



THE Awards 2019 – International Collaboration of the Year

Institution/Nominee	Queen Mary University of London
Title	Xingu Encounter
Key personnel	Paul Heritage – Professor of Drama and Performance, QMUL Takuma Kuikuro – Association of Indigenous Kuikuro People of the Upper Xingu
URL	http://www.peoplespalaceprojects.org.uk/en/ologiko-xingu-encounter/
Submission	<p>After fifty years of limited protection in Brazil, the rights of indigenous people and the survival of indigenous cultures and knowledge are coming under increased threat.</p> <p>Research that supports social justice is a key priority for Queen Mary University of London, and for Paul Heritage at People's Palace Projects, QMUL's Drama research centre.</p> <p>Since 2017, Heritage has worked with Kuikuro community association AIKAX, of Brazil's Upper Xingu, to create new models for equitable exchanges that put Kuikuro culture in dialogue with international artists, researchers, indigenous activists and publics in the UK, Brazil and Europe, while respecting the fragility of the Kuikuro culture and environment.</p> <p>Through three exchange visits, a series of public events and press coverage during the year, the collaborative research created the model and infrastructure for the Kuikuro to host artistic exchanges that benefit their community. Over 300,000 people around the world engaged with the research.</p>