



FRACTURED WATER

Fractured Water reimagines Belfast's lost River Farset as both subject and symbol, once whole, now buried beneath the city it gave life to. The pavilion traces how the Farset's flow from mountain to estuary was divided, contained, and obscured by concrete and time.

Its fragmented form, of shifting planes that open and fold like tectonic plates, mirrors the river's descent underground. Visitors move from light to shadow, echoing its disrupted journey. Light and sound fracture too: sunlight scatters through layered metal and timber, while distant voices and water sounds echo from separate chambers.

The installation reveals the rupture between people and the living systems below. Fractured Water invites reflection on our broken relationship with nature and reminds us that, though unseen, the Farset still flows, a quiet symbol of endurance and renewal.

