
Leeds Inspired

A snapshot of what we've seen so far

*storytelling, film making, design workshops, play spaces,
mobile museums, travelling sheds, music in the bus station,
illustration, human powered cuckoo clocks, den building,
vend art, pop-up print, childrens ballet, hackdays, radio plays,
brand new theatre, music in the market, art on a barge,
community festivals, comic books, street dance, playful signage,
art by older people, Indian ragas, mini olympics,
stories of Leeds*



Leeds Inspired website

Leeds Inspired is part of the city's cultural programme celebrating arts, sport and heritage events throughout the year and aims to make great culture accessible to everyone in Leeds. Since launching just over 12 months ago we have been busy designing and delivering the Leeds Inspired website; managing the grants schemes, programming cultural activities in Leeds and providing support to creative organisations.

This document provides a snapshot of where we are now and gives a flavour of some the amazing projects and events that are taking place with the support of Leeds Inspired.

A full evaluation of Leeds Inspired 2012/13 will be available once the monitoring information from our first year of grant funded projects is complete.

Leeds Inspired Grant Funded Projects

The first year of the our main grants programme had a theme of playfulness and, since April 2012, we have funded 32 projects across the city ranging from Olympic activities for the 'oldest old' by Jabadao; Holbeck radio plays from Slung Low; and a technology hack day for young people in City Museum.

Keep an eye out for... a human powered cuckoo clock by Lord Whitney; Alive and Kicking's mobile storytelling museum; and Conway And Young's celebration of Hyde Park Picture House.

Keep an eye out for... the Leeds Inspired Commission 2013. Following an open call for proposals we are assessing over fifty applications to produce a performance, spectacle or installation with cross generational appeal that will be delivered in Autumn 2013.

Leeds Inspired rapid grants are designed for smaller projects and are open throughout the year. We have supported 29 rapid grant projects including a den building day with Armley Common Rights Trust; wheelchair sports at Kirkstall Festival; and community involvement work in Unlimited Theatre's production of The Giant And The Bear on Quarry Hill.

Keep an eye out for... circus workshops with South Leeds Youth Theatre; Catch-Up's city centre symposium of Leeds illustrators and designers; St Kitts & Nevis Association music celebration in Chapeltown.

Over half our funded projects 2012/13 are still active and ongoing until Spring 2013. To see a full list of the Leeds Inspired grant funded projects please go to

www.leedsinspired.co.uk



*Love Arts Festival
/ Betty Lawless*



*The Giant And The Bear
/ Betty Lawless*

Leeds In Pictures

Working with Leeds based photographer Betty Lawless we have set out to capture the creativity, playfulness and hard work that goes into making the city such a vibrant place for culture. So far Betty has taken over 1000 fabulous photographs which are available on our Flickr page. We are happy for the images to be used to celebrate culture in the city so please get in touch if you'd like to use one of Betty's photos.

Keep an eye out for...
more beautiful photos of Leeds in 2013 from Betty:
www.flickr.com/leedsinspired



*The Stalls Pop-Up Shop
/ Betty Lawless*

Website

The Leeds Inspired what's on website launched in March 2012 to provide a unique space that brings together the huge range of cultural events and opportunities taking place across the city. Event organisers across Leeds are invited to use this free resource by adding their events to the website. Since going live last year more than 2,500 events have been added to www.leedsinspired.co.uk

Keep an eye out for... new developments to the website including our weekly events newsletter; an improved events finder; a new Leeds Inspired projects page and a data feed of the website's events.

www.leedsinspired.co.uk



Leeds Inspired home page

See What's Out There Posters

In Spring 2012 over 30 artists responded to our open call to create artwork for Leeds Inspired posters. Four illustrators were selected to respond to the Leeds Inspired strap-line 'See what's out there'. The stunning posters have appeared on poster drums and in venues across the city. Our commissioned artists (Matt Ferres, Janis Goodman, Johanna Härmä and Matt Saunders) are based in the city and most of them have studied here in Leeds.

Keep an eye out for... artwork on poster drums by Johanna Härmä and Matt Ferres, and a new call for illustrators.

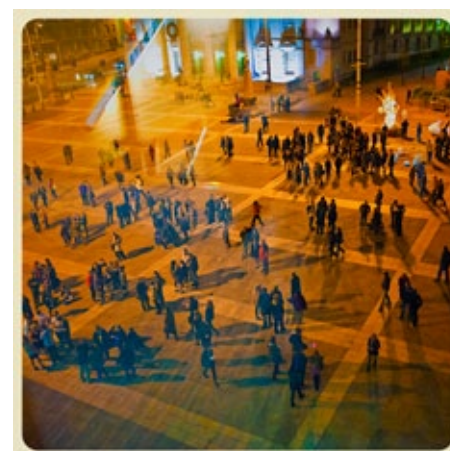


Illustration by Janis Goodman

How has Leeds benefited so far?

So far we've received audience data from 23 of our funded projects and this is how the picture is beginning to shape up. So far, more than 40,000 people in Leeds have participated in or attended events and activities funded by Leeds Inspired. So far, more than 750 people in Leeds have gained valuable experience through volunteering with Leeds Inspired funded events and activities. So far, over 750 days paid employment have been created through opportunities with Leeds Inspired funded events and activities. And, so far, the Leeds Inspired team have met with more than 70 arts / community / creative organisations and individual artists to provide grants surgeries and project support.

We'll be reporting back on the full picture later this year when all of our 2012/13 projects are complete.



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If you'd like to talk to us about Leeds Inspired please get in touch!
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A few of our funded projects



Passion4Fashion

More than 80 people took part in the Passion4Fashion project, organised by Leeds Federated Housing Association. Under the expert guidance of designers Ketchup Clothing, Re-Made and Fabrication participants learned dress making and how to customise and up-cycle clothes to create their own outfits for the grand finale show. Their final catwalk event played to a full house of over 800 people at Leeds Town Hall in September.



Ugly Duckling

Ugly Duckling is Northern Ballet Theatre's first ballet for children and was performed at community venues in Hunslet, Yeadon and Chapeltown as well as in NBT's theatre in Quarry Hill. The show was a huge success and more than 4000 people enjoyed the re-telling of this classic children's tale. The financial support from Leeds Inspired was used as match funding that helped NBT to secure a further £385,000 from Arts Council England to tour Ugly Duckling nationally and develop a brand new children's ballet.



All Hands On Deck

Last summer two narrow boats sailed their way around the canals of Kirkstall, Bramley and Rodley. Captained by artists the boats became temporary arts venues providing cultural inspiration for anyone who happened to hop on board. All Hands On Deck worked with residents associations, families, and retired groups which resulted in over 550 people taking part in tow-path art, on-board record clubs and nature cruises.



All photos / Betty Lawless

Woolly Warmers

In December a series of free music concerts were programmed for lunch-breaks and rush-hour in Leeds Market; Millennium Square; Leeds Train Station and Leeds Bus Station. The playful events included the lederhosen-wearing Oompah Band playing Bavarian style Abba; a jazz interpretation of The Grinch on an up-cycled piano; a reggae-inspired set of traditional Christmas tunes; and a big public sing-along finale with Hope & Social to serenade commuters and shoppers on their way home. The concerts were enjoyed by over 4000 people and videos from some of the performances can be seen at

www.youtube.com/LeedsInspired