

Leeds Museums & Galleries 200th Birthday Celebration Grants

Deadlines:

12 noon on Tuesday 26 January 2021.

Late applications cannot be accepted.

Introduction

2021 marks 200 years of Leeds Museums & Galleries and we want your help to celebrate it! We're looking for project proposals from people across Leeds that respond to our collections and/or what these mean to the people of Leeds.

Leeds Museums & Galleries is the largest council run museum service in the UK with over 1.3 million objects housed across Leeds Art Gallery, Leeds City Museum, Temple Newsam, Kirkstall Abbey, Abbey House Museum, Leeds Industrial Museum, Lotherton, Thwaite Watermill and Leeds Discovery Centre. If you would like to find out more about our collections please feel free to visit or get in touch for further information.

We want to support as many people as possible who want to lead on projects that will form part of the programme to celebrate the 200th Birthday. We will be awarding at least 10 grants of up to £750 for individuals, groups or organisations. These will be made available in March 2021 and all projects should be delivered in full between April – December 2021.

What we are looking for

- Activity and events inspired by Leeds Museums and Galleries objects and collections
- Activity and events led and delivered by individuals, community groups or organisations in Leeds
- Activity and events that take place in communities or in Leeds Museums and Galleries venues
- Activity and events that the public can get involved in

Things we will not fund

- Commercial activity or events
- Activity not taking place in Leeds
- Activity or Events without a clear connection to Leeds Museums and Galleries

Application Process

Applications will be assessed through a single grant deadline. We anticipate receiving more applications than we will be able to fund so please be as detailed about your ideas as possible. Applications will be assessed by a team that includes curators at Leeds Museums and Galleries. If you would like to talk through your idea with someone at Leeds Museums & Galleries before you submit your application then please email catherine.robins@leeds.gov.uk to arrange a conversation.

Through this grant fund we are aiming to support up to 10 projects that, when delivered together, will contribute to a 200th Birthday Programme of activity that is:

Citizen led

Through volunteers, community consultation and outreach the programme will be shaped by the people of Leeds.



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| <i>Inclusive</i> | Varied programming and stories will ensure the project is relevant to the broad spectrum of Leeds citizens. |
| <i>City wide</i> | The programme will have outputs in public spaces across the city, within and outside of Leeds Museums and Galleries. |
| <i>In partnership</i> | Leeds Museums and Galleries will work in support of each project |
| <i>Collections at heart</i> | Leeds Museums and Galleries collections will be at the heart of the programme of activity. |
| <i>Honest</i> | The programme will reflect openly and honestly on the history of the service and its collections. |

How we make decisions

We use an assessment system and the knowledge of our staff to help make award decisions. We will also consult other organisations, including the Arts Council, when necessary.

We only fund applications where the activity:

- Is clearly described, realistic and well planned
- Is achievable within the given budget
- Has allowed sufficient planning time to achieve its goals

What happens next

If your application is successful we will confirm this in writing and send you a funding agreement which you must sign and return. We will release the first instalment of your grant on receipt of this funding agreement. This process can take 2 - 3 weeks, remember to include this time in your financial planning.

Grants and Covid 19

We appreciate that the circumstances around Covid 19 are changing often. As far as possible we ask applicants to consider the impact of possible changes to restrictions on their projects and plan in mitigations. We appreciate it is not possible to anticipate every eventuality. Responsibility for delivering activities in line with Covid 19 guidelines will sit with the grant recipient, though we will offer support where possible and practicable.