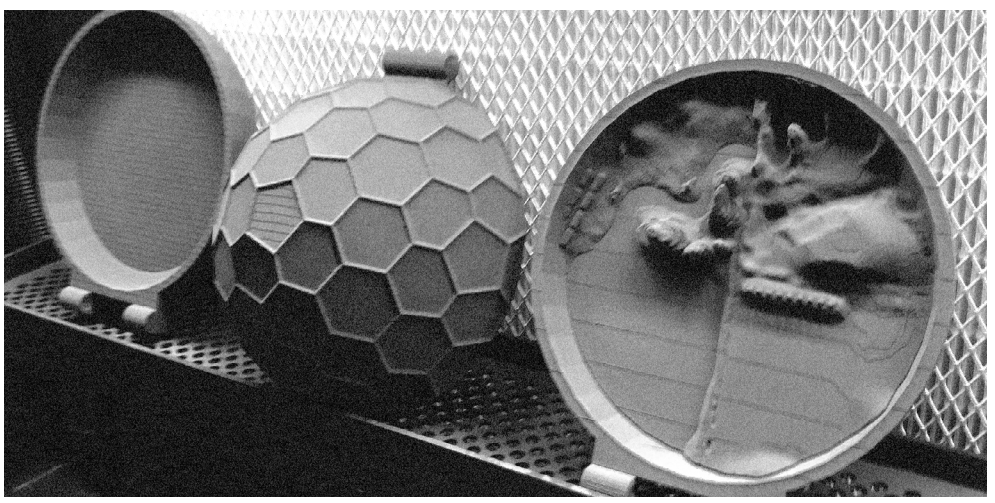


TURF PROJECTS

11 July - 26 September 2026

Prefab Paradise





Journey through imagined worlds & speculative futures with Prefab Paradise, a new exhibition by Amy J Wilson and Meitao Qu at Turf Projects. The title borrows its name from a description of Biosphere 2, an experimental research project that attempted to replicate the earth's biomes through a closed ecological system. Blending miniature dioramas and immersive technology, visitors are invited to contemplate entangled utopian visions of natural and built environments. A central human habitat is surrounded by four natural biomes: rainforest, grassland, ocean and desert, with visitors invited to take a first person view of the constructed worlds through digital first person view goggles and projection.

The project has been developed alongside a series of workshops with Art Press and Croydon School of Art students, exploring speculative modelmaking, worldbuilding and social dreaming. Participants were invited to build their own biosphere using a combination of physical modelmaking, digital worldbuilding and 3D printing processes. Their worlds are on display as part of the collaborative installation.

FREE PUBLIC PROGRAMME

Opening Event Sat 11 Jul, 1-4pm
Join us for the opening of Prefab Paradise! Light refreshments provided, free & open to all.

12 Years of Turf: In-conversation with Amy J Wilson & Meitao Qu
Sat 25 Jul, 2-4pm
Join us for an informal discussion with Turf studio holder Amy J Wilson & Meitao Qu, reflecting on their collaborative creative practice.

Prefab Paradise Screening: SPACESHIP EARTH
Sat 22 Aug 2-4pm
A free screening of the film that sparked the initial inspiration for developing Prefab Paradise.

Artist Brunch with Amy J Wilson & Meitao Qu
Sat 19 Sep, 11am-1pm
An informal brunch offering space for feedback, shared food & conversation.

Family Art Fun Day - various dates
A workshop for children and their families to explore the themes of the exhibition together. All abilities are welcome

Limited spaces available & booking advised. To book, find out more info about our events or access provisions available, visit our website.

Amy J Wilson works across printmaking, ceramics and digital media. She uses these mediums to create components which are combined into sculptural configurations. Her work is informed by histories of representation, from the artificiality of tools like Alberti's window to the dominance of Euclidean geometry in contemporary game engines. Windows, portals, screens and membranes are recurrent motifs throughout her practice. Wilson uses methods of representation as a lens to explore object, animal and environmental agency.

Meitao Qu is a UK-based Chinese artist working across sculpture, installation and digital media. She is interested in the semantic surplus of models and miniatures, as surrogates of existing and imagined structures, which generate speculative narratives about the world at large that expand our normative fields of view. Taking urban landscapes, industrial infrastructure and domestic interiors as sites of inquiry, her practice explores how popular imaginations and dominant ideologies are inscribed through the material and architecture of everyday life.

ABOUT TURF

Turf Projects is Croydon's homegrown, artist-led space, founded in 2013 by locals. Grounded in themes of place and belonging, Turf creates space and opportunities that nurture emerging and under-represented creative practices. Our work aims to help people to encounter and make art together that helps shape the spaces and experiences around us. We do this through free exhibitions, workshops, collaborative projects, affordable artist studios, making facilities, resources and two artist collectives of young artists and learning disabled artists.

Deeply rooted in Croydon, Turf shows how cultural organisations rooted in community can create change with national ambition, relevance and impact. We've created more than 600 paid opportunities for artists since 2013.

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