

CELEBRATE HALTON




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Celebrate Halton

– it's all in the title!



This year Halton is the Liverpool City Region's Borough of Culture, part of an initiative to celebrate what makes each of the boroughs in the region culturally unique.

We're bringing you a programme of activities to celebrate the borough's past, present and future through everything from small community-led events to larger-scale spectacles designed to fire the imagination, bring joy and represent what truly makes Halton a great place to live, work and visit.

An exciting year that aims to increase participation in high quality arts activity, helping us all to benefit from the vital role culture can play in improving our health and wellbeing, bringing people together, uniting communities, inspiring creativity and supporting learning.



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Welcome from David Parr



As we take cautious steps towards reopening our society, I am delighted to be able to share with you our Borough of Culture programme for the coming months.

Following a year when we have been unable to do many of the things we love, it is really good news that we can now, at last, look forward to enjoying some great events together.

Culture plays such a vital role in building strong community connections and improving wellbeing. It brings people together to create shared and lasting memories; it sparks emotions, brings joy and enhances the quality of our lives.

I hope that for us all, this programme of events serves as the perfect tonic as we look to get back to living our lives more normally.

Introduction from Cllr Paul Nolan



The last year or so has been extremely difficult and challenging for us all.

We thrive, learn and develop thorough our interactions and experiences.

It is therefore with great excitement that after much hard work by our fantastic Borough Of Culture Team, HBC can bring you, our residents, a year of celebratory activities and events for the whole borough to enjoy.

Large and small events will create a varied programme, reminiscing and applauding not only our heritage and past, but also the talents of our young people, whose aspirations are key to the future success of our borough.

We will see our skies lit up, our streets turned into stages and hear music echo from some unexpected venues...

So, join in the fun, and let's celebrate Halton in this unique and illuminating way!



CULTURE HQ

Culture HQ

Opening 20 May

Looking for the place where there's always something going on?

Culture HQ is the Celebrate Halton hub right in the heart of Runcorn Shopping City.

Visit us at Unit 39 (near Argos) for workshops, exhibitions and talks by local creatives.

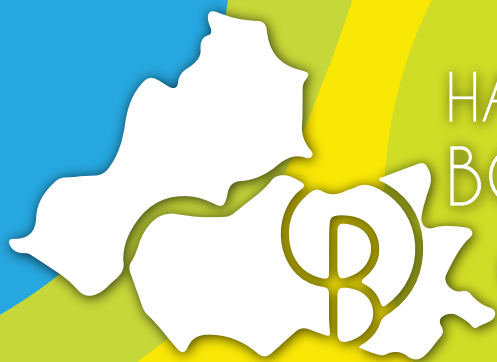
Culture HQ is an artist led space, providing opportunities to connect to the creative community of Halton.

From May till October you can discover and explore Halton based artists, with the chance to share your own work.

Open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday
10am – 2pm.

For all the latest information visit

www.celebratehalton.co.uk/culturehq



HALTON BOROUGH OF CULTURE 2021

What's on May

Let's Make! Festival

Halton Libraries' first festival of 2021 is **Let's Make!** There will be lots of activities and events that highlight the joy of making for you to get involved with.

We have makers' workshops throughout the festival for all ages, including puppet making with Altru Drama, a creative non-profit organisation based in Liverpool, pixel art and tote bag design with the wonderful digital folk at Mako Create, and a cyanotypes printing workshop with Hazlehurst Studio based artist, Rachael Prime. There will also be a book sculpture workshop with artist Kate Bufton, who creates intricate and fragile paper sculptures from pages of timeworn books, and you can join us for an online talk with S.E. Lynes, the Amazon #1 bestselling author of 'intelligent and haunting', 'beautifully written' psychological thrillers such as *Valentina*, *Mother*, and her latest novel, *The Housewarming*.

So come on Halton, Let's Make!

Monday 17 - Saturday 29 May

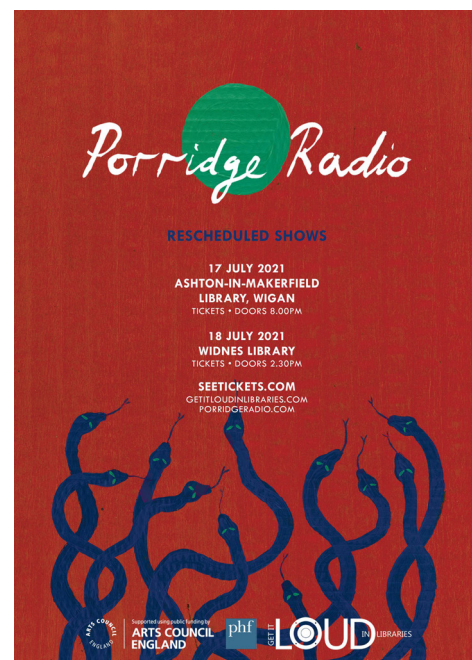
Details and booking information for each festival can be found on Halton Libraries' website

library.haltonbc.info

Monday 17 May	Science Makers: Bug Hotel	Widnes Library
Tuesday 18 May	Maker Workshop: Dream Catchers	Widnes Library
Wednesday 19 May	Science Makers: Oreo Moons	Halton Lea Library
Wednesday 19 May	Author Talk: S E Lynes	Online Event
Thursday 20 May	Maker Workshop: String Art	Halton Lea Library
Friday 21 May	Maker Workshop: Tote Bags	Halton Lea Library
Saturday 22 May	Maker Workshop: Pixel Art & Tote bags	Widnes Library
Saturday 22 May	Maker workshop: Puppet making	Halton Lea Library
Monday 24 May	Library Science Makers: Circuit Bugs	Widnes Library
Tuesday 25 May	Maker Workshop: Let's Cross Stitch!	Halton Lea Library
Wednesday 26 May	Library Science Makers: Gene Bracelets	Halton Lea Library
Thursday 27 May	Maker workshop: Cyanotypes	Halton Lea Library
Friday 28 May	Drumming Workshop: Drum-Believable!	Halton Lea Library
Saturday 29 May	Maker Workshop: Paperchain Art	Widnes Library
Saturday 29 May	Book sculpture workshop	Halton Lea Library

What's on June

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The award-winning Get It Loud In Libraries is returning to Halton for a series of matinee gigs at Widnes Library. First up is Katy J Pearson. Hailing from Bristol, Katy J Pearson has been described by NME as “*American-glazed rock, where Country meets Wild West.*”. Her debut album, *Return*, was released November 2020. Widnes Library will also be playing host to The Lounge Society, an “*impulsive, energetic punk*” band from West Yorkshire and finally, Brighton based indie-rock band, Porridge Radio.

All tickets can be booked via the Get It Loud In Libraries website.

getitloudinlibraries.com/gigs

GET IT **LOUD** IN LIBRARIES

Sunday 6 June,
2.30pm

Get It Loud In Libraries: Katy J Pearson

Sunday 27 June,
2.30pm

Get It Loud In Libraries: Lounge Society

Sunday 18 July,
2.30pm

Get It Loud In Libraries: Porridge Radio



What's on

June

A Life in a Day: Bridge Takeover

Imagine celebrating a whole lifetime in one day? Local people from Widnes and Runcorn are being invited to take part in an extraordinary journey....across the Silver Jubilee Bridge on one Saturday afternoon in June. You can make the crossing with friends, family or as part of a group, to celebrate sixty years of connection across the Mersey. The event will be co-created by local people with artists, choreographers and musicians and produced by Walk the Plank, one of the UK's leading outdoor arts companies. Call 07902548547 or email lauralannon@yahoo.co.uk for more information.

Saturday 26 June | 12-6pm | Silver Jubilee Bridge



WALK THE PLANK



What's on

June/August

Let's Go Green Festival

Join Halton Libraries for a celebration of the outdoors and our planet using art, stories, talks and performance. Experience the outdoors and learn about going green.

Throughout this festival there will be lots of fun and informative events and workshops for you to get involved in.

Artist Rebecca Atherton will be exploring climate change and its effects on the animal kingdom through a series of Love Our Planet workshops where participants will design and create amazing headdresses, depicting great mythological animal god spirits.



Each headdress will be accompanied by an environmental pledge and will provoke discussion amongst wearers and viewers. Rebecca works all over the North West and co-runs ArtFull, a participatory and community arts group.

The younger generation will have the opportunity to learn about climate change, the history of protest art and then to create their very own peaceful protest placard in our Save Our Planet workshops led by artist Colette Whittington. Colette has worked with Tate London and Liverpool and the People's History Museum and has a passion for social protest and protesting for change through art. Participants will then embark on their very own mini protest in and around our libraries.

Booster Cushion Theatre will be taking us on an ecological adventure across continents and Old Town Bloomers will be exploring the great outdoors with us. Norton Priory's bee keeper will host a special workshop and Catalyst Science Discovery Centre will explore biodiversity. We also have a series of outdoor story walks, a talk from a nature author and a gardener's question time, not to mention 'green' inspired craft workshops and an online '10 Days of Green' challenge and lots more!

Tuesday 1 June – Saturday 7 August 2021



Image: JFI Leicester 2018 - © Matt Cawrey Photography

What's on

August/September/October



Halton's Got Talent - A 10 Year Celebration

Previous Halton's Got Talent winners and runners-up take part in a spectacular Grand Finale to celebrate 10 years of Halton's premier talent show.

Saturday 21 August | 7pm | The Brindley Theatre Runcorn

Celebrate Halton Music Weekender

Borough-wide music festival that will light up the borough with a cacophony of sounds in small venues and unusual spaces. Showcasing musical genres from traditional to electro, from solo performers to bands and choirs. A mix of free and ticketed events.

Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 September | Venues across the borough

Liberty UK

Liberty UK is a multi-artform pop-up festival that celebrates freedom and democracy. The programme looks closely at a range of socio-political issues that are known to cause division and marginalise people, shining a light on hidden injustices taking place in the heart of our communities. These include climate,

isolation, understanding, migration, LGBTQI rights and equality and racism.

The festival is an exciting opportunity to uplift people who have been affected by these issues by sharing their stories. Together creating and shaping a vision for a future that is optimistic and which provides strength to move forward and meet challenges. We want to create joyful and empowering experiences rather than focusing on the negativity that often surrounds day to day life experience.

www.libertyukfestival.com

18 - 19 September 2021

Let's Tell Our Stories Festival

Halton Libraries' third festival is about stories. It will celebrate all our stories and hear our voices through storytelling, art, reminiscence, performance and talks. We will have theatre in our libraries and art, music and dance workshops that will explore multicultural stories and voices, and exhibitions and talks that will tell the story of Halton.

Date TBC

Where there is Light

Following the success of 2019's Constellations event at Victoria Park, internationally renowned artists Squidsoup return to Halton. In 2021, as part of a UK tour, they will bring Where There is Light to Halton, a digital light installation showcasing the stories of refugees and asylum seekers.

Date TBC



What's on

September - November

Museum of the Moon @Norton Priory

Museum of the Moon is a new touring artwork by UK artist Luke Jerram.

Measuring six metres in diameter, the moon features 120dpi detailed NASA imagery of the lunar surface. At an approximate scale of 1:500,000, each centimetre of the internally lit spherical sculpture represents 5km of the moon's surface.

The installation is a fusion of lunar imagery, moonlight and surround sound composition created by BAFTA and Ivor Novello award winning composer Dan Jones.

my-moon.org

Photo credit: Luke Jerram, Lakes Alive, UK, 2016

**October | Norton Priory Museum & Gardens,
Runcorn**

Fireworks Display

Halton's spectacular annual fireworks display which can be viewed throughout the borough.

Friday 5 November

Halton Light Festival:

Celebrate the power of light on the dark nights of November with events across the borough.

Date TBC





What's on

November

Image: Light Up Leicester 2020 © Chris Patrick Photography



Light! @ Norton Priory

Light installations will illuminate a woodland trail for audiences to explore a lantern walk, which will be animated by light performances culminating in a fire garden installation with musical accompaniment.

Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 November
| Norton Priory Museum & Gardens,
Runcorn

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MUSEUM & GARDENS

For all the latest information, details of these and all the community events taking place across the borough and to purchase tickets visit: www.celebratehalton.co.uk



Halton's Heritage

Celebrating Halton's Heritage:

Ever wondered who were the industrial movers and shakers that helped build Halton? Who were the workers? How have trades changed over time?

Celebrating Halton's Heritage is a project funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, exploring trades in Halton over the centuries to present day.

Our Heritage Artist will create spectacular large-scale visual art projections featuring local peoples' stories.

Exhibitions will be hosted across the borough and in our dedicated Heritage Hub.

Our Heritage Hub will feature workshops, music, poetry, and talks exploring the history of Halton's trades.

Our Community Grants will enable organisations to enhance the theme through the delivery of events and activities to engage as many people as possible in celebrating Halton's heritage.



Widnes Vikings All-Time 17

Widnes Vikings supporters celebrated the Borough of Culture by selecting their #AllTimeWidnes17 in a poll which generated huge interest.

This was to honour the pioneers and trailblazers who helped put Widnes and Halton on the map with their efforts for the club, recognising home-grown talent alongside those who came to the town and left a lasting mark. Executive Boxes at the DCBL Stadium will be renamed and redecorated to honour those chosen. Over 50,000 votes were cast, with countless memories shared between supporters. See the final 17, plus head coach: <https://widnesvikings.co.uk/your-all-time-widnes-17-announced/>



Get involved

FUNDING AVAILABLE



If you are interested in the opportunity to fund your creativity you could apply for a [Made In Halton grant](#).

Celebrate Halton is offering up to £750 to individuals and organisations delivering cultural events and projects in Halton this year.

Full details and application form are available on the website.

SUBMIT YOUR EVENT



You can also upload your event to the Celebrate Halton website and make your activity part of this year's programme. (terms & conditions apply)

Visit the website for information on community events taking place across the borough.

Website: www.celebratehalton.co.uk

Email: BoroughOfCulture@halton.gov.uk

Twitter @Halton2021

Instagram @halton2021

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