



THE NATIONAL **FESTIVAL
OF MAKING**

What's On Guide

Blackburn
Town Centre

**4TH & 5TH
JULY 2026**

11am—5pm

Making the most out of your visit

All activities run from **11am-5pm** unless otherwise stated with a **pink time button**.



Say hello to our friendly Festival Volunteers who will be happy to assist you! You can also head to our **Information Points** at King William Street & Cathedral Square, (7 and 24 on the map) or find our **Access Hub** on Town Hall Street (14 on the map).



Nearly all the workshops, talks and activities are free!

Where there is a charge to take part, this will be clearly indicated. The festival is supported through a combination of public funding, partnerships, sponsorship and earned income, enabling us to offer a programme that is either free to access or available at a low cost to participants.



For these workshops you'll need to head to the venue listed to **sign up for a time slot**. Numbers are limited, so get there early to avoid disappointment!



Scan the QR code to **view the programme online** - there's even more things to see and do! You can also filter by activity type or venue.

Or visit festivalofmaking.co.uk/whats-on







Don't have specific plans? Simply follow our yellow festival line along the ground and you'll be guided through the town centre to each of the venues!
(Note: the line may have faded if it's rained on or just before the festival weekend!)



Your essential guide to everything to see and do this weekend

Map Key

-  Festival Route
-  Information Points
-  Toilets
-  Steps to Venue

Festival Venues

Museum Street

- 1** Blackburn Museum and Art Gallery, Museum Street
- 2** Creative Skills Hub & Museum Street

Exchange Street

- 3** The Bureau Centre for the Arts, 3 Exchange Street
- 4** The Making Rooms Pop Up, next to the STEAM Zone

Town Hall Square & King William Street

- 5** The Exchange, King William Street
- 6** Drummer's Arms, King William Street
- 7** 59 King William Street & Festival Info Point
- 8** STEAM Zone, King William Street
- 9** Taste Lancashire Market & Street Food Stalls, King William Street
- 10** King William Street Performance Area
- 11** Launchpad, next to Rhode Island Coffee

Town Hall Street

- 12** 9 Town Hall Street, The Making Rooms Temporary Venue
- 13** The Batcave **Saturday Only**
- 14** Blackburn Library & Festival Access Hub, Town Hall Street

Discover Blakey Moor

- 15** 29 Northgate
- 16** Blakey Moor Terrace, opposite King George's Hall
- 17** Reel Cinema
- 18** Barton Street Yard, access via Barton Street Car Park
- 19** Prism Contemporary, 20 Lord Street West
- 20** Uncultured Creatives Studio, 14-16 Lord Street West

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- 21** Not Only A Street Party, Church Street

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- 23** Cathedral Gardens
- 24** Cathedral Square & Festival Info Point
- 25** Workshop Marquee, Cathedral Square
- 26** Blackburn Cathedral **Saturday Only**
 - Cathedral Nave
 - Cathedral North Transept
 - Cathedral South Transept
 - Temple Gallery
- 27** Blackburn Cathedral **Saturday Only**
 - Cathedral Crypt
 - Cathedral Annexe
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**The National Festival of Making
is a not-for-profit arts organisation.**

If you've enjoyed your visit, please consider making a donation to help us continue our work and keep the festival free to attend. Every pledge, no matter what the value, will help the festival evolve and grow for years to come!

Welcome

On behalf of the Festival of Making CIC Board, and Directors Lauren Zawadzki and Elena Jackson, a very warm welcome to the 2026 National Festival of Making.

The National Festival of Making is about curiosity, creativity and fun. It brings people together in a weekend packed with exhibitions, live performances, hands-on workshops, film screenings, makers markets, street food and lots more.

This year we are really pleased to welcome Screen Lancashire who will be exploring film and place through screenings, talks and participatory activity across the festival weekend.

Art in Manufacturing



Abigail Hampsey + Artisan Food Producers

Film, sculpture and painting trace rituals of production and preservation, from bread making to bee keeping, positioning these acts of cultural and sociological preservation. Hampsey has worked with the Ormskirk based foundry, Bronzecast; artisan food producers including JJ Sandhams; and within her own bakery and studio to create **Focus**, a new exhibition of work.

This project is a Co-Commission with Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council and the University of Lancashire.

16 **Blakey Moor Terrace**, Opp. King George's Hall

Alina Akbar + Awesome GTI & Performance M

Collaborating with car modification industries, Alina Akbar has created a new film score, composed entirely from recordings of modified car engines. Presented as an immersive installation **VICKED**, the work frames behind-the-shutters garages as contemporary artisans operating within the visual language of luxury and aspiration in working-class contexts.

This project is a Co-Commission with Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council and the University of Lancashire.

18 **Barton St Yard**, Behind Prism Contemporary

18 Access via Barton Street Carpark - restricted access due to single step and narrow doorways.



Our Art in Manufacturing programme continues to develop and support commissioned artists to work with local industry and partners. Visitors will experience projects from artists working with the automobile sector to artisan bread and cheese makers; and projects with Darwen Terracotta and Haworth Art Gallery.

The National Festival of Making celebrates making in all its forms, transforming Blackburn's streets and iconic spaces with free activities. Hosting more than 150 artists and attracting over 40,000 visitors each year, it brings profile and economic impact to the town. From rave music to making a mini bog in a jar, there is something for everyone. We hope you enjoy.

Rosy Greenlees OBE
Chair, Festival of Making CIC


From artisan makers to some of the UK's leading manufacturers, artists enter into dialogue with spaces of making and create new work with and alongside skilled workforces and making communities.



Matter at hand + Darwen Terracotta

Matter at hand presents **Poured Earth**. Showcasing new work developed with Darwen Terracotta, the exhibition explores how industrial manufacturing expertise and earth-based construction methods can inform new approaches to sustainable building. What began as a programme of research and prototyping has evolved into an ambitious exploration of what could become the UK's first Poured Earth building.

19 Prism Contemporary

 This venue is accessed via a step


Update: Activities at Audley Community Park have unfortunately been cancelled. The Poured Earth exhibition at Prism Contemporary remains open.

Penelope Payne + Haworth Art Gallery

In response to time spent with Haworth Art Gallery, a Grade II listed country style Arts & Crafts house in Accrington, Penelope Payne presents a new sculpture and sound work, **Canon**, exploring the historic domestic setting as a lens for examining how personal stories, social structures, and inherited values shape one another over time.

This project is a Co-Commission with Haworth Art Gallery.

15 29 Northgate

 This venue is accessed via a step. A temporary ramp will be available.



Exhibitions

Don't miss a curated selection of exhibitions.

Practise makes Pigeons

Ben Hall's garden shed studio becomes the foundation of a new artwork installation, capturing the spirit of makers and the unique spaces they create for their craft.

Down a ginnel, behind a high fence on a terraced street in Sheffield, sits a garden shed. Like many garden sheds, it's full of tools. But in Ben's shed, these are wheels, clay knives, loops and sponges. Surfaces are smudged with the dried residues of clay used to make the ceramics that line the high shelves.

Recognisable for their scored surfaces, glazed and fired in rich blues and etched with haiku, Ben's vessels are containers for stories, observations and small moments of everyday life.

Delivered in partnership with Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery.

1 Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery,
Watercolour Gallery

We Are Alloys

Hetai Patel's ambitious new commission spans moving image, painting and performance. The exhibition explores British Asian futurism, family, and myth-making and marks early development in Patel's ambitious new feature film work set in Blackburn, presenting new works that reimagine the town and its British Asian communities within a speculative cinematic universe.

Presented in partnership with Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council and the University of Lancashire.

Mathroo Basha

Patel's acclaimed live performance Mathroo Basha (Mother Tongue in Gujarati), sees him choreograph movement to recorded interviews with women from his family, learning and embodying their words almost like prayer.

2pm Saturday & Sunday

*No booking required - arrive at 1.45pm
Performance time: 50 mins*

5 The Exchange

Please note: We Are Alloys opens at 11.30am on Saturday, and will be closed during the Mathroo Basha performance each day.





Exhibition Talks

 Art in Manufacturing Talk

Meet the exhibiting artists and hear a short talk with guest hosts.

Each talk will last approximately 20 minutes.

Saturday 4th July

1.45pm

Ben Hall in Conversation with Alex Zawadzki, Curator and Director of The Second Act Gallery, and representatives at Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery.

Practise makes Pigeons

1 Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery,
Watercolour Gallery

3.15pm

Lewis Jones in Conversation with Darwen Terracotta and Rosy Greenlees OBE, National Festival of Making Chair.

Poured Earth

19 Prism Contemporary

4pm

Hetai Patel in Conversation with Jane Millichip, Chief Executive Officer of BAFTA, hosted by Jamie Holman, artist and Board Member of National Festival of Making.

We Are Alloys

5 The Exchange

Sunday 5th July

1.30pm

Abigail Hampsey in Conversation with Claire Mander, Director of the COLAB and National Festival of Making Board Member, and Elena Jackson, National Festival of Making Director & Programme Curator of Art in Manufacturing.

Focus

16 Blakey Moor Terrace

2.30pm

Penelope Payne in Conversation with Gillian Berry, Arts & Heritage Manager at Haworth Art Gallery, and Elena Jackson, National Festival of Making Director & Programme Curator of Art in Manufacturing.


Canon

15 29 Northgate This venue is accessed via a step. A temporary ramp will be available.

3.45pm

Alina Akbar in Conversation with Jamie Holman, Artist and National Festival of Making Board Member.

VICKED

18 Barton St Yard, Behind Prism Contemporary
 Access via Barton Street Carpark - restricted access due to single step and narrow doorways.

Screen Lancashire

This year's National Festival of Making hosts a special Screen Lancashire programme exploring film, place, storytelling and regional identity through international screenings, talks and participatory activity.

Presented in partnership with Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council and the University of Lancashire.



Saturday

11am	Dirty Faces: An Opening Ceremony 11.15am—12.45pm
12pm	
1pm	'Northern Souls': Elaine Constantine in Conversation with Dave Haslam 1—2.30pm
2pm	
3pm	Conversations in Creativity: Johnny Vegas in Conversation with Graham Duff 3—4pm SOLD OUT
4pm	
5pm	Film Screening: Mera Lyari with an introduction and welcome from the film's Director, Abu Aleeha <i>Directed by Abu Aleeha Pakistan 90 mins Subtitled (15+)</i> 4.30—6.15pm
6pm	

Sunday

	Contemporary Short Films from Pakistan <i>Curated by Foundation Art Divvy & young people from 'One Voice'</i> Introduced by Zahra Khan, Director, Art Divvy 11am—12.30pm
	Indie Crib: Building New Pathways for Independent Film 12.45—1.45pm
	Lost Harmonies meets Suspended Motion <i>Film Screening followed by an In Conversation with Sima Gonsai and Uthra Rajgopal</i> 2.15—3.15pm
	Bashford Twins Cotton Kings Concept Trailer & Talk 3.30—4pm
	Film Screening: RAVE CULTURE: A NEW ERA <i>10 minute intro + 87 mins (15+)</i> 4.30—6.15pm



Scan the QR code and filter by 'Bookable'

All listings in this schedule are bookable on Eventbrite. If you haven't got a ticket, you're welcome to turn up at the venue, unless something is listed as Sold Out. On the day spaces will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Some of the Screen Lancashire content has a small charge to attend, operating on a Pay What You Feel basis.

Please note: Unfortunately there are only two spaces for wheelchairs per screening. These are available to book online. Please contact a member of festival staff at the venue if you'd like to see if there are available spaces on the day.

Highlights

SOLD OUT

CONVERSATIONS IN CREATIVITY: Johnny Vegas in Conversation with Graham Duff

Join comedian, actor and artist Johnny Vegas in conversation with award-winning writer and broadcaster Graham Duff. Long-time friends and collaborators, they'll explore creativity, making, Johnny's love for ceramics, art, comedy and the experiences that have shaped Johnny's remarkable career in this candid, funny and insightful live event.

Delivered in partnership with Creative Lancashire.

FILM SCREENING: Mera Lyari with an introduction and welcome from the film's Director, Abu Aleeha

Pakistan | 90 mins | Subtitled (15+)

Set in Karachi's historic Lyari neighbourhood, *Mera Lyari* follows two young women pursuing their football dreams against the odds. This uplifting drama explores resilience, identity and community, celebrating the power of sport to create opportunity and transform lives.

FILM SCREENING: RAVE CULTURE: A NEW ERA

10 min intro + 87 mins (15+)

Set against the backdrop of late-1980s Britain, this electrifying documentary traces the rise of rave culture and breakbeat music. Through rare archive footage, pioneering voices and an unforgettable soundtrack, it explores how underground parties became a cultural movement that transformed music, nightlife and youth identity around the world.



'Northern Souls': Elaine Constantine in Conversation with Dave Haslam

Filmmaker Elaine Constantine and writer, DJ and cultural historian Dave Haslam come together for a conversation discussing the significance of *Northern Soul*, working-class culture, music and place. Together they explore authentic storytelling, regional filmmaking, overlooked histories and why local voices and communities matter on screen.

Lost Harmonies meets Suspended Motion

Screening followed by Conversation with Sima Gonsai & Uthra Rajgopal

Award-winning Blackburn-born filmmaker Sima Gonsai presents two acclaimed short films exploring connection, sensory experience and tradition. Following the screening, she joins writer and curator Uthra Rajgopal for a conversation about storytelling, creativity and revealing new ways of experiencing and understanding the world.

Film Directors, The Bashford Twins, introduce a concept trailer for their new film project 'Cotton Kings'

Hosted by Tom Washington from Metoatee

Cotton Kings is the untold, adrenaline-fuelled story of a crew of working-class entrepreneurs from Blackburn who transformed the legacy of a declining mill town into a streetwear phenomenon that would leave its mark on a generation. Built on graft. Stolen with style. Cast in Blackburn!

17 Reel Cinema

You'll also find a wide selection of screen related activity and exhibitions across the festival programme!

Experiences

Fantastic experiences not to miss!


CRT Threefold with Obscura Collective

Join Obscura Collective for their alternative take on the group portrait. Learn about outdated video technologies from MiniDV cameras to CRT televisions, and create your own combined portrait inspired by the French surrealist drawing game “Exquisite Corpse”.

Presented in partnership with Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council and the University of Lancashire.

1 Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery,
Victorian Gallery

VR Swings - Volo: Dreams of Flight

Back by popular demand! The VR Swings return to the festival after their debut in 2023. Don't miss out on Studio Go Go's thrilling virtual reality swing adventures.  A platform swing which is accessible to people who use a wheelchair will be available between **11am-12pm** and **4-5pm** each day.

24  Cathedral Square



The Bewonderment Machine

A magical journey for small children and a kinetic public sculpture, The Bewonderment Machine is an artist-built carousel, powered by a bicycle. Please note: The Bewonderment Machine will have a break every 45 mins to reset for the next schedule of rides.

24  Cathedral Square

Workshops at Reel Cinema

Head to Reel Cinema where you'll find Young Film Academy with a green screen workshop - become a star in a Festival music video! You'll also find the Bashford Twins on Saturday doing open auditions for their upcoming film Cotton Town Kings, with auditions recorded and supported by Blackburn Film Academy.

Presented in partnership with Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council and the University of Lancashire.

17 Reel Cinema

Silk and Stone: Living Relics

A digital motion artwork created by Sana Maulvi, drawing inspiration from the intricate Persian patterns and florals that flourished during the Silk Road era. Exhibited at regular intervals.

A project supported by Arts Council England & The Second Act.

7 King William Street, Digital Screen



Workshops: For children and families

Ideal for kids and their grown-ups!

Looking for **Early Years** content? **PAGES 24-25**
See our Fun for Under 5s page

Mask Making with Let's Make Art

Join artist duo Karen and Alice of Let's Make Art to make some seriously impressive masks. This workshop is inspired by Fredun Shapur's 1970's Four Faces idea, and is sprinkled with Let's Make Art's signature colour and joy with a new take on the classic design.

1 Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery

Explore South Asian Truck Art with Zareena Bano

Truck art is a unique and intricate form of expression that transforms everyday vehicles into moving masterpieces. Decorate your own mini truck-shaped plaque inspired by the iconic tradition.

25 Workshop Marquee, Cathedral Square



Tinkertown

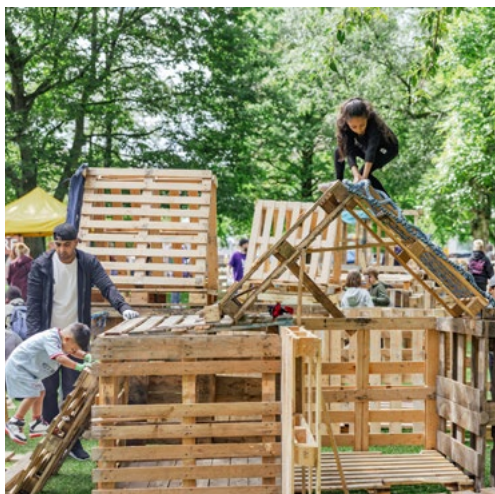
Back by popular demand... Help build Tinkertown! It's time to set to work tinkering, building and creating in this workshop where den-building meets wood-working!

22 Front of Cathedral, Grass near the front entrance of the Cathedral

Splodge-a-matic Spin Painting Machine

Pedal powered spin art. Make your own painted masterpiece at a bespoke vintage fairground attraction-turned-art machine. Everyone welcome, scream if you want it to go faster!

2 Museum Street



Workshops: For children and families

Columbian Printing Press - Have a Go

Under the guidance of artists Julia Swarbrick and Print, Paint and Pixel, use the traditional 1875 Columbian Printing Press in Blackburn Museum and Art Gallery to create a relief print. You'll find Julia on Saturday, and Print, Paint and Pixel on Sunday.

1 Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery,
Skill & Labour Gallery

Banner Making with Sam Selley

Create your own mini fabric banner adorned with felt, patterned fabrics or even detailed embroidery.

25 Workshop Marquee, Cathedral Square

Make a Mini Bog in a Jar

Join Lancashire Wildlife Trust, Lancashire Peat Partnership and Blackburn BID to create your own micro-ecosystem inspired by the structure of the peat bog on Darwen Moor.

23 Cathedral Gardens

Studio TIP Circular Free-Play

Play, invent and assemble, using materials sourced from factories locally! Discover the hidden life of materials in manufacturing, how they feel, connect and become something new.

Drop in **11.30am-1.30pm** **2.30-4.15pm**

16 Blakey Moor Terrace

This workshop is taking place upstairs, accessed via a staircase.

Hypnotic Record Player Animations with Nick Sayers

Draw hypnotic animations using record players, bike cogs, colour pens, and a mobile phone camera! The workshop is a modern take on Victorian zoetrope or 'phenakistoscope' paper animations: circular animation sequences that are brought alive when spun on a turntable and filmed on digital video.

Presented in partnership with Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council and the University of Lancashire.

25 Workshop Marquee, Cathedral Square



Ideal for kids and their grown-ups!

Looking for even more workshops?
Find our **'Making the Town'** section! **PAGES 26-29**

E-waste Scavenging with Noisy Toys

Un-Making: like making, but the other way around... Join e-waste scavengers Noisy Toys as they dismantle and rebuild waste tech into something new!

23 Cathedral Gardens, side of Cathedral

Ebru Marbling with Arts 2 Heal

Experience the traditional Turkish practice of Ebru marbling, where colours float and dance on water to create unique patterns. Use natural pigments, brushes and styluses to create your own pieces.

25 Workshop Marquee, Cathedral Square

Veggie Synth Jamz and Instant Songs Studio

Join More Music and make tasty electronic sounds with almost anything juicy - simply tap a fruit or vegetable and make music!

Saturday Only

Drop in **12.30-1.30pm** **2.30-5pm**

Kriss is also on call to be your songwriting shepherd and melody magician **2.30-5pm**

27 Blackburn Cathedral, Crypt

Workshops Galore with Blackburn College

STEAM Zone

STEAM is everywhere – Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths are essential to our lives. In the STEAM Zone, you can make a pair of glasses from copper pipes, assemble a boat, sit in a vehicle simulator and say hello to a robot, plus so much more!

8 STEAM Zone, King William Street

Creative Skills Hub

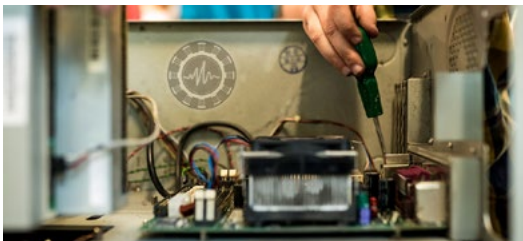
Did you know that some of our own team of staff, artists and volunteers studied creative subjects at the University Centre at Blackburn College? Here you can have a go at activities across different creative subjects.

2 Creative Skills Hub, Museum Street

Launchpad

You'll find extra workshops here so don't miss this brand new venue. Seed planting, lantern making, and on Sunday, you can even try cupcake decorating!

11 Launchpad, (near Rhode Island Coffee)



Workshops: For all ages

Riso Collage Portrait Studio with Bolton Contemporary

Create a collage portrait then watch your design be live printed on the Riso machine, transforming your artwork into a distinctive two-colour print.

1 **Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery,**
Skill & Labour Gallery

What does Lancashire taste like?

Join artist Molly Bland as Food Futures and the National Festival of Making explore together what a true 'Lancashire Feast' might be. What would it look, taste and smell like? Is it what you expected? Try out printing with a pasta machine and add your essential feast ingredients to the growing gallery.

9 **7+** **King William Street**

Playing with Words - a Dada typography workshop

Try poster-making with Mia Bashir, inspired by the art movement Dadaism. Using ready-printed letterpress text, learn about Dada's radical approach to typography and experiment with layout and design.

14 **6+** **Blackburn Library**

Unhurried Hands with Chris Webb

Find maker Chris Webb for a reflective workshop that offers a change of pace within the busy festival. Take part in acts of slow making, while honing your focus on the sensory aspects of stitching and working with materials.

Saturday

27 **Blackburn Cathedral,** Cathedral Annexe

Sunday

14 **Blackburn Library,** Meeting Room 2 on Floor 1



Designed with all ages in mind, just drop-in.

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Ian's Print Rally

Join in with the National Festival of Making's Print Rally, created by Ian Halawi and supported by Fred Aldous! Head to Blackburn Library where Ian will show you how to fold your zine and stamp your first print. Then head off to explore the rest of the festival, collecting prints along the way!

14 Blackburn Library

Look out for print stations dotted around town and collect a series of two-colour prints to fill up your zine:

- 1 Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery
- 7 Info Point, King William Street
- 16 Blakey Moor Terrace
- 21 Not Only A Street Party, Church Street
- 24 Cathedral Square



Foil Decoration with Mush Studio

Explore pattern through the practice of foil embossing with illustrators Kush and Manny. Inspired by the vibrancy of South Asian adornment, design your own motifs and patterns to create a hanging decoration.

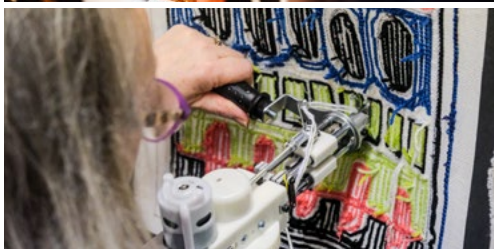
1 Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery, Hart Gallery

Live Tufting with Manchester Tufting Workshop

Ever wanted to give rug tufting a go? Now's your chance! Join Alena Ruth in tufting a couple of lines and make your mark in a collaborative piece of art. Watch the magic appear right in front of you.

Sunday Only

1 5+ Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery, South Asian Gallery





Workshops: For teens and adults

Drop-in workshops perfect for teens and adults.

Meaningful Merch with Gay Bennett of Lived-in Repairs

Swap out mass-made festival merch for something handmade. In this drop-in workshop you'll learn Sashiko — a traditional Japanese hand-stitching technique — and create your own keepsake to take home.

16 **12+** Blakey Moor Terrace

⚠ *This workshop is taking place upstairs, accessed via a staircase*

Sing with Blackburn People's Choir

Whether you have singing experience or would love to sing but don't believe you can - join Blackburn People's Choir and learn some Lancashire working songs led by Jeff Borradaile. Blackburn People's Choir will direct you from the stage!

11.45-12.30pm **Saturday Only**

No need to book, just turn up

24 Melodrome Stage, Cathedral Square



The Red List with Heritage Crafts

Did you know there are some crafts at risk of becoming extinct in the UK? Curated by Heritage Crafts, the 'Red List of Endangered Crafts', features expert Makers all focused on keeping these skills alive.

You can drop in to this space all day, chat to the Makers and see demonstrations.

- Scissor-making with Johnathon Read of Ernest Wright Scissors
- Jacquard silk weaving with Fishbone and Sycamore
- Encaustic tiles with Craig Peebles of Welby & Wright

Some artists will be offering 1 hour workshops on the day - ask at the venue. **£10** **16+**

16 Blakey Moor Terrace

Corn Dolly Making with Vic Jay

Corn dollies are an ancient, rural straw craft, traditionally made from the last sheaf of wheat at harvest time. In this workshop, you'll learn to make a 'harvest knot' variety, using a traditional plaiting technique.

16 Blakey Moor Terrace

⚠ *This workshop is taking place upstairs, accessed via a staircase*



Kitchen Tables

Our kitchen tables are not just dining spaces - they're places we make, we work and we gather. Here you'll find a selection of workshops all connected to the making that happens within our homes.

23 12+ Bell Tent on Cathedral Gardens

Block Letter Painting with elettr

Explore the flat brush painting technique with signwriter Ellie Heywood and create your own block letters. **Saturday Only**

South Asian Embroidery with Kiran Sidiki

A space to unwind, reflect and walk into the traditional practice of Muka: metallic thread embroidery from Sindh, Pakistan.

Sunday Only

Button Making with Graeme Brown Woodcraft

Use a range of simple tools to create your own beautiful set of buttons using foraged wood collected by Graeme. **16+**



Head to the venue to sign up - get down early to avoid disappointment! The booking assistant at the venue will provide you with timings.

Mushroom Growing and Fungi Drawing

Stockport Fungi will be sharing their extensive knowledge and creativity around mushrooms! Have a go at growing your own on Saturday, or get up close and draw the detail on Sunday.

Spice mixing with SOUTHINDIAN4ME

Dive into the variety and versatility of spices within South Indian cooking by creating your own masala spice mixes to take home.

Folk Mobiles with Karolina Merska of FolkA

Inspired by traditional Polish folk crafts - pająki chandeliers and wycinanki (papercuts) - Karolina will teach you how to create a unique colourful mobile using ribbons and paper.



Workshops at a Glance

● Saturday ▲ Sunday



For children and families

Mask Making with Let's Make Art	Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery	1	●▲
Columbian Printing Press	Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery	1	●▲
Caravanologue	Museum Street	2	●▲
Splodge-a-matic Spin Painting Machine	Museum Street	2	●▲
Creative Skills Workshops with Blackburn College	Museum Street	2	●▲
Model Making with Aardman SOLD OUT	59 King William Street	7	●▲
STEAM Zone with Blackburn College – 12 workshops here!	STEAM Zone	8	●▲
Sock Monsters with Adventure Arts 11am-12pm 2-3pm	Blackburn Library	14	▲
Storytelling Adventure 12.30-1.15pm 3.30-4.15pm	Blackburn Library	14	▲
Flower Crown Making with Yuliia Ivanova	Blackburn Library	14	●▲
Studio TIP Circular Free-Play 11.30am-1.30pm 2.30-4.30pm	Blakey Moor Terrace	16	●▲
Tinkertown	Front of Cathedral	22	●▲
Make a Mini Bog in a Jar	Cathedral Gardens	23	●▲
E-waste Scavenging with Noisy Toys	Cathedral Gardens	23	●▲
Explore South Asian Truck Art with Zareena Bano	Workshop Marquee	25	●▲
Banner Making with Sam Selley	Workshop Marquee	25	●▲
Hypnotic Record Player Animations with Nick Sayers	Workshop Marquee	25	●▲
Ebru Marbling with Arts 2 Heal	Workshop Marquee	25	●▲
More Music Veggie Synth & Instant Songs Studio 12.30-1.30pm 2.30-5.30pm	The Crypt	27	●

For All Ages

Riso Collage Portrait Studio with Bolton Contemporary	Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery	1	●▲
Foil Decoration with Mush Studio	Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery	1	●▲
Live Tufting with Manchester Tufting Workshop	Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery	1	▲
CRT Threefold with Obscura Collective	Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery	1	●▲
The Bureau Centre for the Arts - loads of activity here!	The Bureau Centre for the Arts	3	●▲
The Making Rooms: Fabric Lab, Precious Plastic and Repair Shop	Exchange Street by the STEAM Zone	4	●▲
Pieces of Us: Cubist Faces with Qemamu Mosaics	The Exchange	5	●▲




















All workshops are free & drop in unless marked with a **Sign Up**  or **Bookable icon** 

KEY

 Venue  Day  Sign Up  Bookable
















































All workshops run from 11am-5pm unless otherwise stated with a pink time button

For All Ages

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For Teens and Adults

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Songwriting with Douglas & Moss	Hornby Lecture Theatre	14	 
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Meaningful Merch with Gay Bennett of Lived-in Repairs	Blakey Moor Terrace	16	 
Block Letter Painting with eletter	Kitchen Tables Bell Tent	23	  
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Button Making with Graeme Brown Woodcraft	Kitchen Tables Bell Tent	25	  
Mushroom Growing and Fungi Drawing	Kitchen Tables Bell Tent	23	  
Spice mixing with SOUTHINDIAN4ME	Kitchen Tables Bell Tent	23	  
Folk Mobiles with Karolina Merska of Folka	Kitchen Tables Bell Tent	23	  
Sing with Blackburn People's Choir	The Melodrome Stage	24	
Bollywood Dance Workshop with Sohan Kailey	The Melodrome Stage	24	 
		11.45am-12.30pm	
Celebrating Our Peatlands – Stitching workshop with Lancashire Wildlife Trust	Temple Gallery	26	  

Music & Performance

See Performance Schedule for timings

Punjabi Roots

Watch vibrant, high-energy dance performances accompanied by the powerful rhythms of live Dhol drumming that will get your heart pounding and your feet moving.

 King William Street

Quite Unfit for Females by About Time Dance Company

Quite Unfit for Females is a tribute to the Dick, Kerr Ladies football team - a pioneering women's team from Preston formed from a munitions factory workforce. The performance tells the story of the team's defiance when the FA announced a ban on women's football in 1921.

 King William Street

Rang Qawwal Group

Enjoy the sounds of traditional instruments played by eight performers specialising in Qawwali - a form of devotional music.

 Melodrome Stage, Cathedral Square
 King William Street

Bollywood Dance workshop with Sohan Kailey

Move your feet to the Bollywood beat! Expect dynamic moves and vibrant music as you are led through the steps by Sohan Kailey. Not just a dance workshop, it's a Bollywood dance party!

 Melodrome Stage, Cathedral Square



Not Only A Street Party Busking Stage

Head down to Church Street to find a host of emerging creatives, support a circular economy, be immersed in a pop-up marketplace, and experience live music from local artists co-curated with Blackburn Gigs and Not Only A CIC.

21 Church Street

Mariia Petrovska

Listen to contemporary and Ukrainian folk music played on the Bandura, a traditional string instrument.

24 Melodrome Stage, Cathedral Square

There's loads more to see on the **Melodrome Stage** check the schedule for the full line-up!

Sol Cinema

Sol Cinema is the world's smallest mobile picture house, powered entirely by solar. Enjoy full usherette service and watch a five minute movie in a 1940's styled cinema with just seven other people.

Screenings available:

11.15am-12.15pm 1-2.30pm 3.15-4.45pm

Presented in partnership with Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council and the University of Lancashire.

7 Outside 59 King William Street

rf The cinema is accessed via steps

Mbira Taizé with Millicent Chapanda

Join Millicent Chapanda, a British-based Zimbabwean Shona cultural artist, traditional mbira player, singer and storyteller. You are invited to watch, listen and even participate as Milli leads you through a Shona-style celebration to the cascading sound of the mbira.

24 Melodrome Stage, Cathedral Square




Fun for Under 5s

Studio TIP Circular Free-Play

Play, invent and assemble, using materials sourced from factories locally! Discover the hidden life of materials in manufacturing, how they feel, connect and become something new. This workshop is suitable for all ages, but perfect for young children to participate in free-play.

Drop in **11.30am-1.30pm** **2.30-4.15pm**

16 **Blakey Moor Terrace**

 *This workshop is taking place upstairs, accessed via a staircase*

Dare!


Swim with silver fish, peer through a telescope, ride the tide and take a leap! Sing, play and dance along on this beautiful voyage of discovery! A show for under 5's and their adults by the team at More Music.

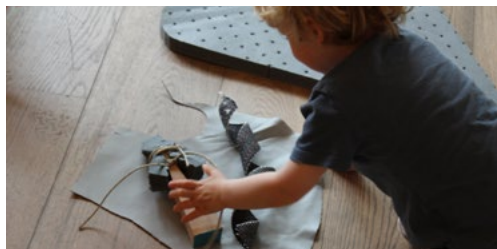
11.30am-12.30pm **1.30-2.30pm**

Saturday Only

Pay what you feel: £0-5

27 **Blackburn Cathedral, Crypt**

 *Book in advance — some spaces may be available for walk-ups on the day*



Shared Sounds

Shared Sounds is the hugely popular Early Years community programme at The Bureau.

Saturday **11am-1pm**

Catch **Stormy Garden Tales**, including original music and songs, costumes, flower pot fun, and lots of opportunities to participate.

Regular performances starting every 20-30mins.

3 **The Bureau Centre for the Arts**

Sunday **11am-1pm**

Enter the **Imaginarium** where you'll find new environments to explore and new materials and sounds to discover.

11 **Launchpad, The Mall (near Rhode Island Coffee)**





Unless stated otherwise

Perfect for 0-5 year olds and their families

Walking Down The Street Gamelan With More Music

Time to MAKE MORE MUSIC! More Music's Walking Down the Street Gamelan is a beautiful-sounding collection of recycled instruments for pre-school children aged 0-5 and their families.

Sunday Only

23 Cathedral Gardens

The Bewonderment Machine

A magical journey for small children and a kinetic public sculpture, The Bewonderment Machine is an artist-built carousel, powered by a bicycle. *Please note:* The Bewonderment Machine will have a break every 45 mins to reset for the next schedule of rides.

24 2+ Cathedral Square

Indian Dance & Storytelling with Sohan Kailey

Jump on the Maharajas' Express Train and journey across the foothills of the Himalaya Mountains. Join in the fun of the colourful Bhangra dance across the farmlands of Punjab, visit the street markets of New Delhi, full steam ahead to the Taj Mahal, and party Bollywood style in the streets of Mumbai!

11.30am 1pm

Performances last approx 20 mins
No booking required, just turn up.

1 Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery,
Victorian Gallery





Making the Town: Blackburn's Place Partnership

The Making Rooms: Fab Lab

The Making Rooms is a community-focused makerspace, empowering individuals to turn their ideas into reality and explore sustainability technologies.

Popping up on Exchange Street whilst their building opposite undergoes exciting renovations, expect to find drop-in workshops connected to all their 'Labs'.

What to expect:

- recycled plastic bead bracelets with Precious Plastic
- soldering robot bee badges with Repair Space
- plus much more!

You'll also find their Eco Lab and Ceramics Lab in their temporary home opposite Blackburn Library. Have a go at natural dyeing and mosaics.

- 4** **The Making Rooms Pop-up**, by the STEAM zone
- 12** **9 Town Hall Street**, The Making Rooms Temporary Venue


Uncultured Creatives

Uncultured Creatives is a collaborative creative practice between Artist Jamie Holman and Creative Producer Alex Zawadzki, developed to support the delivery of complex commissions.

Head to the Uncultured Creatives studio where you'll find Pattern + Pulse. Have a go at paper weaving and explore music making, inspired by the connections between Jacquard textile technologies, synthesisers, pixels and electronic music.

The workshop explores how weaving can be understood as an early form of programming. Long before digital screens and computer code, Jacquard looms used punch-card systems to control complex woven patterns, technology that would later influence computing, electronic music sequencing and digital image-making.

- 20** **Uncultured Creatives Studio**, 14-16 Lord Street West

 *This venue is accessed via a step*





Unless stated otherwise

Across the Festival, you'll find brilliant content for all ages, brought to you by Blackburn with Darwen's Place Partnership of cultural organisations.

Culturapedia

Culturapedia is an arts company based in Blackburn, committed to enriching cultural life through diverse creative experiences.

Tat Vision

Join Brummie papier-mâché pop artist Tat Vision in **puppet making for adults!** Or head back later for the **Prison Puppet Show** - a fast, silly, and absurd puppet show full of laughs and mischief. *Strictly adults only!* (16+)

Bernadette Russell

Author Bernadette Russell will lead you through a **creative writing workshop**, exploring our (extra)ordinary lives! Don't miss Bernadette's performance **366 Days of Kindness** - part stand up, part storytelling. (16+)

Some of these activities are available to book in advance - turn up at the start time as there will be room for walk-ups! See table below for timings and venue details.

Douglas & Moss

Write a song telling your story with Folk duo Douglas & Moss, inspired by the working-class Victorian writers of Blackburn. On Sunday, catch a **performance** of the songs, as well as music from their forthcoming album, 'Path Over Pendle'. (12+)

Adventure Arts

Get stuck in and **make a sock monster** friend! Interested in a **storytelling adventure**? You can also join an intrepid explorer from Adventure Arts on a mini journey, working together to create a story!

Activity

Puppet Making for Adults

Pay what you feel: £0-5

Prison Puppet Show

Creative Writing

366 Days of Kindness

Write a song

Douglas & Moss Performance

Sock Monsters

Storytelling Adventure

Saturday

6 Drummer's Arms
11am-1.30pm

6 Drummer's Arms
2-2.55pm

14 Hornby Theatre, Library
12-1pm

14 Hornby Theatre, Library
3-4.20pm

14 Hornby Theatre, Library
1.30-2.30pm

Sunday

6 Drummer's Arms
12-1pm

6 Drummer's Arms
1-2.20pm

14 Hornby Theatre, Library
11.30am-12.30pm

14 Hornby Theatre, Library
2-3pm

14 Children's Library
11am-12pm 2-3pm

14 Children's Library
12.30-1.15pm 3.30-4.15pm

Book in Advance

This venue is accessed via a step



Unless stated otherwise

Making the Town: Blackburn's Place Partnership

The Bureau Centre for the Arts

The Bureau Centre for the Arts is a grass roots community arts centre in Blackburn. Over the Festival weekend, the Bureau are showcasing everything they do best! The cafe will also be open all day, so pop by for a treat.

3 The Bureau, Exchange Street

There is level access to the rear of the building, which you can find off Museum Street.

Flags of Hope

Design, print and stitch your own piece of community bunting in the Caravanogue – a quirky retro touring caravan packed with analogue and hand-powered creative tools.

Caravanogue is accessed via steps and a narrow doorway

Flights of Fancy & Procession

Make fantastical cardboard bird hats and puppets with Festival of Light. Come back at 4pm to show them off in a mini parade!

Exhibitions

Don't miss Joy as Resistance from the Bureau's Youth Art Group and Inspired by Art, and visit the Open Studios of resident artists on the top floor.

Shared Sounds

The Bureau's popular Shared Sounds programme for Early Years presents Stormy Garden Tales for ages 0-4 and their families. Expect original music, flower pot fun, and lots of participation!

Saturday Only 11am-1pm

Regular performances starting every 20-30mins.

Activity	Saturday	Sunday
Freestyle, Battle Rap & Spoken Word Workshop (12+)	2-3.30pm arrive at the start	
DJ Workshop Open Decks (12+)	3.30-5pm arrive at the start	
Learn how to run a Fun Palace (12+)		11am-12.30pm 12.30-2pm arrive at the start
Circus skills with Festival of Light (8+)		2.30-5pm

There are lots more activities at the Bureau, taking place at specific times. See table above for details.





Audley Community Park

A weekend of activity at **Super Slow Way's** Audley Community Park, presented in partnership with the National Festival of Making

Super Slow Way joins the festival with activity linking the town centre and Audley Community Park, which they continue to develop alongside local residents into a welcoming, natural space.

Back in Black
Flint

Important update:

The Super Slow Way activities at Audley Community Park have unfortunately been cancelled. The exhibition Poured Earth at Prism Contemporary remains open as planned. See website for up to date details.

Hop on a boat

... for
... first 'poured earth'

... part in an interactive dig workshop and help Lewis sift through the land, revealing the history of the industry that was once on this very site. You'll also find **Editional Studio** who will be model-making with natural materials, and food from Tastes of Home.

29 Super Slow Way's Audley Community Park

Postcode: **BB1 1DH**

We recommend you head down the canal from Eanam Wharf if you're making your own way there. Look out for direction signs on the floor from Cathedral Square!

🚶 Audley Community Park is an approx. 15 min walk from the town centre. Please wear suitable footwear.

The area is a wild space where nature is left to flourish; as such, this location contains uneven ground and unfortunately at present it is not accessible for people who use a wheelchair.



Markets

Browse a wonderful selection of food, drink and handmade products on offer from local independent makers and manufacturers.

Taste Lancashire Market

Find out why Lancashire is the tastiest county when you meet and buy direct from local producers at the food and drink market, in collaboration with Marketing Lancashire.

- 9 Taste Lancashire Market,**
King William Street

Makers Market by Hopeful & Glorious

With more traders than ever before, independent makers gather at Blackburn Cathedral for the National Festival of Making's Makers Market, handpicked by expert design and craft curators Hopeful & Glorious.

Saturday Only

- 29 Blackburn Cathedral,** Nave and North Transept

Not Only A Street Party

Head down to Church Street to find a host of emerging creatives, support a circular economy, be immersed in a pop-up marketplace, and experience live music from local artists co-curated with Blackburn Gigs and Not Only A CIC.

- 21 Church Street**



Street Food

Fancy a bite to eat? Try some of the delicious meals and snacks from our selection of irresistible street food stalls.

- 9 King William Street**

Some Delish Ltd - *fully loaded fries*

Dabbawala - *Indian street food*

Wrap Ninjas - *fresh, vibrant and delicious wraps*

Morecambe Bay Chowder- *coastal comfort food*

- 24 Cathedral Square**

Ripplehead Ices - *ice cream and lollies*

Super8 Pizza - *New York-style pizza by the slice*

Disco Tots - *loaded tater-tots*

- 21 Church Street**

Community Harmony Project - *savoury snacks and treats*

Tastes of Home - *world cuisine*



While You're In Blackburn...

Food & Drink

Looking for something to eat or drink? Here are some of our top picks!

Kohi, **Caffee Espresso**, **Crumbssss Bakery** and **Rhode Island** are great for a refuel around King William Street. Around the Cathedral Quarter you'll find **Checks & Greys**, **Exchange Coffee Co** and the new **Shinsen**, where you'll find sushi and East Asian food.

For a sit-down meal, try **Masala Fusion**, **Istanbul**, **Kobeda Palace**, **16th Street** and **Thira**.

Don't forget **Finch Bakery** in The Mall, and the brilliant Food Hall in **Blackburn Market**, open on Saturdays!

Shopping

If you've got a bit of time and want to have a browse, here are some top-picks from our team:

The Batcave - for comics, graphic novels and collectables

Boutique by Vee - fashion & accessories curated by founder Vanessa

Geek Retreat - 'geek culture' retailer and gaming cafe

Hobkirks Sewing Machines - sewing machines, fabrics and haberdashery

Pelle Menswear - clothing store valuing quality and service

Remix Casuals - skate culture and streetwear



Blackburn Youth Zone

Whilst visiting the festival, head over to Blackburn Youth Zone where you'll find plenty of family friendly making workshops and STEAM activities. Try out some of the amazing facilities and meet the passionate staff, all while getting creative and stuck in with hands-on activities.

11am-3pm **Saturday Only**

23 Blackburn Youth Zone

Table for the Nation at Blackburn Cathedral

A 13 metre table made from ancient, fossilised oak is in residency at Blackburn Cathedral as part of their Centenary celebrations. In 2012, routine cultivations revealed gigantic oak trees that had been perfectly preserved for 5,000 years in peat. A 13m section of one of these buried giants was unearthed and crafted into the 'Table for the Nation'.

Saturday Only or visit throughout the year

26 Blackburn Cathedral, South Transept

The Batcave

Head to The Batcave for more than just shopping! Have a go at model painting and participate in a free trading card day. Between 2pm-4pm, there will also be free D&D games for people to try.

Saturday Only or visit throughout the year

15 The Batcave, Town Hall Street



Book in Advance

Designed for Adults

Leather Workshops with Diamond Awl

Diamond Awl Leather Workshop share their expert craftsmanship in the art of leatherworking with these bookable taster sessions.

£10

5 (8+) The Exchange, lower ground floor

Tassel Making with Jenny Steele

Using a range of colourful, sustainably sourced yarns, learn the heritage craft of tassel making as you create tassels to take home.

£10

5 (12+) The Exchange, lower ground floor

Celebrating Our Peatlands – Stitching workshop with Lancashire Wildlife Trust

Inspired by the ‘Table for the Nation’ currently in residence at the Blackburn Cathedral as well as the local peatlands restoration on Darwen Moor, recreate parts of our local Moor and peatlands with slow stitching, using needle felting and simple hand embroidery.

Saturday Only Free

26 (11+) Blackburn Cathedral, Temple Gallery



These workshops and experiences have limited capacity and we advise booking in advance. You can visit the venue to ask if there is space available. Check the online programme for timings.

Sgraffito Plate Workshop with Mr Ben

Create a bespoke earthenware plate through the decorative ceramic technique of ‘sgraffito’ – a process that involves scratching through the surface of an object to reveal the contrasting colour beneath.

Pay what you feel: £15/30

1 (12+) Blackburn Museum, South Asian Gallery

Block Printing with Natasha Taheem

Print a bandana using a mix of traditional hand-carved Indian woodblocks and contemporary block designs. Explore the techniques behind textile block printing, learning how to prepare fabric, work with pigment, and build up patterns.

£10

5 (12+) The Exchange, lower ground floor

Screen Lancashire: Talks & Screenings

Head to page 10 to find a schedule of talks and screenings at Reel Cinema. All listings are bookable on Eventbrite, however you're welcome to turn up at the venue, unless something is listed as Sold Out. Some of the Screen Lancashire content has a small cost, operating on a Pay What You Feel basis.

Please note: Unfortunately there are only two spaces for wheelchairs per screening. These are available to book online. Please contact a member of Festival staff at the venue if you'd like to see if there are available spaces on the day.

Presented in partnership with Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council and the University of Lancashire.

17 Reel Cinema



Scan the QR code and filter by 'Bookable'

Family Friendly

Flower Crown Making with Yuliia Ivanova

Create a flower crown inspired by Ukrainian traditions. Using colourful artificial flowers and natural textures, you'll design a unique wreath to take home.

Pay what you feel: £0-5

14 **5+** Blackburn Library, ground floor

Dare!

Swim with silver fish, peer through a telescope, ride the tide and take a leap! Sing, play and dance along on this beautiful voyage of discovery! A show for under 5's and their adults by the team at More Music.

Saturday Only

Pay what you feel: £0-5

Age: Under 5's & their adults

27 Blackburn Cathedral, Crypt

Model Making with Aardman

Get stuck into model making with Aardman – creators of Wallace and Gromit and Shaun the Sheep. On Saturday you can create the much loved Gromit, and on Sunday, try your hand at crafting Feathers McGraw.

Presented in partnership with Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council and the University of Lancashire.

Pay what you feel: £0-5

7 **5+** 59 King William Street

Pieces of Us: Cubist Faces with Qemamu Mosaics

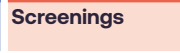
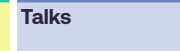
Create a mosaic portrait inspired by the bold, abstract style of Picasso's Cubism. Expect vibrant tiles and a gallery of beautifully unexpected faces by the end of the workshop.

£10

5 **6+** The Exchange, lower ground floor



Performances & Talks at a Glance




	11am	11.15	11.30	11.45	12pm	12.15	12.30	12.45	1pm	1.15	1.30	1.45	2pm	2.15	2.30	2.45	3pm	3.15	3.30	3.45	4pm	4.15	4.30	4.45	5pm	5.15	5.30	5.45	6pm			
Saturday	King William Street		Blackburn & Darwen Band		Punjabi Roots				Quite Unfit for Females				Punjabi Roots					Quite Unfit for Females	Rang Gawwal Group			Punjabi Roots										
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	The Exchange												Mathroo Basha										Hetai Patel									
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	Drummer's Arms													Prison Puppet Show (16+)																		
	Blackburn Library																		366 Days of Kindness (16+)													
	Reel Cinema		Dirty Faces: An Opening Ceremony							'Northern Souls': Elaine Constantine in Conversation with Dave Haslam									Johnny Vegas in Conversation with Graham Duff						Mera Lyari with an introduction from Director, Abu Aleeha (15+)							
	Prism Contemporary																															
	Melodrome Stage Cathedral Square		Blackburn People's Choir		Blackburn People's Choir Workshop				Mariia Petrovska					Rang Gawwal Group					Bollywood Dance Workshop with Sohan Kailey					Dog Daisies								
	Cathedral Square			The Bewonderment Machine (2+)						The Bewonderment Machine (2+)														The Bewonderment Machine (2+)								
	Cathedral Crypt																															
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Reel Cinema		Contemporary Short Films from Pakistan							Indie Crib: Building New Pathways for Independent Film							Lost Harmonies meets Suspended Motion							Bashford Twins			Rave Culture: A New Era (15+)						
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Busking Stage Church Street		Leah Eccles			William Neary				Wayne Rhodes					George Daniels					Not Only A DJ Set													

Accessibility

Venue Accessibility

The National Festival of Making takes over public spaces and venues throughout Blackburn town centre. Operating in a multi-venue environment presents challenges, and although we strive to work towards an accessible programme of events, not all venues are equally accessible to our whole audience at present.

Throughout this programme, if there are any activities listed taking place in venues where there is no level, ramp or lift entry, you will see this symbol . This will be followed by a short description of the barriers people might find to accessing this venue.



Opposite you will find a brief description of these venues. For more detail, scan the QR code or visit our access webpage:

festivalofmaking.co.uk/festival/accessibility

Prism Contemporary - Single step access.

Barton Street Yard - Restricted access due to single step and narrow doorways.

The Batcave - Single step access.

Blakey Moor Terrace - Level access to ground floor. The first floor is only accessible via a staircase.

29 Northgate - Single step access. A temporary ramp will be available.

Uncultured Creatives Studio - Single step access.

Drummer's Arms - Small step at the entrance.

The venues below have alternative level access:

The Bureau - alternative level access at the rear - via the side street off Museum Street.

The Crypt, Blackburn Cathedral - alternative level access via the Cathedral Annexe.




Accessibility at the Festival

Quiet Space

14 Blackburn Library 11am–5pm

Located on the first floor of the library, you'll find a dedicated Festival Quiet Space. No booking required, just head to the first floor or ask at the Access Hub outside the Library and they'll direct you.

Toilets

Toilets are marked on the map with this symbol . Accessible toilets can be found in Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery, The Mall, Blackburn Market (*Saturday Only*), Blackburn Library, Cathedral Square (*temporary festival toilet*).

Breastfeeding

14 Blackburn Library 11am–5pm

Blackburn Library can provide you with a private area for breastfeeding throughout the festival weekend.




Festival Access Hub & Festival Friends

This year, we have introduced a **Festival Access Hub**, outside Blackburn Library **14**, an information point designed to help visitors navigate and experience the festival in a way that works for you. Here, you can get information about our programme and venues, pick up an Access Kit and/or be paired with one of our Festival Friends.

Festival Friends are friendly volunteers who are there to accompany you for part of your festival visit. This might include helping you to navigate the festival, attend an activity, find a venue, or simply have someone alongside you during part of your visit. To be paired with a Festival Friend, head to the Access Hub and ask for a volunteer. *Please note:* availability may be limited.

Access Kits are free and available from the Access Hub and our Cathedral Square Information Point. They contain a large-format What's On guide, map, ear defenders, fidget toy, notebook, pencil and magnifying strip.

If you require any assistance or information, you can reach our team by speaking to one of our event staff who can be identified by their purple reflective vests. Or, you can head to the **Information Points**  on **King William Street** **7**, **Town Hall Street** **14** and **Cathedral Square** **24**.

DID WE MAKE IT?

We're delighted that you joined us for the National Festival of Making.

Tell us what you think!

To help us plan for the future of the festival, we're required to share some information with our funders about who came to the event and what you thought about this year's programme.



Visit festivalofmaking.co.uk/evaluation or scan the QR code to complete the online survey

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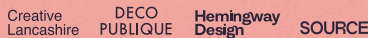
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