



BRADFORD 2025

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BRADFORD 2025 MAY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Exhibitions ending in May

- Ends 5 May: [I AM ME](#), Cartwright Hall Art Gallery
- Ends 11 May: [Frontline 1984/1985](#), Loading Bay
- Ends 18 May: [David Hockney: Pieced Together](#), National Science & Media Museum

Continuing exhibitions

- [Tower of Now](#), Hall Ings
- [BD Walls: Roots](#) MAPA Youth Club
- [BD Walls: The Portal](#) Church Bank House, near Bradford Cathedral
- [You:Matter](#), Science and Media Museum
- [DRAW!](#) A nationwide drawing project
Announcing Zandra Rhodes as the May artist with the theme of 'patterns'

Thu 1 May

- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free

Fri 2 May

- [Qawwali Night](#), The Beacon, Wibsey Park
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Beyond Earth](#), Bradford City of Film: film season, Pictureville
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free
- [Beyond Earth](#) film season at NSMM

Sat 3 May

- [We Will Sing](#), Salts Mills, free
- [Born to the Boats](#), Leeds-Liverpool Canal
- [Bingley 25 Weekend](#), venues around Bingley, free
- [Beyond Earth](#), Bradford City of Film: film season, Pictureville
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free

Sun 4 May

- [Les Enfants Terribles: A Gameshow for Awful Children](#), The Beacon, Wibsey Park
- [Marcel Lucont's Whine List](#), The Beacon, Wibsey Park
- [We Will Sing](#), Salts Mills, free
- [Born to the Boats](#), Leeds-Liverpool Canal
- [Bingley 25 Weekend](#), venues around Bingley, free
- [Beyond Earth](#), Bradford City of Film, film season, Pictureville
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free

Mon 5 May

- [Play Bradford's Mobile Adventure Playground](#), The Beacon, Wibsey Park, free
- [Let's Make](#), The Beacon, Wibsey Park, free
- [We Will Sing](#), Salts Mills, free
- [Bingley 25 Weekend](#), venues around Bingley, free
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free
- [Beyond Earth](#), Bradford City of Film, film season, Pictureville

Tue 6 May

- [Unforgotten](#): Bradford City Fire documentary screening at NSMM
- [We Will Sing](#), Salts Mills, free
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free

Wed 7 May

- [Creative Cities Convention](#), National Science and Media Museum
- [The Brontes by Anita Rani](#), National Science and Media Museum, free
- [We Will Sing](#), Salts Mills, free
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free

Thu 8 May

- [Creative Cities Convention](#), National Science and Media Museum
- [Augmenting Bradford's DNA](#), Theatre the Mill Workshop & Talk, Theatre in the Mill, free
- [We Will Sing](#), Salts Mills, free

- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free

Fri 9 May

- [Bassline Symphony](#), St George's Hall
- [We Will Sing](#), Salts Mills, free
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free

Sat 10 May

- [We Will Sing](#), Salts Mill, free
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free

Sun 11 May

- [The 56](#), Loading Bay
- [We Will Sing](#), Salts Mill, free
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free

Mon 12 May

- [We Will Sing](#), Salts Mills, free
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free

Tue 13 May

- [We Will Sing](#), Salts Mills, free
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free

Wed 14 May

- [Rizwan-Muazzam Qawwali Group](#), Alhambra Theatre
- [We Will Sing](#), Salts Mills, free
- [Born to the Boats](#), Leeds-Liverpool Canal
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free

Thu 15 May

- [We Will Sing](#), Salts Mills, free
- [Born to the Boats](#), Leeds-Liverpool Canal
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free

Fri 16 May

- [We Will Sing](#), Salts Mills, free
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free
- [Wild Uplands](#) launch, Penistone Country Park, Haworth

Sat 17 May

- [The Bradford Progress](#), free
[Cow & Calf, Ilkley Moor](#)
[Leeds & Liverpool Canal](#)
[Robert Park, Saltaire](#)
[Bradford Industrial Museum](#)
[Undercliffe Cemetery](#)
- [We Will Sing](#), Salts Mills, free
- [Born to the Boats](#), Leeds-Liverpool Canal
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free

Sun 18 May

- [The Bradford Progress](#), free
[The Broadway shopping centre, city centre](#)
[The Broadway to the Mirror Pool, city centre](#)
- [We Will Sing](#), Salts Mills, free
- [Born to the Boats](#), Leeds-Liverpool Canal
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free

Mon 19 May

- Bradford 2025 King Cross takeover in partnership with LNER
- [We Will Sing](#), Salts Mills, free
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free

- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free

Tue 20 May

- [We Will Sing](#) at Salts Mills, free
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free
- [Earth and Sky](#) launches on Penistone Country Park, Haworth

Wed 21 May

- [Nadine Shah](#), St George's Hall
- [Public Interest](#), Loading Bay
- [We Will Sing](#), Salts Mills, free
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free

Thu 22 May

- [The Beacon](#) at Bowling Park opens
- [An Evening of Resi/Dance](#), The Beacon, Bowling Park, free
- [Tape Letters](#), Loading Bay, free
- [Journeys with Mai](#), Cartwright Hall Art Gallery, free
- [Public Interest](#), Loading Bay
- [We Will Sing](#), Salts Mills, free
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free

Fri 23 May

- [Tape Letters](#), Loading Bay, free
- [Journeys with Mai](#), Cartwright Hall Art Gallery, free
- [Public Interest](#), Loading Bay
- [Journeys with Mai](#), Cartwright Hall Art Gallery, free
- Jameel Prize Moving Images, Cartwright Hall Art Gallery, free
- [We Will Sing](#), Salts Mills, free
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free
- [Wild Uplands](#) public launch, Penistone Country Park

Sat 24 May

- [The Big Beacon Family Welcome](#): The Beacon, Bowling Park, free

- [Wild Uplands](#), Penistone Hill Country Park, free
- [Wild Uplands Family Lauch Party](#), Penistone Hill Country Park
- [Earth & Sky](#), Penistone Hill Country Park, free
- [The Keighley Chorus](#), Airedale Shopping Centre, Keighley, free
- [Tape Letters](#), Loading Bay, free
- [Journeys with Mai](#), Cartwright Hall Art Gallery, free
- [Public Interest](#), Loading Bay
- [We Will Sing](#), Salts Mills, free
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free

Sun 25 May

- [Robyn Hood](#), The Beacon, Bowling Park, free
- [Bank Holiday Party in the Park](#), The Beacon, Bowling Park, free
- [Wild Uplands](#), Penistone Hill Country Park, free
- [Earth & Sky](#), Penistone Hill Country Park, free
- [Tape Letters](#), Loading Bay, free
- [Journeys with Mai](#), Cartwright Hall Art Gallery, free
- [We Will Sing](#), Salts Mills, free
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free

Mon 26 May

- [Let's Make](#), The Beacon, Bowling Park, free
- [Wild Uplands](#), Penistone Hill Country Park, free
- [Earth & Sky](#), Penistone Hill Country Park, free
- [Tape Letters](#), Loading Bay, free
- [Journeys with Mai](#), Cartwright Hall Art Gallery, free
- [We Will Sing](#), Salts Mills, free
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free

Tue 27 May

- [Play Bradford's Mobile Adventure Playground](#), The Beacon, Bowling Park, free
- [Happy Hype](#), The Beacon, Bowling Park, free
- [Wild Uplands](#), Penistone Hill Country Park, free
- [Earth & Sky](#), Penistone Hill Country Park, free
- [Tape Letters](#), Loading Bay, free
- [Journeys with Mai](#), Cartwright Hall Art Gallery, free

- [We Will Sing](#), Salts Mills, free
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free

Wed 28 May

- [Happy Hype](#), The Beacon, Bowling Park, free
- [Tape Letters](#), Loading Bay, free
- [Wild Uplands](#), Penistone Hill Country Park, free
- [Wild Uplands: Wild Wednesday](#), Old School Room, Haworth
- [Earth & Sky](#), Penistone Hill Country Park, free
- [Journeys with Mai](#), Cartwright Hall Art Gallery, free
- [Public Interest](#), Loading Bay
- [We Will Sing](#), Salts Mills, free
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free

Thu 29 May

- [Sisters 360](#), The Beacon, Bowling Park, free
- [Play Bradford's Mobile Adventure Playground](#), The Beacon, Bowling Park, free
- [Tape Letters](#), Loading Bay, free
- [Wild Uplands](#), Penistone Hill Country Park, free
- [Earth & Sky](#), Penistone Hill Country Park, free
- [Journeys with Mai](#), Cartwright Hall Art Gallery, free
- [Public Interest](#), Loading Bay
- [We Will Sing](#), Salts Mills, free
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free

Fri 30 May

- [BBC Introducing at the Underground](#), The Underground
- [Sisters 360](#), The Beacon, Bowling Park, free
- [Play Bradford's Mobile Adventure Playground](#), The Beacon, Bowling Park, free
- [Tape Letters](#), Loading Bay, free
- [Wild Uplands](#), Penistone Hill Country Park, free
- [Earth & Sky](#), Penistone Hill Country Park, free
- [Journeys with Mai](#), Cartwright Hall Art Gallery, free
- [Public Interest](#), Loading Bay
- [We Will Sing](#) opens at Salts Mills, free

- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free

Sat 31 May

- [Public Interest Bassline Night](#), Loading Bay
- [Sisters 360](#), The Beacon, Bowling Park, free
- [Tape Letters](#), Loading Bay, free
- [Wild Uplands](#), Penistone Hill Country Park, free
- [Earth & Sky](#), Penistone Hill Country Park, free
- [Journeys with Mai](#), Cartwright Hall Art Gallery, free
- [Public Interest](#), Loading Bay
- [We Will Sing](#) opens at Salts Mills, free
- [Hope/Act: People Powered Press](#) installation at Bradford City Library, Keighley Library, National Science and Media Museum, MAPA, free
- [Bradford on Foot](#), District wide, free

CREATIVE ENGAGEMENT PUBLIC FACING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Our Patch

Draw! Tour – FREE drop-in artist-led workshops for all ages on the theme of patterns [The DRAW! Tour: Workshops | Bradford 2025](#):

- 11 May: Ilkley Lido as party of the 90th Birthday Celebrations
- 14 May: Victoria Hall, Queensbury, Bradford South
- 17 May: Damart Mill, Bingley – to support Bradford Progress
- 22 May: Laisterdyke Library, Bradford East
- 29 May: Bradford New Church, Bradford West
- 24 May, 3 – 4pm: Keighley Chorus, Airedale Shopping Centre by the piano. A monthly drop-in choir led by Hannah Butterfield and Shane Durrant.
- 29 May: Textile repair and swap workshop, Bradford East Repair Patch Last Thursday of the month (The Gateway Centre)
- 28 May, 1 - 2.30pm and 6:30 – 8pp: Urdu Shurdu, Chaiwala, Leeds Road A monthly circle to learn more about Urdu poetry and poets.
- 3 & 4 May: Bingley Arts Centre for Bingley Creates! Our Patch drop-in creative workshops

COMMUNITY SESSIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- Journey of Mai sessions have started with our Youth Panel and Common/Wealth to develop a National Youth Summit and a youth take over day at Cartwright Hall in response to the portrait.
- [BD:Walls Talent Development](#) sessions continue and painting of three community murals in Buttershaw, Ravenscliffe and Girlington begin

- 3 & 8 May: [509 Arts – taster sessions with Older People](#)
- Regular weekly creative sessions at Bevan for Sanctuary Seekers
- 10 May: [National Literacy Trust Story Bus: Bowling Tour](#)

SCHOOLS AND CULTURAL LEARNING

- Bradford On Foot: activity pack to be released. Involves creative exploration of your local area leading to the creation of a map.
- Tower of Now: activity pack to be released. Exploring the diversity of languages in Bradford.
- Community Sharing Event following the workshops exploring Bassline and how it links to Classical Music. The sessions have taken place in schools and across the community to give young people the chance to learn music production and DJ'ing skills with All Star Ents as part of [Bassline Symphony | Bradford 2025](#)
- Sing Dance Leap: work is ongoing in schools with Royal Ballet & Opera, Opera North and Northern Ballet ahead of mass participation performance in June.
- Digital Creatives in ongoing in six secondary schools.
- Slam Poetry: [Learn | Bradford 2025](#) Workshops have been completed in 25 schools, and the winning teams are busy preparing for the Grand Final in June. In the meantime, Key Stage 2 & 3 teachers are being offered the chance to improve their own skills and confidence in teaching creative writing at a full day CPD session delivered by Authors Abroad on Friday 27 June. This is an open call opportunity for up to 50 educators. [Educator CPD Opportunity – Creative Writing with Authors Abroad | Bradford 2025](#)
- Play: *Intergenerational Play* programme underway with paired links (each link comprised of one primary school class and one group of older people in a care home) who will participate in a programme of 5 intergenerational sessions. These sessions explore Creative Play through a number of artforms and topics and are delivered by The Linking Network. In May, we will deliver a total of 16 sessions across eight paired links.
- Wild Uplands: *Wild Upland Wonderland* continues with a further three of the six participating schools holding the first of their three-session programme. Delivered by Bradford Artist Naseem Darbey and Yorkshire Wildlife Trust's Lucy Lee, the programme explores the development of creative outputs in response to the local environment. Taking inspiration from both Penistone Hill Country Park and the Wild Uplands artists.
- *PLAY: Alive and Kicking Drama Adventures* – Primary schools will be able to choose from two exciting and engaging drama adventures with a Bradford twist. These sessions will help learners develop their creativity, as well as core skills in teamwork, oracy, and communication. Nursery settings will also be able to take part in a special drama adventure developed specifically for early years to support the development of language skills and curiosity through play. This offer will be announced in May, with sessions in delivery from June.
- *PLAY: Science Explorers Play Lab* – From May, we will be offering a series of fun, creative, and curiosity-sparking science sessions designed especially for early years settings. These interactive sessions will be delivered in nursery settings

across the district between May and December, bringing science to life through creative and artistic play, nature-based activities, and hands-on discovery.

CALL OUTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- New: Beyond the Spectrum: Creative Writing sessions for autistic children and adults:
[Beyond the Spectrum: Online Creative Writing Workshops \(10-17 years\) | Bradford 2025](#)
[Beyond the Spectrum: Online Creative Writing Workshops for Adults \(18+\) | Bradford 2025](#)
- [Live: National Saturday Clubs](#) for 13 - 16-year-olds in Game Design and Performance & Theatre
- [Slam Poetry CPD Callout – Educator CPD Opportunity – Creative Writing with Authors Abroad | Bradford 2025](#): A full day session for Key Stage 2 & 3 teachers to develop their skills and confidence in teaching creative writing
- Contemporary Music for All is looking for instrumentalists and singers aged 16+ living in the Bradford District to take part in MARCH! as part of the New Music Biennial, which comes to Bradford in June. Find out more [here](#).
- Letters to the Future Callout - [HERE](#) - We Will Sing is a new artwork inspired by Salts Mill and Bradford's textile heritage. Created by artist Ann Hamilton for Bradford 2025 UK City of Culture, We Will Sing opens in May 2025 – and you can be a part of the work. Hamilton is inviting us all to write a Letter to the Future, connecting our memories of the past and what we love about the present to tomorrow's world and the people who'll live in it. What do you think the future needs to know? What would you share with it, and what could you teach it? What stories would you tell the future – and what do you hope the future never forgets?

BRADFORD 2025 NETWORKERS ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

Below are a few of the places the Networkers will be promoting Bradford 2025 in May.

BRADFORD SOUTH

- Attending regular meetings with planning group for Wyke Gala
- Connecting with local schools, nurseries and childcare providers in Wyke and Queensbury
- Meeting communities around Bowling Park, in particular Tong, to ensure The Beacon is assessable to local residents
- 17 May: community crafts and picnic in Great Horton Park with New Libya society
- 23 May: stall at Queensbury Wellbeing Cafe at St Teresa Church
- 25 May: stall at Bradford Bulls stadium

BRADFORD WEST

- 17 May: community event, Girington Community Centre (Toller)
- Just Desserts meeting (Frizinghall)

- 7 May: Education Alliance for life chances meeting (Oasis Lister Park, Manningham)
- 25 May: Medology event: Getting into Medicine and Dentistry
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Heaton)
- 8 May: Augmenting Bradford's DNA: Theatre in the Mill Workshop and Talk with Razwan Ul Haq. Theatre in the Mill (City)
- 6 May: Meeting with Dr. Sohail Ahemd, Bradford 4 better awards night "Bradford 2025 legacy community Awards" (Clayton)

BRADFORD EAST

- 27/28 May: half term activities but awaiting date confirmation
- Youth session on Canterbury estate
- 20 May: Family Fun Day, Gateway Centre
- 15 June: Industrial Museum Takeover

KEIGHLEY & ILKLEY

- Ilkley carnival based around the theme of Bradford 2025
- Ilkley Lido 90th celebration
- Keighley Cougars match day stall
- Wild Uplands launch in Haworth to be able to share this to the community members and get everyone on board
- Community DRAW event at Bangladeshi Community Association

SHIPLEY

- Work with Cullingworth 1st Guides on Love Cullingworth Project to produce coasters/bags/tea towels to sell at Cullingworth Gala
- Work with Heritage Group and Scouts and Guides in Menston on Love Menston project
- Deliver session at Foster carers event at Bradford Cathedral
- Visit sports and youth groups to distribute Bradford Bulls free tickets
- Visit to Wilsden Village Hall
- 3 – 5 May: attend Bingley 25 events with promotional materials

HOW YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITIES CAN GET INVOLVED...

- Become a [Volunteer](#)
- [Sign up to our e-news](#)
- Follow us on [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#), [X](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#)
- Sign up to the [WhatsApp Channel](#) for the latest Bradford 2025 news
- Download our [Love Bradford logo](#) and display it proudly
- Use our [Bradford 2025 Glow App](#) to customise your logo or photo with our colours

Schools

- Access our **free learning and activity** resources [here](#)

- Sign up and encourage all educators to sign up to the newsletter from our Learning team [here](#)

Businesses

Ways businesses can get involved:

- View our [Business Toolkit](#)
- Use our [Bradford 2025 Glow App](#) to customise your logo or photo with our colours
- Download our [Love Bradford logo](#) and display it proudly