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OVER 150 **FREE** EVENTS TO  
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## YORK FESTIVAL OF IDEAS 2024 KEY SUPPORTERS



We are proud of the University of York's role in establishing and leading York Festival of Ideas. The Festival is an expression of the University's commitment as a university for public good: through the Festival we demonstrate the major contribution of education to the economic, social and cultural vitality of York and Yorkshire.

The University is pleased to support the Festival through the Higher Education Innovation Fund, which facilitates the communication of new knowledge and its benefits to society.

Charlie Jeffery, Vice-Chancellor

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The Holbeck Charitable Trust is once again delighted to support York Festival of Ideas as it continues to go from strength to strength.

The 2024 programme offers in many cases free access to a diverse range of in-person and online events, allowing people locally, nationally and worldwide to benefit from educating, entertaining and inspiring talks, workshops, performances and more. We congratulate the Festival on its determination to remain as widely accessible as practicable.



The Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) is an independent social change organisation whose mission is to inspire action and change to solve UK poverty. JRF is therefore delighted to support York Festival of Ideas in its ambition to provide a platform for informed debate on key contemporary issues through a programme of accessible events.

In collaboration with York Festival of Ideas, we are proud to present Festival Focus sessions on *Reimagining Wealth to Support a More Equitable and Just Future* (page 47).

# WELCOME TO YORK FESTIVAL OF IDEAS 2024

**Welcome to the 2024 edition of York Festival of Ideas as we present an exciting programme of over 200 mostly free in-person and online events.**

This year's eclectic programme is presented under the banner of The Power Of..., allowing us to explore everything from the power of science to help explain and improve our world, to the power of history to help us understand our present. And with world-class speakers, exhibitions, guided walks, performances and interactive experiences, we promise you'll find an event to educate, entertain and inspire you, whatever your age or interests.

York Festival of Ideas, which is led by the University of York, attracts a regional and global audience of almost 40,000, working in partnership with more than 100 local and national organisations. Sharing a commitment to public good, both the University and the Festival are driven by a belief in the power of education and ideas to transform lives.

In 2024, we are arguably more in need of ideas and inspiration than ever before as we face challenges on a global scale. Our Festival Focus sessions in particular are aimed at interrogating the complex challenges we face, offering you

an opportunity to join in the conversation. Our speakers will examine issues ranging from wealth and poverty, to the security of elections, to the challenges of preserving our heritage.

As always, we are proud to have attracted a wide range of inspirational speakers, including Chief Medical Officer for England Chris Whitty; double Olympic champion Dame Kelly Holmes; BBC Security Correspondent Frank Gardner; broadcaster Janina Ramirez; political commentator Gavin Esler; BBC presenters Zeinab Badawi and Ashley John-Baptiste, and many more. We are also excited to welcome a host of celebrated performers, including violinist and composer Anna Phoebe; actor Sir Simon Russell Beale, who performs in *Rêverie*, alongside the concert's creator, pianist Lucy Parham; and children's author Michael Morpurgo, who presents a magical concert adaptation of his bestselling novel *War Horse*.

My sincere thanks to our partners for their continued support, and to our sponsors and donors without who we would not be able to deliver so many events for free. Finally, huge thanks to you, our audience, for your enthusiasm and willingness to engage in activities and debates.

**Joan Concannon**  
**Director of York Festival of Ideas**



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Any programme alterations, our full up-to-date programme and further details can be found at [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com).

# MAKING THE MOST OF THE FESTIVAL

We are proud to return with a packed programme of more than 200 inspiring in-person and online events. Here are some handy hints to help you make the most of your Festival experience.



## PLANNING AHEAD

### FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

Browse the Festival brochure to find your perfect events. Look out for world-class speakers, exhibitions, performances, guided walks, family-friendly activities and more. Most of the events listed in the brochure are in-person, but you'll also find brief details of over 30 online events which you can enjoy from the comfort of your own home. You can find more details about all our events and speakers on the York Festival of Ideas website.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All our events are listed in date order beginning on page 14. Don't miss our pre-Festival interactive family activities and remember to check out the Throughout the Festival pages.

### Exploring York

### THEMES

To help you find events that are right for you, we've divided our programme into 15 broad themes, such as Exploring York, Performances and Of Women. You'll find an outline of each theme on pages seven to nine. As you browse our in-person events, look out for the coloured tab above each entry as this tells you the theme it falls under (examples above).

### FAMILY ACTIVITIES

A number of our events are specifically designed for families to enjoy. Search for the pink Fun for Families tab as you look through the brochure. You'll also find a selection of family events on pages ten to 13.

### VENUES

Festival events take place across the city of York. You'll find a list of venues, brief information about wheelchair access, as well as maps on pages 96 to 99. Each event entry includes an icon with a number which will help you locate the venue on the map (examples above).

### ACCESSIBILITY

Information about accessibility can be found on the web page for each individual event. Please contact the Festival team if you cannot find the answer to your query or have a specific request. Email: [yorkfestivalofideas@york.ac.uk](mailto:yorkfestivalofideas@york.ac.uk)

### BOOKING YOUR TICKET

To avoid disappointment, check if your chosen event requires a pre-booked ticket. To reserve a ticket, simply follow the instructions given for each event in this brochure. Most events will be bookable online.



## ON THE DAY

### IN-PERSON EVENTS

For ticketed events, please show your ticket on your smartphone via the Eventbrite app, or print out a copy to bring along. There are no reserved seats and admission is on a first-come, first-served basis, so make sure you arrive in good time if you'd like a front-row view.

### ONLINE EVENTS

Most of our online talks take place live via Zoom, so you'll need to download the free app/software. Please be aware that our online sessions provide automated live-captioning but this may not be 100 per cent accurate and can vary in quality.



### PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY

Photography, filming and/or recording will be taking place at a number of our events. Please inform a member of the Festival team before the event if you do not wish to be photographed, filmed or recorded.

### FOOD AND DRINK

A number of our city venues have cafés serving refreshments. Check the venue's website for details. If you are attending events at the University of York, refreshments will be available to purchase at campus outlets.

### TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT

Festival events are taking place at a wide range of venues across the city. You can plan your journey by public transport using the York Journey Planner at [itravel.york.info/plan-journey](http://itravel.york.info/plan-journey). For those travelling to York by car, the planner also includes details of the city's six park and ride sites. Information on central York car parks can be found at [york.gov.uk/parking](http://york.gov.uk/parking). Parking facilities at venues outside the city centre will vary, so please see the venue's website for information.

Many of this year's Festival events are taking place on Campus East and Campus West at the University of York. First Bus runs a frequent service (bus numbers 66 and 67) between the city centre and the University. If travelling by car, parking on both campuses is free after 6pm and on weekends. You can find more information about travel and transport on the Festival web pages.

# OUR FESTIVAL THEMES

All our events are grouped under 15 broad themes to make it easier for you to identify what might be of interest to you.

Check out the summaries of each theme, then look out for the matching coloured tab at the top of each event (see page 14 onwards).

## A Date with History



Join us to explore the history of goth, find out what 'Orwellian' really means and rediscover the UK's lost football grounds. Don't miss our history-themed guided tours.

## Arts and Creativity



Our experts discuss the role of creativity in grief and why sewing is enjoying a resurgence. View a host of exhibitions and take part in a printing or dance workshop.

## Eoforwic: Anglian-era York



Find out what archaeological sites at Rendlesham and near the Humber estuary reveal about the Anglo-Saxon period, and hear about the life and world of Bede.

## Evolving Society



Our Festival Focus sessions examine elections, wealth and poverty, and the science of sport. Other events highlight disability inclusion, food stories and politeness.

### Exploring York



Take a sociological tour of York, attend an open day at De Grey House or step into history at Herbert House. Join us and discover something new about our amazing city and its trailblazing people.

### Fun for Families



Spark children's imaginations as you search for fairies, hunt for masons' marks and take part in a Kamishibai storytelling session. Don't miss our interactive activities.

### Health and Wellbeing



Our experts reflect on the nature of fear, unpack mental health challenges in schools and explain how research is improving the experience of children with cancer.

### Power of Politics



Political commentator Gavin Esler explores a British political system in peril, while other events discuss the gendered language of leadership and US elections.

### Revealing the Ancient World



Discover how China's great tombs provide a route to the past and the country today, and how a range of ancient societies rose to power and tipped into collapse.

### Science and Technology



Join us as we investigate ageing, dancing DNA and the work of biomedical scientists. Watch an aerial drone display and find out about the Solar City York project.



Natural World



Unsplash.com

Delve into the cat's most misunderstood behaviours, learn more about sharks and play a bird-themed board game. Look out for our interactive nature tours.

Of Women



Women struck out of historical records, Muslim womanhood in the UK today and prehistoric women's right to roam. Join us to learn about these and other fascinating topics.

Performances



This year's festival offers an array of plays, concerts and films, from Michael Morpurgo's *War Horse: The concert* to immersive experiences and Brahms Requiem.

The Mind and the Brain



Explore the wonders of the human mind and brain as our experts discuss topics including why we remember, how the human brain develops and the value of dreaming.

Way with Words



From Viking poetry to linguistics, and *Gulliver's Travels* to the works of Norwegian author Jon Fosse, our events reveal the power of words.



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OFFERS  
A HUGE  
VARIETY  
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EVENTS  
FOR ALL THE  
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## DISCOVERY ZONE



Alex Holland, University of York

**Thurs 30 May,**  
**11am to 2pm (Acomb) and**  
**1pm to 4pm (New Earswick)**  
**Acomb Explore Library**  
**New Earswick Folk Hall**  
*Free. No booking required.*

★  
Spark children's imaginations  
with hands-on creative and  
scientific activities.

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## FOSS FAIRY TRAIL



**Throughout the Festival**  
**Starts at Heworth Green Gate**  
*Free. No booking required.*

★  
Explore a magical world  
built by fairies on the  
banks of the river Foss.

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## THE LITTLE VIKINGS I SPY TRAIL



**Throughout the Festival**  
**Starts at Museum Street**  
*Free. No booking required.*

★  
Spot 22 weird and wonderful  
things in York city centre.

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# E V E N T S

## INSECTS AT THE MILL



Various dates

Holgate Windmill,  
Windmill Rise

Free, but Windmill admission applies. No booking required.



Enjoy an exhibition about some tiny visitors to Holgate Windmill.

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## HUNT FOR MEDIEVAL AND TUDOR MASONS' MARKS



Sat 1 June, 10am to 1pm  
Fishergate Postern Tower,  
Piccadilly

Free. Booking required.



Come and hunt for masons' marks in a 500-year-old tower.

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## PRIDE PARADE MARCH AND FESTIVAL



Sat 1 June, 12 noon to 7pm  
City Centre and Knavesmire

Free. No booking required.



Take part in the Pride Parade March and enjoy activities on the Knavesmire.

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## WHEN SMARTPHONES AND NATURE MEET



Sun 2 June, 10.30am  
to 11.30am

Hull Road Park

Free. Booking required.



Bring along your smartphone and join an interactive nature tour.

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# FAMILY

## KING OF THE SEA



Sun 2 June, 4pm to 5pm  
National Centre for  
Early Music, Walmgate  
*Ticket charges apply.  
Booking required.*



Bring your clapping hands  
and singing feet for an  
interactive concert.

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## HOW LANGUAGE IS USED



Sat 8 June,  
10.30am to 12 noon  
Alcuin East Wing,  
University of York  
*Free. Booking required.*



Discover the different ways  
languages are used at a  
storytelling session.

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## CURIOUS MINDS DISCOVERY ZONE



Sat 8 June, 11am to 4pm  
Ripon Wing,  
York St John University  
*Free. Booking required.*



Solve puzzles, play games  
and discover facts about  
the human brain.

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## EXPLORING SCIENCE THROUGH ART



Sat 8 June, 12 noon to 5pm  
Department of Biology,  
University of York  
*Free. No booking required.*



Drop in and enjoy a  
workshop on research,  
art and ducks in the  
biosciences.

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# E V E N T S

## FESTIVAL FRINGE FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON



Mark Mitchell, The University of York

Sat 8 June, 1pm to 4pm  
Campus East,  
University of York

*Free. No booking required.*



Join us for creative, crafty, puzzling, scientific and historical fun.

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## THE MERCHANTS' TRADING GAME



Sun 9 June,  
10am to 4.30pm  
Merchant Adventurers'  
Hall, Fossgate

*Entry charges apply.  
No booking required.*



Become a Tudor merchant travelling from port to port in Europe.

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## LONG LIVE PRINT



Elizabeth Holting

Sun 9 June, 11.30am to 5pm  
The Old School House,  
Peasholme Green

*Free. Booking required.*



Experiment with colours and hand-inking, and operate proofing presses.

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## WAR HORSE: THE CONCERT



Mon 10 June, 6pm to  
7.15pm

Central Hall,  
University of York

*Free. Booking required.*



Enjoy a very special concert with children's author Michael Morpurgo.

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## PRE-FESTIVAL EVENTS



Alex Holland, University of York

## Discovery Zone

**Thurs 30 May, 11am to 2pm (Acomb)  
and 1pm to 4pm (New Earswick)**  
Acomb Explore Library, Front Street 🏠  
New Earswick Folk Hall,  
Hawthorn Terrace 📍  
Free. No booking required.

Join us for some family fun as we spark children's imaginations with a range of hands-on, interactive activities. Meet robots, have fun with numbers and get crafty decorating a brain hat. Or maybe take a walk in space, find out some fun facts about British animals or try on VR goggles?

Why not come along and meet York researchers and find out how their cutting-edge work is improving the world we live in?

*Activities vary per venue. Please see the Festival website for details.*

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# THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

PLEASE VISIT THE FESTIVAL  
WEBSITE FOR EXHIBITION  
OPENING HOURS

## Thin Ice Press: the York Centre for Print



### Throughout the Festival

The Old School House, Peasholme Green  59  
Free. No booking required.

Explore the fascinating history and vibrant future of traditional printing at Thin Ice Press: the York Centre for Print. Set in the idyllic gardens of St Anthony's Hall, the Centre's working pressroom, museum and gallery offers exhibitions, workshops and activities for all ages.

*Visit [thinicepress.org](http://thinicepress.org) to find out more about the Centre's regular programme of events and opening times.*



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## Micklegate Art Trail



### Throughout the Festival

Micklegate  34  
Free. More info: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Discover the incredible talent and creativity of local artists as you enjoy the Micklegate Art Trail, a collaboration between traders and makers. Pop into participating shops and restaurants in this beautiful and historic street to view an inspiring range of work by emerging and established artists and community groups. Look for the welcome sign (no purchase necessary). Don't miss a special exhibition at the Blossom Street Gallery.



## Foss Fairy Trail



### Throughout the Festival

Starts at Heworth Green Gate 

Free. More info: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Explore the Foss Fairy Trail, a magical hidden world built by fairies on the banks of the river Foss. Look around the fairy village and discover the folklore, flora and fauna of their enchanted home. *Don't miss a special celebration of trees including crafting activities at the Tree Festival on Saturday 29 June from 1pm to 3pm.*



## The Little Vikings I Spy Trail



### Throughout the Festival

Starts/ends at Museum Street 

Free. More info: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

I spy with my little eye a clock, a cat and a flag! Enjoy a circular walking route around York city centre, with 22 weird and wonderful things to spot along the way. The family I Spy Trail will have you strolling down snickleways, gazing at the city's medieval gates and ambling down the Shambles, ticking off iconic and eccentric landmarks as you go. Simply download a map or pick one up from the Visit York Information Centre.



## Sociologically Imagining York: Podcasted-walk



### Throughout the Festival

City Centre 

Free. More info: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Prepare to see our city in a new light on a self-guided sociological tour of York's historic city centre. Developed by University of York sociologists, the Sociologically Imagining York podcasted-walk features an exploration of 16 sites, including Museum Gardens, Evil Eye and SPARK. At each location enjoy a short podcast by York researchers offering new perspectives on familiar sights via a sociological lens.





## Art for Indigenous Futures



Rain Pierre

### Throughout the Festival

King's Manor, Exhibition Square 28  
Free. No booking required.

Enjoy an inspiring exhibition of the work of **stómæx<sup>w</sup>** (Rain Pierre), a multi-media artist from the Katzie First Nation in British Columbia, Canada. A celebrated Indigenous artist, Rain advocates for Indigenous peoples, LGBTQ2S+ people, and people in recovery. In this powerful exhibition, Rain traces how the influential legacies of his own ancestry can 'inspire others to dream while they are awake'.  
(Please also see [page 21.](#))



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## Arts of the Islamic World



### Throughout the Festival

Borthwick Institute for Archives,  
University of York 17  
Free. No booking required.

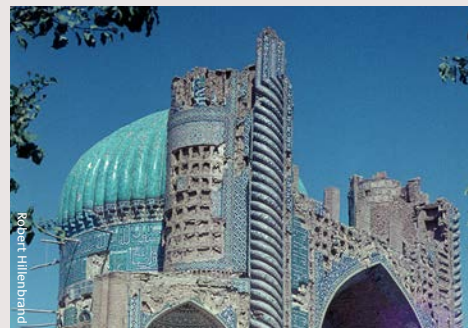
Experience the wonders of arts from across the Islamic world at an exhibition spanning one thousand years. Curated by Richard McClary and Helena Cox of the University of York, the exhibition features ceramics, paintings, artefacts and photographs from the 9th to 19th centuries.



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explore  
Libraries and Archives

## Lenses Across Time: Views of Afghanistan



Robert Hillenbrand

### Throughout the Festival

Hungate Reading Café, Bellerby Court 27  
Free. No booking required.

There has been a long history of British engagement with Afghanistan, but for so much of the past two centuries the focus has been on warfare and control, and less on engaging with the rich cultural heritage of the country. In contrast, this expressive exhibition features striking photos of people and monuments from across Afghanistan. (Please also see [page 35.](#))



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## York Death & Culture Walk



Wikimedia Commons/Yale Center for British Art

### Throughout the Festival

Starts at St George's Graveyard  47

Free. More info: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Explore death, dying and the dead on a self-guided podcast walking trail around the ancient city of York. Beginning at St George's Graveyard, the trail takes you to locations including the cholera burial ground and the North Eastern Railway War Memorial. Download the podcasts and discover more about human mortality, both past and present.

## York Crime Walk



### Throughout the Festival

Starts at Walmgate Bar  60

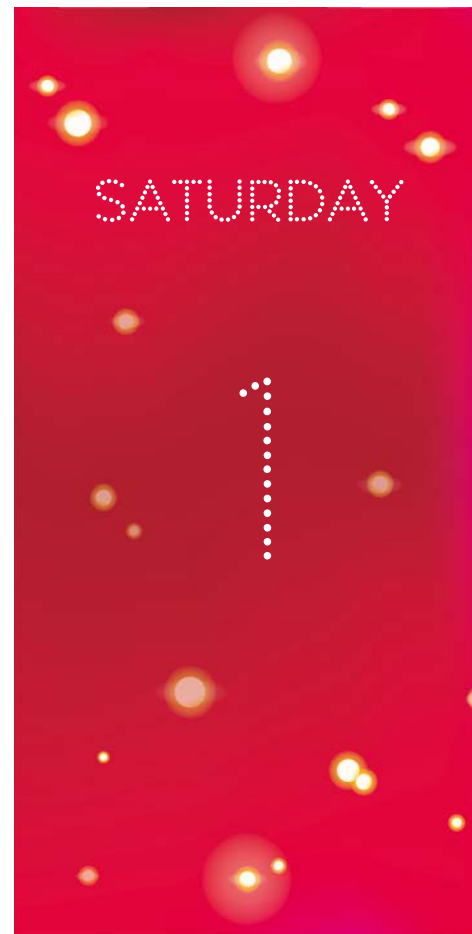
Free. More info: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Delve into York's dark past with this self-guided podcast walking tour and prepare to view the city's buildings, landmarks, people and places in a new light. Starting at Walmgate Bar – where in the 14th century heads of executed criminals were displayed – the trail reveals York's hidden history of crime, justice and punishment.



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## Insects at the Mill



Anna J. Cook

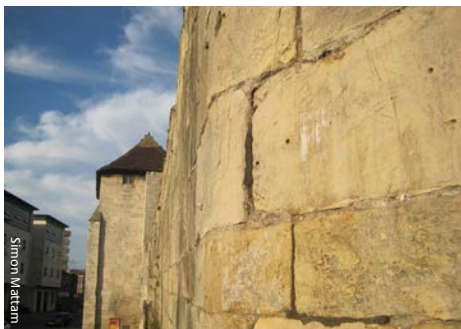
**Sat 1 and 8, Wed 5 and 12, and Fri 7 and 14 June**

Holgate Windmill, Windmill Rise   
Free, but Windmill admission applies.  
No booking required.

Enjoy a special exhibition capturing the beauty and variety of the many insects that make a small wildflower meadow around Holgate Windmill their home. Photographed and recorded by mill volunteer Anna Cook, the fascinating display introduces some of the tiny inhabitants who live near Yorkshire's only working windmill. Visit [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com) for opening times.




## Hunt for Medieval and Tudor Masons' Marks



Simon Matern

**Sat 1 June, 10am to 1pm**  
**(pre-bookable entry times until 12.30pm)**

Fishergate Postern Tower, Piccadilly   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Come and hunt for masons' marks in the 500-year-old Fishergate Postern Tower. We know there are at least 68, so why not see how many you can find? With four floors, a spiral staircase and an unusually complete Tudor toilet, there's plenty for all the family to explore. *(Please also see page 53.)*



Share your photos and experiences from the Festival using **#YorkIdeas**

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 [yorkfestivalofideas](https://www.instagram.com/yorkfestivalofideas)

## York World Heritage Bid: From the riverfront




**Sat 1 June, 10.30am to 12 noon**  
Meet at Marygate Landing Tower   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Enjoy a walking tour around the riverfront of the Ouse as we showcase York's highlights and illustrate the role of the river in York's World Heritage Bid. In 2023, York was placed on the UK Tentative List of World Heritage Sites as a 2,000-year-old continuously inhabited city. Becoming a UNESCO World Heritage site would earn international recognition for the city's great history, environment, buildings and archaeology.

## The Other Tudors



**Sat 1 June, 11am to 12 noon**  
St Saviourgate York   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Tudor England: a rogue state cut off from Europe, politically allied with various Muslim kingdoms including the Turkish Ottoman Empire and the Barbary states, wreaking terror across West Africa and the Caribbean, attacking its Catholic adversaries. Writer and broadcaster Jerry Brotton reveals a whole new version of the Tudors – and one that resonates with current debates around multiculturalism and the culture wars.

## Discovering York's Historic Churches



**Sat 1 June, 11am to 1.30pm**  
Meet at Holy Trinity Church, Goodramgate   
Free, but donations welcome  
Tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)


Church buildings are among the most fascinating and revealing of heritage sites. Join experienced guide Rob Andrews for a walking tour of two of York's historic gems – Holy Trinity, Goodramgate and All Saints, North Street. Suitable for both absolute beginners and experienced church crawlers, the tour highlights key historic features, exploring what they reveal about the past.



 All Saints  
North Street

## Projecting Grief




**Sat 1 June, 11am to 4pm**  
St Saviourgate York   
Free. No booking required.

Can grief be a catalyst for creativity? From comedy to collaging, poetry to plays, and sewing to singing, the Projecting Grief exhibition tells the stories of people finding comfort, distraction and hope in a creative pursuit after losing someone they love. Our special pop-up exhibition is curated by photographer Jo Ritchie and writer Laura McDonagh. *(Please see page 23 for details of an accompanying talk.)*

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## The Wheel is Spinning but the Hamster is Dead




**Sat 1 June, 11.30am to 12.30pm**  
St Saviourgate York   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Join wordsmith Adam Sharp as he journeys around the world in idioms, proverbs and general nonsense. Learn unusual insults from France (*You are a potato with the face of a guinea pig*), how to hurry someone up in the US (*You're going as slow as molasses in January*) and what they call a shark in Vietnam (*fat fish*). Discover fascinating, ridiculous and hilarious translations from every corner of the globe.

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## Rain Awakens



**Sat 1 June, 12 noon to 3pm**  
King's Manor, Exhibition Square   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Contemporary Indigenous peoples experience ongoing impacts of colonial injustice. But Indigenous peoples are more than just survivors of injustice, they are descendants of powerful Ancestors whose presences strengthen acts of resistance and resurgence. Indigenous artist **stomax<sup>w</sup>** (Rain Pierre) from the Katzie First Nation explains his own inspirational journey at the launch of a new multi-media exhibition. *(Please also see page 17.)*



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## Pride Parade March



**Sat 1 June, 12 noon to 1.30pm**

Meet outside York Minster **166**

Free. No booking required.

York Pride gets off to a fabulous start with the Parade March from York Minster through the city centre streets to the Knavesmire. The loud and proud Parade is a colourful celebration of our community, and a march for equality and LGBT+ human rights in the UK and around the world. It's our chance to demonstrate what a diverse and inclusive place York is and to show that hatred and prejudice have no place in our city.

## York Pride Festival



**Sat 1 June, 1pm to 7pm**

Knavesmire **129**

Free. No booking required.

York Pride returns to the Knavesmire with a vibrant afternoon of entertainment and family-friendly activities. Why not come along and celebrate inclusivity and diversity, and make some new friends? Highlights include headline act Angels of the North – Ru Paul's UK series 5 drag superstars, plus the community stage and funfair. Don't miss the dance tent and a wide-range of stalls and interactive activities.



## The Future-Proof Career



**Sat 1 June, 12.45pm to 1.45pm**

St Saviourgate York **151**

Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Whether you're the boss, the deputy or on your way up, the way we're working in a post-pandemic world is forever changed and it's important to make your work world for you. Join Isabel Berwick, host of the award-winning *Financial Times* Working It podcast, for advice on navigating the world of work, now and in the future. Hear how to get ahead of uncertainty, take control of your career and live a happier, more productive life.

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## Grief and Creativity



**Sat 1 June, 1pm to 2pm**

St Saviourgate York **51**

Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

What is the role of creativity in grief? How can it provide comfort and hope? Join philosopher Louise Richardson of the University of York, and Jo Ritchie and Laura McDonagh of Projecting Grief, as they explore the healing power of creativity after loss. *(Please also see page 21 for details of a pop-up exhibition.)*

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## Reflections on Fear, Anxiety and Depression



**Sat 1 June, 2pm to 3.30pm (in-person) and  
Thurs 6 June, 7pm to 8.30pm (online)**

Friargate Quaker Meeting House, Friargate **18**

Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Michael Guilding reflects on his personal and professional journey as a counsellor and psychotherapist to understand the nature of fear. Combining the science of the body with lived experience, he outlines the range and power of our fear reactions, explains how these cause much human misery including anxiety, depression and many other symptoms, and considers how we can free ourselves from the grip of unnecessary fear.



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## Rendlesham Revealed: An East Anglian royal centre



**Sat 1 June, 2.30pm to 3.30pm**

St Saviourgate York **51**

Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

In 2007, illegal metal-detecting alerted archaeologists to a site of exceptional importance at Rendlesham in south-east Suffolk – the 7th-century East Anglian royal centre mentioned by the Venerable Bede in his *Ecclesiastical History of the English People*. Archaeologist Christopher Scull of UCL guides you through the 15-year investigation which has revealed the largest and wealthiest settlement of its time known in England.



Rendlesham Revealed  
ANGLO-SAXON LIFE IN SOUTH-EAST SUFFOLK  
2020 - 2024

# Driving Innovation

In collaboration with the French Embassy in the UK we examine two contemporary issues – how to preserve our heritage and science in sport. Our discussions begin with key events in Paris this year.



Higher Education, Research and Innovation Department



# The Science of Sport



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👤 IN PERSON

Sat 1 June,  
2.30pm to 3.45pm

St Saviourgate York 🏠

Free tickets:  
yorkfestivalofideas.com

Ahead of the 2024 Paris Olympic Games in July, our speakers, including double Olympic champion Dame Kelly Holmes, explore elite sports. How does science contribute to making athletes faster and stronger? How much does talent contribute to success, or can training and commitment create an elite athlete?

# Heritage and Technology



Photo: David Henry

📶 ONLINE

Fri 7 June,  
12 noon to 1pm

Free tickets:  
yorkfestivalofideas.com

Following its renovation, the magnificent Notre Dame Cathedral reopens this year. Our panel of experts reflects on the importance of conserving traditional crafts alongside the use of modern technologies to preserve our history.

# Rethinking the East Window



Mick Saale

Sat 1 June, 4pm to 5pm

Holy Trinity Church, Goodramgate 🏠

Free, but donations to preserve the

East Window are welcome.  
Tickets: york@theccct.org.uk

Medieval stained glass was a sophisticated medium, capable of conveying a variety of meanings. Historian Pat Cullum builds on older and new interpretations of the East Window of Holy Trinity, Goodramgate to consider its devotional, communal and commemorative purposes. Find out more about the marvellous stained glass donated in the early 1470s by the Reverend John Walker, rector of the church.






## Raising a Glass to Great British Pubs



Sat 1 June, 6pm to 6.30pm

The Black Swan Inn, Peasholme Green   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Pubs frequently sit at the heart of their local community, providing much more than just a hospitality setting and a place to have a drink. But with two pubs closing a day, what is the future of the sector? Why should we celebrate and support them? Join Victoria Wells of the University of York and the Campaign for Pubs and toast the economic, social, historical and cultural capital pubs bring to their local areas.



THE **Black Swan** INN 

## The Art of Darkness: The history of goth



Sat 1 June, 7pm to 8pm

St Saviourgate York   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Join writer John Robb for a comprehensive history of goth music and culture, as he explores the origins and legacy of this enduring scene. Drawing on his own experience as a musician and journalist, John discusses the style, the music and the clubs that spawned goth culture, alongside political and social conditions. Hear a first-hand account of being there at the legendary gigs and clubs that made the scene happen.

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SUNDAY

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## When Smartphones and Nature Meet




**Sun 2 June, 10.30am to 11.30am**  
 Hull Road Park, Melrosegate entrance   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Over the past two decades citizen science – where the public and scientists work together to conduct real-world research – has boomed. Why not bring along your smartphone and join an interactive nature tour to find out how you can get involved? As well as hearing about the positive impacts of citizen science from your guides, you'll have the chance to put it into practice as you make biodiversity observations along the way.

## An Archaeological Ramble




**Sun 2 June, 11am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm**  
 Meet at De Grey House, St Leonard's Place   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Learn more about York's fascinating heritage on a guided walk with Neil Redfern, Executive Director of the Council for British Archaeology. Neil has spent the last 22 years living and working in the city and is actively involved in the management of York's archaeology and heritage. The archaeological ramble focuses on some of the sites and stories that have interested him the most.  
*(Please also see pages 40 and 83.)*

## INSIGHTS IN A FLASH

Sun 2 June, 11.30am to 3.50pm

York Explore Library, Museum Street 

Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Take a journey of discovery into the amazing world of research with a series of flash talks presented by the University of York. Covering a diverse range of topics, each talk lasts just 20 minutes. Sign up for one session or join us for the whole day.

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**explore**  
Libraries and Archives

11.30am to 11.50am

### A Group of Kids Defeat a Dragon

Discover how the Candlelighters Supportive Care Research Centre is improving the experience of children living through and beyond cancer. Join the Centre's director Bob Phillips.

12 noon to 12.20pm

### The Power of the First Glimpse

How are radiologists able to detect disease without seeing the presence of a lesion and up to three years before the onset of cancer? Psychologist Karla Evans explains how a first glimpse can help save lives.

12.30pm to 12.50pm

### Sociologically Imagining York

Join sociologists Kath Bassett and Mary Laing for the launch of a podcast-walk of York's historic city centre which promises new perspectives on familiar places via a sociological lens.

1pm to 1.20pm

### The Power of Statistics in Sport

Discover how the sporting world is harnessing the power of statistics to gain a competitive advantage with mathematicians Jessica Hargreaves and Ben Powell.

1.30pm to 1.50pm

### Can We Trust AI to Keep Us Safe?

Richard Hawkins and Philippa Ryan of the Centre for Assuring Autonomy discuss whether we can trust AI to behave safely all the time.

2pm to 2.20pm

### Travellers in the Apennines

Discover the literary, historical and cultural richness of the Apennine region of Italy as author Nick Havely explores the power of mountains on the imaginations of writers.

2.30pm to 2.50pm

### Weaponising Hunger: Colonial food denial

Historian Thomas Wright explains how British administrations used food denial measures in Kenya to ensure loyalty in the 1950s, and explores the suffering and hardship this caused.

3pm to 3.20pm

### Learning for Mental Health and Wellbeing

Find out how an innovative neuroscience-based approach will help children learn the knowledge and skills they need to manage their mental health and wellbeing. Join Joshua Stubbs of the PSHE Association.

3.30pm to 3.50pm

### (How) Should We Memorialise Gender-Based Violence?

Harriet Gray of the University of York shares examples of public artworks and monuments, and asks if the UK needs a new memorial to gender-based violence. *Contains references to sexual violence.*

# YORK TRAILBLAZERS: PEOPLE MAKE HISTORY



Explore York's unique heritage through an exciting and inclusive city-wide programme of events and activities running until 2025.

York Trailblazers, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, is bringing to light some of York's lesser-known pioneers, inspiring residents to discover and celebrate the history and heritage stories of people who are important to our local communities.

Working with partners across the city, York Civic Trust and Make It York are engaging residents of all ages through community workshops, a large-scale sculpture trail, community grant funding and events.

## York Trailblazers Sculpture Trail

Embark on a journey of discovery with the magnificent York Trailblazers Sculpture Trail from August 2024. Look out for 17 large Tansy beetle sculptures, each a tribute to the remarkable individuals who have shaped York's history. From suffragette Annie Coultate to musician Delma Tomlin, learn about some of the people who have made a difference to their communities, our city or the world.

## The Jewel of York

Known as 'The Jewel of York', the endangered Tansy beetle has been chosen as the emblem of the Trailblazer project. Its perseverance echoes the rich history of people from York who have blazed trails locally, nationally and globally.



## Don't Miss

**Anne Lister's Loves**  
Sun 2 June, 2pm to 3.30pm  
See page 30.

**Trailblazer: Yorkshire female archaeologist**  
Wed 5 June, 7pm to 8pm  
See page 41.


Find out more at  
[makeityork.com/events/york-trailblazers](https://makeityork.com/events/york-trailblazers)



## Why We Need a British Conversation About Race



**Sun 2 June, 12.30pm to 1.30pm**

Tempest Anderson Hall, Museum Gardens   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)


Across the West, racial injustice has become one of the most divisive issues of our age. In the rush to address inequality and prejudice, and to understand concerns around identity, immigration and colonial history, Britain has followed the lead of the world's dominant power: America. But what if we're looking in the wrong place? Writer Tomiwa Owolade presents a bold new framework for understanding race in Britain today.

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## Fall of Civilizations



**Sun 2 June, 2pm to 3pm**

Tempest Anderson Hall, Museum Gardens   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Paul Cooper, host of the hit podcast Fall of Civilizations, explores how a range of ancient societies rose to power and sophistication, and how they tipped over into collapse. Across the centuries, he evokes the majesty and jeopardy of these civilizations, and asks what it might have felt like for a person alive at the time as they witnessed the end of their world. Journey with him from Mesopotamia to Roman Britain to Rapa Nui.

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## Sociologically Imagining York: Guided walk



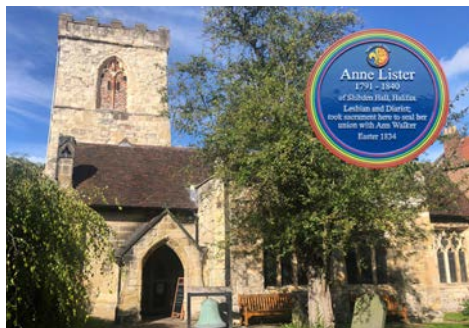
**Sun 2 June, 2pm to 3pm and Wed 5 June, 5.30pm to 6.30pm**

Meet outside City Screen, Coney Street   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Prepare to see our city with fresh eyes on a guided tour of York's historic city centre. Led by sociologists Kath Bassett and Mary Laing, the tour offers a taster of a new sociologically themed podcast-walk, Sociologically Imagining York. Devised by researchers from the University of York, it features an exploration of 16 sites, offering novel perspectives on familiar places via a sociological lens.



## Anne Lister's Loves



**Sun 2 June, 2pm to 3.30pm**

Meet at Holy Trinity Church, Goodramgate 🏠

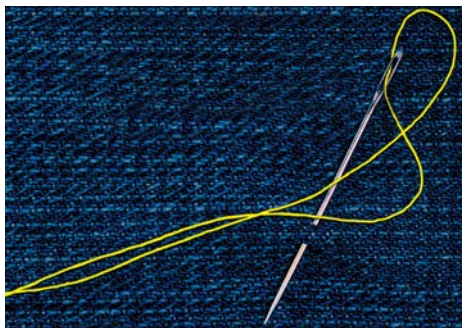
Free, but donations to Holy Trinity welcome.

Tickets: [york@theect.org.uk](mailto:york@theect.org.uk)

Anne Lister's story was brought to fame by the BBC and HBO series *Gentleman Jack*. Immerse yourself in Anne's 19th-century world on a guided walking tour exploring her loves in York. Several major relationships which sustained Anne throughout her life were formed in our city. Hear about Eliza Raine, Tib Norcliffe, Mariana Lawton and Ann Walker, with whom Anne shared the sacrament at Holy Trinity, Goodramgate.



## The Point of the Needle: Why sewing matters



**Sun 2 June, 3.30pm to 4.30pm**

Tempest Anderson Hall, Museum Gardens 🏠

Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Tens of millions of people sew for necessity or pleasure every day, yet the craft is surprisingly under-appreciated. Writer Barbara Burman redresses the balance, arguing for sewing's place in our lives. Join her as she celebrates not only sewing's recent resurgence, but sewists' creativity, well-being and community. Find out more about the people who sew today – what they sew, what motivates them and why they mend things.

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## A Queer Walk of York



**Sun 2 June, 3.30pm to 5.30pm**

Meet outside City Screen, Coney Street 🏠

Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Enjoy a guided walk celebrating the contributions made by LGBTQI+ people to the history, culture and development of our city. Curated by researchers at StreetLife York, the walk takes in sites of both historical and current relevance. Come along and hear stories, anecdotes and memories exploring the experience of being and growing up LGBTQI+ in York.



## King of the Sea



**Sun 2 June, 4pm to 5pm**

National Centre for Early Music, Walmgate 136

Tickets: £5 (£3 children, u-six months free)

[ncem.co.uk](http://ncem.co.uk) 01904 658338

Poseidon, the god of the sea, is delighted when offerings appear from above. But when he discovers these aren't gifts from the people of the land, but rubbish they're throwing away, he's furious. Join OAE Tots for an interactive concert for two to five-year-olds and their grown-ups. Bring your clapping hands, singing voices and stamping feet for our lively concert featuring music from baroque greats.



## Orwell's Ghosts



**Sun 2 June, 5pm to 6pm**

Tempest Anderson Hall, Museum Gardens 152

Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Seventy-five years after *1984* first published, George Orwell is back. Progressives denounce 'Orwellian' untruths by Trump, Johnson, Putin et al, while conservatives accuse governments and mainstream media of 'Orwellian' censorship. But what does 'Orwellian' really mean? What would the man himself say about these crises and what can we learn from his ideas? Historian Laura Beers reveals Orwell in all his complexity.

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MONDAY

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## Green Corridors for Tansy Beetle Conservation



**Mon 3 June, 10am to 11.30am and  
4pm to 5.30pm**

Meet at Landing Lane, Fulford 🏠  
Free. No booking required.

As part of the York Cares Big Community Challenge 2023, volunteers supported St Nicks' work along the River Ouse Corridor to preserve the endangered Tansy beetle and other local wildlife. Come along and find out more about this work on a gentle 2km walk. *Suitable for all abilities and ages 8+.*

*(Please also see pages 54 and 87.)*



## Corals in the Cobbles



**Mon 3 June, 11am to 12.30pm and  
4pm to 5.30pm**

Meet at The Mosaic Map,  
Museum Gardens 🗺️

Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Ammonites in the pebbles, corals in the cobbles and oysters in the high street. Find fossils on the historic streets of York with palaeontologist Fossiliam (aka Liam Herringshaw). Discover why York is the birthplace of fossil-science; work out what connects Roman columns, polo mints, and the myths of St Cuthbert; and hear the tales of York's trailblazing female fossil-hunters.

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## Step Into History: Herbert House tours



**Mon 3 to Fri 7 June, 12 noon to 1pm**  
Herbert House, Pavement 21  
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Herbert House is a unique collection of post-medieval timber-framed buildings dating from the mid-16th century. Join the York Conservation Trust team for a lunchtime tour of the building and the chance to see areas previously inaccessible to the public. Learn about the history of Herbert House and hear York Conservation Trust's ideas for an impending restoration project, which includes exciting plans for Lady Peckett's Yard.

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## The Impact of Paper on Your Trust in the News



**Mon 3 June, 2pm to 3pm**  
Creative Centre, York St John University 12  
Free tickets: [yorksja.ac.uk/events](http://yorksja.ac.uk/events)

We all know our senses work together to help shape the way we make meaning of the world around us. But how does our sense of touch impact how we consume journalistic content, especially in the digital world? Sarah Cooper of York St John University explores haptics – the science of touch – arguing the role of touch has been undervalued by the digital world. Has this affected our experience of the world around us?

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## Losing the US Presidency



**Mon 3 June, 3pm to 4pm**  
De Grey Court, York St John University 13  
Free tickets: [yorksja.ac.uk/events](http://yorksja.ac.uk/events)

While the winners of the US presidential elections are given much attention, the losers – including those who failed to win their party's nomination – have had transformative impacts on American political history, and, in turn, its cultural and social development. James Cooper and Ian Horwood of York St John University offer case studies to explore this phenomenon, including LBJ vs Goldwater in 1964 and Bush vs Kerry in 2008.

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### WHEN THE SAHARA WAS GREEN



📶 Mon 3 June, 12 noon to 1pm

Discover the little-known history of how the Sahara was transformed from a green and fertile land into the largest hot desert in the world with writer Martin Williams.

### FAIR PLAY: HOW SPORTS SHAPE THE GENDER DEBATES



📶 Mon 3 June, 6pm to 7pm

Journalist Katie Barnes explores women's sports as a pastime and political arena, where equality and fairness have been fought over for generations.

### FOOL: IN SEARCH OF HENRY VIII'S CLOSEST MAN



📶 Mon 3 June, 6pm to 7pm

Historian Peter K Andersson explores the life of Henry VIII's court fool William Somer, one of the most intriguing figures of the Tudor age. *The Jane Moody in Memoriam Event*

### BLACK ENGLAND IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY



📶 Mon 3 June, 8pm to 9pm

Writer Gretchen Gerzina and actor and author Paterson Joseph reveal the dramatic and often moving stories of Georgian England's forgotten Black community.

### WHO REALLY WROTE THE BIBLE: THE STORY OF THE SCRIBES



📶 Mon 3 June, 8pm to 9pm

Join William Schniedewind of the University of California, Los Angeles, for a groundbreaking new account of the writing of the Hebrew Bible.

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## Herbert House: A York case study



**Mon 3 June, 6pm to 7pm**

Merchant Adventurers' Hall, Fossgate   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Herbert House, Pavement is one of the few surviving examples of York's early modern townhouses. Kate Giles and Dav Smith of the University of York use the remarkable building as a case study to explore some of the distinctive architectural and conservation heritage of our city. Join them and discover how the building exemplifies pioneering early approaches to building conservation in York.




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## The Cultural Heritage of Afghanistan



**Mon 3 June, 7.30pm to 8.30pm**

Merchant Adventurers' Hall, Fossgate   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Afghanistan is a country with an extraordinarily rich history which has given rise to major archaeological, artistic and architectural cultural heritage sites all over the country. After four decades of war and conflict and the aftermath of the Taliban takeover, concerns are growing for the country's rich heritage. Architectural historian and former diplomat Mossadeq Khalili discusses the current state of conservation.



Annual Bruce Wannell  
Memorial Lecture

## Haydn's 'Creation' in Rehearsal



**Mon 3 June, 7.30pm to 9.30pm**

Shepherd Hall, St Peter's School   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

York Musical Society (YMS) will perform Haydn's oratorio *The Creation* in York Minster on Saturday 22 June. Come along and hear a rehearsal, taken by Musical Director David Pipe. See the effort that goes into preparing for a large choir performance and enjoy extracts of this powerful work, as well as an introductory talk. This is a wonderful chance to hear excerpts of *The Creation* by Joseph Haydn, accompanied by piano.



## The Night Shift



**Mon 3 June, 8pm to 9.40pm**

National Centre for Early Music, Walmgate 

Tickets: £15 (£5 full-time students)

[ncem.co.uk](http://ncem.co.uk) 01904 658338

Bach and his fellow 18th-century composers were nothing if not practical musicians, often re-inventing their own material for changing performance situations. In this same spirit, violinist Margaret Faultless has arranged Bach's so-called 'orchestral suites' for string quartet – enabling both players and audience to enjoy this incredible music in more intimate settings. Performed by the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment.



## United By Music: Liverpool and Eurovision 2023



**Tues 4 June, 2pm to 3pm**

Friargate Quaker Meeting House, Friargate 

Free tickets: [barbara.lodge@alumni.york.ac.uk](mailto:barbara.lodge@alumni.york.ac.uk)

In 2023, the BBC hosted Eurovision in Liverpool on behalf of Ukraine. Against the background of the Russian invasion, the BBC worked with Ukraine's public broadcaster to ensure the TV shows reflected Ukrainian culture in authentic, up-to-date ways. Catherine Baker of Hull University discusses the power of partnership created during this memorable event, summed up by its slogan 'United By Music'. *Voluntary donation at the door.*



## THE END OF EMPIRES AND A WORLD REMADE



 **Tues 4 June, 12 noon to 1pm**

With the collapse of empire came a fundamental reorganisation of our world. Historian Martin Thomas offers a global history of decolonisation.

## UNPACKING MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES IN SCHOOLS



 **Tues 4 June, 1pm to 2pm**

Our panel provides insights, addresses challenges and suggests strategies for creating a more supportive and inclusive environment for mental health in schools.

## SHARKPEDIA



 **Tues 4 June, 6pm to 7pm**

Hear some fascinating facts about sharks as marine scientist Daniel C Abel debunks myths, describes their lives and explores our love/hate relationship with them.

## WHY MEN?



 **Tues 4 June, 6pm to 7pm**

Are war and inequality inevitable, because evolution made men competitive and dominant? Join writers Nancy Lindisfarne and Jonathan Neale to find out.

## ALL MAPPED OUT: HOW MAPS SHAPE US



 **Tues 4 June, 8pm to 9pm**

Discover how maps have affected societies, influenced politics and economies, and impacted the environment, as writer Mike Duggan uncovers their incredible power.

## POX ROMANA: THE PLAGUE THAT SHOOK THE ROMAN WORLD



 **Tues 4 June, 8pm to 9pm**

Historian Colin Elliott provides a dramatic account of the Antonine plague, the mysterious disease that struck the Roman Empire at its pinnacle.

## Ladies in the Privy Chamber of Elizabeth I

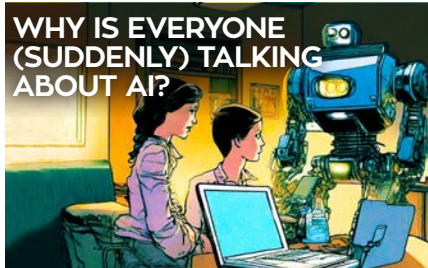


**Tues 4 June, 6.30pm to 7.30pm**  
Merchant Taylors' Hall, Aldwark   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Discover the important role the women of Elizabeth I's privy chamber played in maintaining monarchical authority. From intelligence-gatherers to interpreters, petitioners and ambassadors, author Angela Ranson reveals the vital part they played in politics at the royal court. Find out how these ladies in action influenced the atmosphere at court and were essential for the queen's wellbeing and security.



## ONLINE EVENT



**Tues 4 June, 8pm to 9pm**

Join us on a journey through technological change from books to AI. Can we engage with the ethics and practicalities or will we just succumb to panic?



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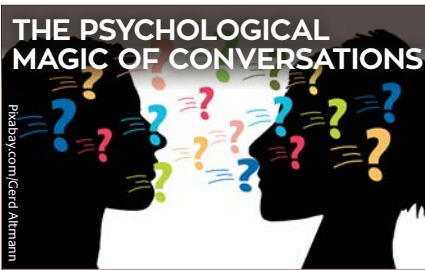
## SHE PLAYED AND SANG: JANE AUSTEN AND MUSIC



 **Wed 5 June, 12 noon to 1pm**

Like her heroine Emma Woodhouse, Jane Austen 'played and sang'. Writer Gillian Dooley explores the central role of music in Austen's life and fiction.

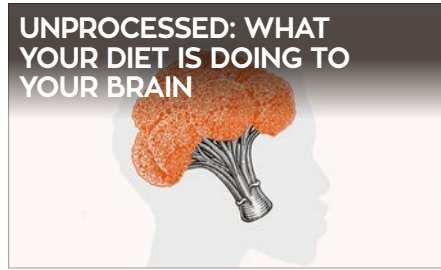
## THE PSYCHOLOGICAL MAGIC OF CONVERSATIONS



 **Wed 5 June, 12 noon to 1pm**

Coaching psychologists Paula Louise Dixon and Kate Pearlman Shaw reveal how conversations become catalysts for growth, understanding and shared success.

## UNPROCESSED: WHAT YOUR DIET IS DOING TO YOUR BRAIN



 **Wed 5 June, 12 noon to 1pm**

Find out how nutrition affects everything from our decision-making to aggression, as psychologist Kimberley Wilson explores how food affects our brains.

## AN AFRICAN HISTORY OF AFRICA



 **Wed 5 June, 6pm to 7pm**

For too long Africa's history has been dominated by western narratives of slavery and colonialism or simply ignored. Writer Zeinab Badawi sets the record straight.

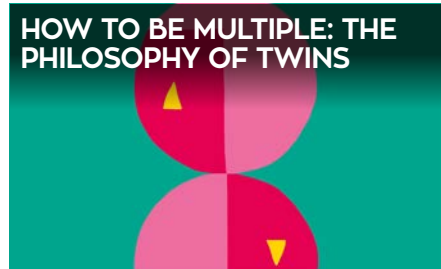
## OCCULT: DECODING MYSTICISM, MAGIC AND DIVINATION



 **Wed 5 June, 6pm to 7pm**

Join writer and researcher Peter Forshaw as he decodes the key practices, figures and symbols of alchemy, astrology, mysticism, magic and divination.

## HOW TO BE MULTIPLE: THE PHILOSOPHY OF TWINS



 **Wed 5 June, 8pm to 9pm**

Join philosopher Helena de Bres as she uses the curious experience of being a twin as a lens for reconsidering our place in the world.

### MY BEAUTIFUL SISTERS



Wed 5 June, 8pm to 9pm

Former captain of the Afghanistan women's football team Khalida Popal presents a story of sisterhood and the fight for feminism in the age of the Taliban.

## Council for British Archaeology Open Day



Neil Redfern

Wed 5 June, 12 noon to 4pm

De Grey House, St Leonard's Place 14  
Free. No booking required.

The Council for British Archaeology (CBA) celebrates its 80th anniversary in 2024. You're warmly welcomed to their offices to find out more about archaeology and the work they do across the UK. Meet the staff, find out about their work and get involved with some archaeology-based activities. *Find out more at [archaeologyuk.org](http://archaeologyuk.org). (Please also see pages 26 and 83.)*

## D-Day 80 Exhibition



York Army Museum

Wed 5 June, 4.30pm to 5.30pm

York Army Museum, Tower Street 163  
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Join exhibition curators for a special viewing of the new D-Day exhibition at the York Army Museum. Discover the range of objects and documents in the museum's collections that can help piece together events from the past.

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## The Huntsman's Redemption



**Wed 5 June, 5.30pm to 6.30pm**

Berrick Saul Building, University of York   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Many stories in the Middle Ages include imagery of a hunter struggling to achieve spiritual renewal in the wake of senseless slaughter. Join medievalist William Chester Jordan of Princeton University as he explores this intriguing phenomenon through the stories of three saints – Saints Eustace, Germain and Julian the Hospitaller. Discover how their lives offer a revealing entry into the moral universe of the medieval aristocracy.

Annual Aylmer Lecture

## York and the Medieval Jewish Community



**Wed 5 June, 6pm to 7.30pm**

York Explore Library, Museum Street   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)


Did you know that Medieval York was home to a thriving Jewish community? Or that the celebrated scholar and rabbi YomTov was probably a 12th-century resident of the city? Discover the pivotal role of the Jewish community in York's history with our talk and walking tour led by Louise Hampson of the University of York. Hear stories from across the centuries and deepen your understanding of an important strand of York's past.

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## Trailblazer: Yorkshire female archaeologist



**Wed 5 June, 7pm to 8pm**

Bootham School, Bootham   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

As Curator of Roman Archaeology at the Yorkshire Museum, pioneering archaeologist Mary Kitson Clark (1905-2005) was responsible for cataloguing and conserving this collection. Her *Gazeteer of Roman Remains in East Yorkshire* (1935) remains an important work. Sarah Sheils and Catherine Brophy of the Yorkshire Philosophical Society celebrate her trailblazing work and discuss the community heritage project 'Museum Gardens Through Time'.



## Cold Warnings: Armageddon in the National Curriculum



**Wed 5 and Thurs 6 June, 7pm to 8.30pm**

York Cold War Bunker, Monument Close **64**

Tickets: £10 (English Heritage members free)

[bit.ly/york-cold-war-bunker-events](http://bit.ly/york-cold-war-bunker-events)

Cold Warnings, an Arts Council England funded/York St John University project, explores the impact of including the Cold War in the 1986 GCSE curriculum. Interviews with original students alongside reflections from students today create a poignant film. Join Keith McDonald of York St John University and Kevin Booth of English Heritage for a special screening.



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## Sax Forte in Concert



**Thurs 6 June, 12.30pm to 1.30pm**


St Helen's Church, St Helen's Square **48**

Free, but a retiring collection will be taken.

No booking required.

The saxophone is most commonly associated with jazz, blues and pop, but York-based Sax Forte demonstrates just how well the instrument sits with a far wider range of music, including classical and baroque. Join the quartet as they demonstrate the range, versatility, sensitivity and beauty of the instrument in a delightful programme of music all beautifully arranged for their four saxophones.



**AS GODS AMONG MEN**** Thurs 6 June, 12 noon to 1pm**

Author Guido Alfani offers a history of the rich and super-rich in the West over the last thousand years. Who were they and what role did they play in society?

**A WOMAN'S WILL**** Thurs 6 June, 1pm to 2pm**

From great houses such as Chequers, to pots and pans, writer Viki Holton explores the changing lives of British women told through the things they left behind.

**HOW WE AGE: THE SCIENCE OF LONGEVITY**** Thurs 6 June, 6pm to 7pm**

Coleen T Murphy, Director of Princeton University's Glenn Foundation for Research on Aging, discusses recent breakthroughs in longevity research.

**WHY WE REMEMBER: THE SCIENCE OF MEMORY**** Thurs 6 June, 6pm to 7pm**

Neuroscientist Charan Ranganath presents a radical re-examination of memory, unveiling the principles behind what and why we forget.

**ECLIPSE AND REVELATION BY TOM MCLEISH**** Thurs 6 June, 8pm to 9pm**

Art historian Henrike Lange of the University of California at Berkeley takes you on a unique behind-the-scenes investigation of total solar eclipses.

**ZERO TO BIRTH: HOW THE HUMAN BRAIN IS BUILT**** Thurs 6 June, 8pm to 9pm**

Join experimental neurobiologist William Harris for a revelatory tale of how the human brain develops, from conception to birth and beyond.

## Religion's Role in Shaping Diverse Societies



**Thurs 6 June, 4pm to 5.30pm**  
Fountains Learning Centre,  
York St John University 20  
Free tickets: [yorks.ac.uk/events](http://yorks.ac.uk/events)

Many conflicts worldwide can result from some people not being considered part of the dominant national, ethnic, political or religious groupings. But what role can religion play in challenging various forms of prejudice and distrust and helping to build inclusive and diverse societies? An expert panel of speakers discusses the constructive contribution religion can make to shaping sustainable, diverse and peaceful societies.

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## Ballads and Cries of York: Guided walk



**Thurs 6 June, 1.30pm to 3pm**  
Meet outside City Screen, Coney Street 11  
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Discover the dramatic power of the 18th and 19th-century ballad on a walking tour of York city centre. Your guides, Vivien Ellis and Rachel Cowgill of the University of York, will reveal how these historic song forms provide a direct connection to York communities of the past. The tour ends at York Minster Library where you are welcome to view an exhibition of ballad sheets, cries and other musical rarities from the collections. *(Exhibition entrance included in tour tickets.)*

## Let's Sing: Ballads and cries of York workshop



**Thurs 6 June, 4.30pm to 6pm**  
King's Manor, Exhibition Square 28  
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Enjoy a ballad-singing workshop and explore the social-historical significance of this dramatic song form. Drawing on material from the York Minster Library, Vivien Ellis and Rachel Cowgill of the University of York will introduce you to a range of popular narrative ballads. *Open to everyone. No singing experience is required.*



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## Connecting Friends: Twin towns York and Münster



**Thurs 6 June, 5.15pm to 6.15pm**  
King's Manor, Exhibition Square **28**  
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Why are York and Münster twinned? What does that mean anyway? In this age of conflict, war and isolationism, town twinning offers a way to get to know our neighbours directly. The longstanding friendship between Münster and York makes a powerful connection, giving opportunities for our schools, young adults, sport and hobby groups, and all York residents. Find out about some recent, present and future activities.

## Clay Fever: A passion for pots



**Thurs 6 June, 6pm to 7.15pm**  
Friargate Theatre, Lower Friargate **19**  
Free tickets: [ticketsource.co.uk/ridinglights](http://ticketsource.co.uk/ridinglights)

*Clay Fever* is a tender, moving play, exploring the world of the 20th-century studio pottery movement through the decades-long friendship between collector WA Ismay and potter Michael Cardew. Created by playwright Bridget Foreman, *Clay Fever* was inspired by research by York Museums Trust curator Helen Walsh. Join Bridget and Helen for a special screening of the filmed performance and an accompanying talk.

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## The Enduring Power of Gulliver's Travels



**Thurs 6 June, 6pm to 7.15pm**  
Creative Centre, York St John University **12**  
Free tickets: [yorks.jac.uk/events](http://yorks.jac.uk/events)

Jonathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels* (1726) is one of the most misunderstood novels in the English literature canon. Though endlessly heralded as a 'children's classic', the novel itself is a staggering work of satirical outrage which condemns humanity as an irredeemable plague of vermin. Join Adam James Smith of York St John University on a tour through the worlds of *Gulliver's Travels* as he explores the novel's satire.

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## Rediscovering York's Merchant Adventurers



**Thurs 6 June, 6.30pm to 7.30pm**

Merchant Adventurers' Hall, Fossgate 

Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Over the last year, the Company of Merchant Adventurers of York and the Borthwick Institute for Archives have formed a long-term partnership project to secure the future of the Company archives. Join us at the Merchant Adventurers' Hall to hear about the project, and some of the many stories that can be found in the archive collection.

You can also have your say on where the research work should be taken next.



## LUMA Film Festival



**Fri 7 and Sat 8 June, 11am to 8.30pm**

School of ACT, University of York 

Free. No booking required.

Created by University of York students, LUMA Film Festival champions the work of budding filmmakers in the School of Arts and Creative Technologies. As well as showcasing student work, LUMA includes talks by industry professionals and a Gala awards ceremony. Whether you are a creative yourself, or want to find out more about the craft, join us to celebrate the passion and creativity of the filmmakers of the future. *Booking required for the Gala awards ceremony.*

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# Reimagining Wealth to Support a More Equitable and Just Future

Fri 7 June  
Free tickets:  
[yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

At a series of events supported by Joseph Rowntree Foundation, we reimagine the future of 'wealth'. Key areas of focus include community wealth building, and the generation and distribution of wealth.

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## Building Community Wealth

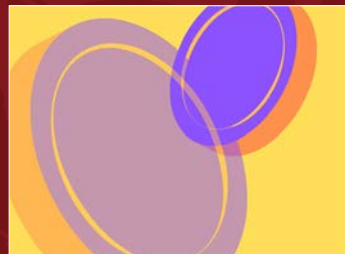


Fri 7 June  
11.30am to 1pm

St Saviourgate York

Our interactive session explores the question 'how can we reimagine our resources and civic assets for public and common benefit, fit for the times we are in?' Together, we'll discuss opportunities to support community wealth building and democratic participation to foster more equitable community-led economic approaches in York.

## Why We Need to Talk About Wealth



Fri 7 June  
2pm to 3.30pm

St Saviourgate York

Our interactive session addresses the challenges of wealth inequality faced today, but also provides an opportunity to consider a radical reimagination of 'wealth'. How can we design more equitable and democratic forms of wealth generation and distribution to support a more just future, free from poverty?



## MUSEUM OF THE FUTURE

Experience a departure from conventional thinking as we explore the possibility of an alternative future for York at a pop-up event. Discover the potential of a degrowth revolution, igniting radical hope for a sustainable future. Visit [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com) for more details.

## HERITAGE AND TECHNOLOGY



Photo: David Henry

 **Fri 7 June, 12 noon to 1pm**

Our panel of experts reflects on the importance of conserving traditional crafts alongside the use of modern technologies to preserve our history.

## SLEEP TIGHT: CONSCIOUSNESS AT WORK



 **Fri 7 June, 1pm to 2pm**

Does our brain fall asleep? Is there any value in dreaming? Neuroscience, psychology and philosophy join forces to answer these and other fascinating questions.

## LOVERS IN AUSCHWITZ



 **Fri 7 June, 6pm to 7pm**

Hear a true story of romance, sacrifice, loss and resilience, as journalist Keren Blankfeld chronicles the lives of two people held in history's most infamous death camp.

## THE POSSIBILITY OF LIFE




 **Fri 7 June, 6pm to 7pm**

Are we alone? Prepare for a scientific and cultural adventure through our ideas about extraterrestrial life and the cosmos with science writer Jaime Green.

## BIRTHING ROMANS



 **Fri 7 June, 8pm to 9pm**

How did Romans cope with the anxieties and risks of childbirth? Anna Bonnell Freidin of the University of Michigan examines childbearing and its risks in Imperial Rome.

## MCU: THE REIGN OF MARVEL STUDIOS



 **Fri 7 June, 8pm to 9pm**

Culture writers Joanna Robinson, Dave Gonzales and Gavin Edwards explore how Marvel Studios became the dominant player in Hollywood and global pop culture.



## Climate Change and Historic Buildings



**Fri 7 June, 2.30pm to 3.30pm**  
De Grey House, St Leonards Place 14  
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Historic buildings are vulnerable to the harmful effects of climate change. They are often fragile structures with inadequate protection against the erosive effects of heavy rain and freeze-thaw cycles, as well as difficult to adapt to lower energy consumption. Guy Bowyer, CEO of York Conservation Trust, outlines ideas for ensuring properties under the Trust's ownership are made more resilient to the effects of climate change.



## Disability Inclusion: Building a better world



**Fri 7 June, 5.30pm to 6.30pm**  
Creative Centre, York St John University 12  
Free tickets: [yorks.j.ac.uk/events](http://yorks.j.ac.uk/events)

For too long, the world has positioned disabled people as 'other'. Stigma and stereotypes have prevented our society from engaging with this community, and embedded a fear of 'getting it wrong' that often stops us from taking action altogether. Join expert-by-experience Pippa Stacey to learn how businesses and individuals can recognise the power of the disability community and help build a world that's more inclusive for all.



## In Conversation with Frank Gardner



Colin Thomas

**Fri 7 June, 7pm to 8.30pm**  
The Memorial Hall, St Peter's School 56  
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

In 2004, while filming in Saudi Arabia, BBC Security Correspondent Frank Gardner was ambushed by terrorists, shot multiple times and left for dead. He survived and returned to active news reporting within a year. He still travels extensively and was awarded an OBE in 2005 for services to journalism. Join Frank, a bestselling author, as he discusses his life, career and latest book, *Invasion*, with Elly Fiorentini of BBC Radio York.



## PechaKucha Vol 31: Planting the Seed



**Fri 7 June, 7pm to 10pm**

Please see the Festival website  
for venue details

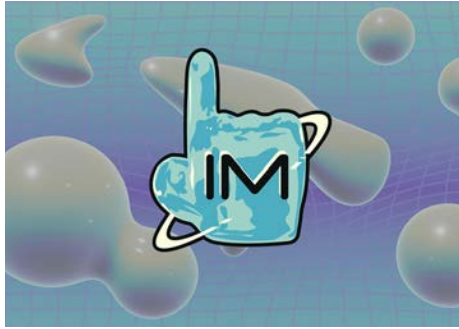
Tickets: £5 [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Fast-paced and full of energy, This is York presents 'PechaKucha Vol 31: Planting the Seed', in collaboration with York Creatives. Hear rapid fire talks from York artists, creatives, adventurers, thought leaders and business owners, and enjoy being part of an intimate crowd of curious minds. PechaKucha events take place all over the world, with each speaker having just 20 slides x 20 seconds to tell their story.

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## Interactive Media Showcase



**Fri 7 June, 7pm to 11pm; Sat 8 and  
Sun 9 June, 10.30am to 3pm**

School of ACT, University of York 

Free. No booking required.

Join us at the Interactive Media Showcase, an annual event hosted by the School of Arts and Creative Technologies at the University of York. Enjoy the phenomenal work and ideas created by York students as you explore projects ranging from games and mobile applications to virtual reality experiences and web designs. The showcase begins with a Gala on Friday. *Booking required for the Gala.*

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## Image Anxiety: Between icon and idol



**Fri 7 June, 7.30pm to 8.30pm**

Heslington Church, Field Lane 

Free. No booking required.

Why do some images spark intense controversy? Historian Huw Foden explores how early Christian ideas about the power of images created a diverse spectrum of attitudes towards art. From the Reformation to the present day, these have continued to affect our relationships with symbolic objects, ranging from outcry over iconoclastic acts to suspicions of idolatry. Discover the history of ideas that have shaped these image anxieties.

## Exploring York

Discover something new about our amazing city at this year's York Festival of Ideas. Look out for talks, tours and workshops highlighting the past, present and future of York and its incredible people. Here is just a small sample of what's on offer.



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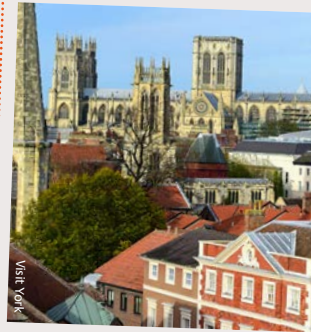
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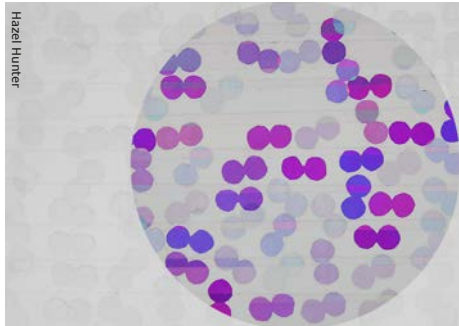
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## Atmospheric Rhythm: Storytelling by light



**Sat 8 to Fri 14 June, 10am to 5pm**

Norman Rea Gallery, University of York   
Free. No booking required.

Explore an interactive art-science exhibition that takes inspiration from (clean) air and air pollution science. Created to celebrate ten years of cutting-edge research at the Wolfson Atmospheric Chemistry Laboratories, University of York, the installation of sculptures and prints uses the dynamism of storytelling with light and transparent colour to inform and inspire.



## Did Prehistoric Women Have the Right to Roam?



**Sat 8 June, 10am to 11am**

Campus East, University of York   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Through history, discovering new lands, waging war and trading exotic goods can often appear to be the domain of men. However, using case studies of women who travelled through prehistory, archaeologists Penny Bickle, Jennifer French and Rachel Pope put forward an alternative view. Join them as they reveal how, from hunting to trading, prehistoric women were also the ones who led and discovered the way.

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## Medieval and Tudor Masons' Marks



**Sat 8 June, 10am to 1pm**  
**(pre-bookable entry times until 12.30pm)**  
 Fishergate Postern Tower, Piccadilly   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Fishergate Postern Tower and the city walls near it are unusual in York in having so many Medieval and Tudor masons' marks visible – 68 of them spotted in the tower so far. Hear what current expert opinion is on their purpose, before exploring the building to find the marks using our torches and guides. *Hosted by Friends of York Walls, this workshop is suitable for ages 14+.* (Please also see page 19.)



## Fishergate: 40 years of excavations



**Sat 8 June, 10am to 1pm**  
 St Oswald's Church Hall, Fulford   
 Tickets: £5 (Payment at the door, but please book in advance)  
[ffhyork.localhistory@gmail.com](mailto:ffhyork.localhistory@gmail.com)

What did Fishergate mean to the Romans? What was the nature of the settlement before and after the Norman Conquest? Three churches and a priory were closed by Henry VIII and the area remained mostly undeveloped until Castle Mills Lock and the Glassworks were built. Lucy Johnson and Ian Milsted of York Archaeology show how three archaeological investigations have illuminated our understanding of Fishergate in York.



## Nature Journaling Workshop



**Sat 8 June, 10.30am to 11.45am**  
 Campus East, University of York   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Discover the beauty and artistry of nature journaling in this immersive and hands-on workshop designed for beginners of all ages. Nature journaling is a practice that combines art, science, and personal reflection, allowing you to connect with nature on a deeper level. Join us outdoors and enhance your observation skills while expressing your creativity, as we reflect on what we see through drawing, words and numbers.

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## How Language is Used



**Sat 8 June, 10.30am to 12 noon**  
 Alcuin East Wing, University of York   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Explore the different ways languages are used in a fun interactive Kamishibai storytelling session led by Géraldine Enjelvin, Yumi Nixon and Ulrike Wray of the University of York. Featuring an introduction to French, German and Japanese through storytelling and origami, this event is suitable for children aged seven to 11 and their families. (Please also see pages 32 and 87.)



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## Designing Inclusivity: Graphic design for dyslexia

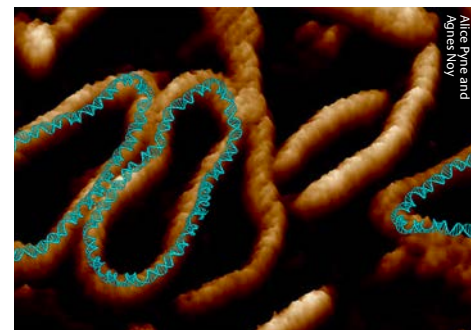


**Sat 8 June, 10.45am to 11.45am**  
 Campus East, University of York   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Design can be a powerful force for inclusiveness and accessibility. Pragma Jain, a student with adult dyslexia and a graphic design background, showcases how design can assist and empower individuals with this specific learning difficulty. Join Pragma of the University of York for a hands-on workshop and discover the transformative impact of graphic design on people's lives and perspectives. *Suitable for ages 14+.*

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## Dancing DNA



**Sat 8 June, 10.45am to 11.45am**  
 Campus East, University of York   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

How does DNA actually look and work? It's often pictured as a flawless double helix, but the stresses and strains placed on DNA when it's crammed inside cells can change its shape. Agnes Noy of the University of York presents the highest-resolution images ever captured of a DNA molecule 'dancing' inside our cells and its consequences. Learn how this links to improving genomes to produce drugs, food and biofuel sustainably.

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## Swing Dance Festival



**Sat 8 June, 11am to 4pm**  
Belfrey Hall, Stonegate 3  
Free. No booking required.

York Lindy invites you to a free one-day swing dance festival, featuring a pop-up exhibition, dance classes, history and music talks. Come and learn about the fascinating African-American history of jazz and swing dance, hear about the musicians and dancers who made the ballrooms of Harlem swing, and listen to authentic music. Don't miss the opportunity to try Lindy Hop, Charleston and Jazz dancing.

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## Curious Minds Discovery Zone



**Sat 8 June, 11am to 4pm**  
Ripon Wing, York St John University 42  
Free tickets: [yorks.j.ac.uk/events](https://yorks.j.ac.uk/events)

Come along to York St John University for some family-friendly fun as we introduce children to the wonders of psychology-related research in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere. Solve puzzles, play games and discover facts about the human mind and brain. Chat with researchers about their work and discover how they contribute to our understanding of children's developing minds.

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## The Book Your Cat Wishes You Would Read




**Sat 8 June, 11.30am to 12.30pm**  
Campus East, University of York 8  
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](https://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Delve into the cat's most misunderstood behaviours and why they have a reputation for being aloof, anti-social and even 'evil'. Find out why they insist on hunting when their tummies are full, why they keep you up at night and lots more. Feline behaviourist Lucy Hoile takes you through some commonly misunderstood behaviours and busts some myths along the way.

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## Birds in the City Board Game



**Sat 8 June, 11.45am to 1.15pm**  
 Campus East, University of York   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Set in the city of Bangalore, India, this innovative board game helps you connect with nature and understand the links between urbanisation and bird diversity. Come along and play *Birds in the City* and gain an insight into the various urbanisation actions and their impacts on birds. The game is part of the Play in Nature initiative. *Suitable for 14 years+.*

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## The Hidden Valley: Finding the Anglo-Saxons




**Sat 8 June, 12 noon to 1pm**  
 Campus East, University of York   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

The discovery of a group of four cemeteries dating from the fifth to eighth century has shed new light on the changes that took place during the early Anglo-Saxon period. Archaeologist Kevin Leahy, a national adviser for the British Museum's Portable Antiquities Scheme, discusses why this succession of cemeteries is remarkable in view of their location near the Humber estuary and a possible Humbrenian region.

## Exploring Science Through Art



**Sat 8 June, 12 noon to 5pm**  
 Department of Biology, University of York   
 Free. No booking required.

Do you go quackers for ducks? Then why not join us for a creative workshop bringing together research, art and ducks in the biosciences? Get crafty, hear short talks and follow the Long Biology art trail, created in memory of the University of York's most famous duck, Long Boi. Drop in at any time from noon onwards and find out about the exciting work going on in biosciences at York.



## Henry on Tour: The progresses of Henry VIII



**Sat 8 June, 12 noon to 5pm**  
King's Manor, Exhibition Square 🏠  
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Last year, Henry VIII returned to York and the King's Manor as part of York Theatre Royal's community performance of *Sovereign*. But what do we know about the real events of 1541 when Henry visited York with Catherine Howard on his northern journey or 'progress'? What was the purpose of the progress? Where did he stay along the way? Join University of York Tudor historians and archaeologists for talks and tours.



## EMPOWER: Resilience in the workplace



**Sat 8 June, 12.15pm to 1.15pm**  
Campus East, University of York 🏠  
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

In today's world, resilience seems more important than ever. But what exactly constitutes resilience and what can an individual do, given the limitations imposed by the societal context? Mental health expert Christina van der Feltz-Cornelis of the University of York explores resilience in the workplace based on the international EMPOWER project which aims to reduce work stress.



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## Penning Poison: A history of anonymous letters




**Sat 8 June, 1pm to 2pm**  
Campus East, University of York 🏠  
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Receiving an unexpected and unsigned note is a disconcerting experience. Historian Emily Cockayne turned sleuth to trace the stories of anonymous letters to all corners of English society over the period 1760-1939. In doing so, she uncovered scandal, deception, class enmity, personal tragedy and great loneliness. Join Emily as she explores the reasons and motivations for these missives and their effect on recipients.

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## York's Three Minute Thesis Competition



**Sat 8 June, 1pm to 2.30pm**  
 Campus East, University of York   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Be inspired and hear from ten talented University of York postgraduate researchers about their cutting-edge work. In a challenge against the clock, the competing York Three Minute Thesis finalists have just three minutes to outline the power of their research and explain how it will improve society and our lives. Join us at the live final, vote for your favourite and see who wins.



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## A Quaker Trilogy: From concept to completion



Michael Parkes

**Sat 8 June, 1pm to 2.30pm**  
 The Mount School, Dalton Terrace   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)


*A Quaker Trilogy* grew from a concept to inspire young composers by commissioning three pieces for the Micklegate Singers. Meet the chosen composers at a round-table event as they explain their selection of text taken from words of comfort written by Quaker William Penn, and their composition process. The pieces – each with a distinctive musical character and haunting in its own way – will also be performed.



**U/MP**  
[www.uymp.co.uk](http://www.uymp.co.uk)

## Improving Lives Through Biomedical Science



**Sat 8 June, 1pm to 3pm**  
 Biomedical Science Laboratory,  
 York St John University   
 Free tickets: [yorks.ac.uk/events](http://yorks.ac.uk/events)

Biomedical scientists are a crucial cog in the NHS wheel. But do you know what they actually do? Join us at York St John University and discover how biomedical scientists conduct specialist tests to support the diagnosis and treatment of disease. Safely participate in real experiments to diagnose and treat sick patients in a working laboratory and hear more about this exciting and rewarding career. *Suitable for ages 10 +.*

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## Exploring the World of Robotics



**Sat 8 June, 1pm to 3pm**

Campus East, University of York 

Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Welcome to the world of robotics. From autonomous aerial vehicles to robotic arms, find out about research being carried out at the Institute for Safe Autonomy at the University of York. Enjoy talks, an aerial drone demonstration and hands-on activities. Join us and discover how new technologies – which can learn and solve problems independently – are transforming the way we live, travel and work.



## Festival Fringe Family Fun Afternoon

**Sat 8 June, 1pm to 4pm**

Campus East, University of York 

Free. No booking required.

Join us for an afternoon of energetic, creative, crafty, puzzling, scientific and historical fun with the Humanities Research Centre at this year's Festival Fringe Family Fun Afternoon.

Activities are particularly suitable for five to 11-year-olds, but other family members are welcome too. No ticket is needed – just come along.



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Alex Holland, University of York

## Soapbox Science



**Sat 8 June, 1pm to 4pm**  
Parliament Street   
Free. No booking required.

Listen to top female and nonbinary scientists as they take science to the streets of York – while standing on a soapbox. Soapbox Science promises a summer of fun and fantastic science with events across the world. Catch the York event and meet inspirational speakers from the University of York as they explain their research and promote the visibility of women and non-binary people in science.



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## How Do Plants Become Medicines?



**Sat 8 June, 1.30pm to 2.30pm**  
Campus East, University of York   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Many of the medicines we use today have their origins in plants such as willow, poppy, foxglove and sweet wormwood. Jenny Hayes of the University of York discusses the discovery of these medicines, as well as self-medication in animals including chimpanzees and cats. Join Jenny to find out how herbal extracts are developed into pure drugs and how the scientific search for new drugs continues to take inspiration from nature.

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## Bede and the Theory of Everything



**Sat 8 June, 1.30pm to 2.30pm**  
Campus East, University of York   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Learn about the life and world of Bede (c.673–735), one of the greatest scholars of the post-Roman world and ‘the father of English history’. Author Michelle P Brown examines Bede’s notable achievements, including calculating the first tide-tables, writing the earliest translation of a part of the Bible in English, and his role in the making of manuscript masterpieces such as the Codex Amiatinus and Lindisfarne Gospels.

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## Solar City York: Powering up our community



**Sat 8 June, 1.30pm to 3pm**

York Explore Library, Museum Street   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Decarbonising our power needs is one of the most important tasks facing us in the transition to a sustainable future. Bring your ideas and join York Community Energy for an interactive workshop exploring what the future of energy in York could look like. Discover how the Solar City York project aims to use the city's rooftops to start a community energy revolution, generating clean, green energy.



## The Gendered Language of Leadership



**Sat 8 June, 1.45pm to 2.45pm**

Campus East, University of York   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

How does the gendered nature of language shape societal associations about the character of leadership, especially who is, and what it means to be, a 'good' leader? Sarah Shair-Rosenfield of the University of York explores how language – particularly linguistic structures and word usage – shapes how individuals think about gender-based differences and norms, and how changes reflect shifts in our associations of leadership.



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## Kings Ely Jazz on Tour



**Sat 8 June, 2pm to 2.45pm**

St Helen's Church, St Helen's Square 

Free, but a retiring collection will be taken.  
No booking required.

Kings Ely Prep School Jazz Band presents an eclectic mix of jazz, blues and rock favourites to enjoy. The programme also features classic big band chart hits like *Tuxedo Junction* and *Basin Street Blues*, as well as a celebration of South African jazz compositions. The joyful pieces *Mandela* by Abdullah Ibrahim and *Grazing in the Grass* by Hugh Masekela are guaranteed to get your toes tapping.



## Making Musicals in the Metaverse: Live demo



**Sat 8 and Sun 9 June, 2pm to 3pm,  
3pm to 4pm and 4pm to 5pm**

School of ACT, University of York 

Free tickets: [tftv.ticketsolve.com/shows](https://tftv.ticketsolve.com/shows)

Come along to a 'meet the makers' session, talk to some of the team behind the MT Space Project and see a live demo of how they make virtual musical theatre in the metaverse. Discover how to produce interactive and immersive musical theatre performance live in virtual reality or sequenced in Unreal Games Engine using some of the innovative virtual production techniques employed by the film industry. *Suitable for ages 13+.*



## Pixel Flesh



**Sat 8 June, 2.30pm to 3.30pm**

Campus East, University of York 

Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](https://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

We are living in a new age of beauty. With advancements in cosmetic surgery, augmented reality face filters, photo editing apps, and exposure to countless images, we have the ability to craft ourselves in whichever way we please. But is modern beauty culture truly empowering? Are we really in control? Writer Ellen Atlanta delivers an exposé of toxic beauty culture in our digital age and explores how it's harming women.

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## China's Great Tombs



**Sat 8 June, 3pm to 4pm**

Campus East, University of York 

Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

China's great tombs are a marvel of the ancient world. Dating back thousands of years, they were designed to furnish the dead with a comfortable dwelling in the afterlife. Discover how tombs, including that of the First Emperor with its army of terracotta warriors, provide a route to the past and to China today. Eminent art historian Jessica Rawson explores what tombs reveal about political, dynastic and cultural developments.

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## Systemic: How racism is making us ill



**Sat 8 June, 3pm to 4pm**

Campus East, University of York 

Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

From cardiovascular disease to viruses, from cancer to mental illness, journalist Layal Liverpool delves into the reasons racial health disparities exist and reveals that diseases are not 'great equalisers' – not when you live in an unequal society. Join Layal as she discusses how the widespread adoption of new, anti-racist medical standards will be central in creating a healthier world for everyone.

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## Shakespeare's Shipwrecks: The Tempest in ten objects



**Sat 8 June, 3.15pm to 4.15pm**

Campus East, University of York 

Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

What shipwrecks inspired *The Tempest*? How can thinking about objects in the world of the play – from the fractured, storm-tossed ship, to magical books and glittering clothing – bring fresh perspectives on the story? To celebrate the release of a new introduction to *The Tempest* for Oxford World's Classics, join Lauren Working of the University of York on a voyage to Shakespeare's enchanting and mysterious island.

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## Lost in the Middle: Changing native languages



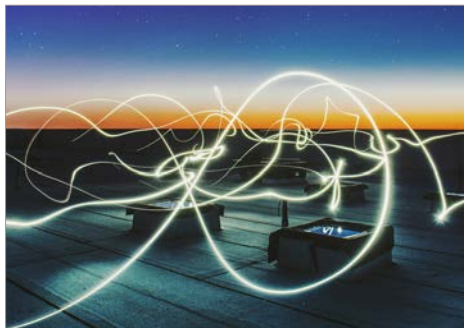
**Sat 8 June, 3.45pm to 4.45pm**  
Campus East, University of York   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Our native language or ‘mother tongue’ can change during adulthood when we move to a different region or country long-term. Known as ‘native language attrition’, this can affect our identity and sense of ourselves. Learn more at a special screening of *Lost in the Middle*, a short documentary by filmmaker Asten Holmes-Elliott featuring bilinguals/bidialectals. The film is followed by a Q&A with Asten and language experts.



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## The Business of Art: How to build your brand



**Sat 8 June, 4pm to 5pm**  
Campus East, University of York   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

York is a UNESCO city of Media Arts, but how can we leverage this designation to drive inward investment and maximise opportunities in the creative industries? How can we make real step change individually and collectively? And how can creatives develop a new business model and diversify income streams? Cherie Federico, Director and co-founder of Aesthetica, demystifies the process, empowering you to achieve milestones.

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## All the Violet Tiaras: Queering the Greek myths



**Sat 8 June, 4.30pm to 5.30pm**  
Campus East, University of York   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)


For a period in time that gave us Sappho, and the love affair of Achilles and Patroclus, the Ancient Greek relationship with queer folk is a lot more complicated than at first glance. Yet, as ancient historian and author Jean Menzies highlights, Greek myths are being reclaimed and reimagined by LGBTQ+ writers and readers to explore modern day queer joy and queer struggles. Find out how they're queering the ancient Greek myths.

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## History Unsweetened: Cocoa and indenture

Athen Harris and  
Daniya Harris-Vajda

**Sat 8 June, 4.30pm to 6pm**  
(in-person and live-streamed)  
St Saviourgate York   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

After the abolition of slavery, Britain implemented a new system of unfree labour to maintain its power and profit. Through archival photographs, family histories and documentary film, hear the stories of the Indian men and women who were brought to the Caribbean to work on sugar and cocoa plantations during the period of Indian Indentureship. Our speakers also discuss contemporary forms of unfree labour in supply chains across the world.



## Britain is Better Than This



Danny Burrows


**Sat 8 June, 5pm to 6pm**  
Campus East, University of York   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

For centuries, British identity has been shaped by ideas of exceptionalism, grandeur and competence. Yet British democracy is failing. Political commentator and journalist Gavin Esler explores a British political system in peril – and what we must do to save it. Join him as he sheds light on a culture of lies, distrust and corruption, revealing fundamental flaws in core institutions, including the media and parliament.

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## Play, Place and Print: Gaming local histories



**Sat 8 June, 5pm to 8pm**  
The Old School House, Peasholme Green   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Use your power of imagination to bring to life York's unique role in print history. Our interactive role-playing game session is set in Renaissance York and features women printers operating in the city. Come along and discover how researchers from York and Edinburgh are exploring how games use world-building to recover, complicate or reimagine local histories.  
*Suitable for ages 18+ and all experience levels.*

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The York Centre for Print

## Thankonomics: Hidden value in appreciation



**Sat 8 June, 5.15pm to 6.15pm**  
 Campus East, University of York   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

*Thankonomics* demonstrates how measuring appreciation levels can uncover the hidden value, providing a transformative perspective for not-for-profit organisations such as the NHS and education. It's time to elevate not-for-profit organisations from being perceived as costs to being recognised as the invaluable assets they truly are. Strategist Andrew Robshaw presents how this new perspective will enhance our quality of life.

## Syzygy Podcast Live




**Sat 8 June, 6pm to 7pm**  
 Campus East, University of York   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

The Syzygy astronomy podcast goes live for York Festival of Ideas. York astronomer Emily Brunsten and science nerd Chris Stewart explore our wild and wonderful universe, sharing tales of astounding astronomy. Join them for a fun and fascinating journey into the solar system, through the galaxy and across the cosmos.



## Femina: A new history of the Middle Ages




**Sat 8 June, 6.30pm to 7.30pm**  
 Campus East, University of York   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

The Middle Ages are seen as a bloodthirsty time of Vikings, saints and kings: a patriarchal society which oppressed and excluded women. But art historian and broadcaster Janina Ramirez has uncovered countless influential women's names struck out of historical records with the word FEMINA annotated beside them. Discover how our view of history has been manipulated and learn about the remarkable women written out of it.



## Anna Phoebe: Solo UK tour

**Sat 8 June, 6.15pm to 7.15pm**

National Centre for Early Music,  
Walmgate 

Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

**Multi-instrumentalist, composer,  
producer and presenter Anna  
Phoebe shares a new personal  
journey in the stunning setting  
of St Margaret's Church.**

Unlike the expansive soundtracks Anna writes for award-winning TV productions, her solo tour explores textures and sounds within intimate venues. Enjoy music that is not just heard, but experienced, enveloping listeners in a sonic landscape that is at once beautiful and mysterious, familiar and otherworldly.

Join Anna as she presents a rich immersive musical response to the natural world.

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## Yorkshire Bach Choir: Brahms Requiem



**Sat 8 June, 7.30pm to 9.30pm**

St Lawrence Parish Church,  
Lawrence Street [49](#)

Tickets: £25 (£23 concessions, £5 students)  
[ncem.co.uk](http://ncem.co.uk) 01904 658338

Inspired by the death of his mother, Brahms' *Ein Deutsches Requiem* (A German Requiem, Op.45) is one of the great choral masterpieces. Its tender and consoling music traces a journey of grief and was described by Brahms as 'a human requiem'. Yorkshire Bach Choir presents Brahms' own arrangement for piano duet. They also perform Brahms' *Liebeslieder Walzer* (Love-song waltzes, Op.52) which explore themes of love and sorrow.



## University of York Choir and Symphony Orchestra



**Sat 8 June, 7.30pm to 9.30pm**

York Minster, Deangate [66](#)

Tickets: £3 to £25

[yorkconcerts.co.uk](http://yorkconcerts.co.uk) 01904 322439

University Choir, The 24 and University Symphony Orchestra join forces in the historic setting of York Minster for Mozart's 'Great' Mass in C minor. First performed in Salzburg in 1783, the piece is widely considered to be one of Mozart's greatest choral works. The programme also includes a selection of works by Bruckner in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the composer's birth.



## MAKING MUSICALS IN THE METAVERSE: LIVE DEMO



Robert Mark Morgan

**Sat 8 and Sun 9 June, 7pm to 8pm**

Come along and meet the creative team behind immersive virtual musical performances in the metaverse and enjoy a live demo.



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## D-Day 80: Meet the East Yorkshire Regiment



**Sun 9 June, 10am to 3pm**

Eye of York, near York Castle Museum   
Free. No booking required.


This year sees the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Come along and meet the East Yorkshire Regiment Living History Group: stroll past to view their display of vehicles and kit, or stop and chat to discover more about the role of the regiment on D-Day. As part of the event, the nearby York Army Museum will be open for free admission between 10am and 3pm. Why not drop in and view the new D-Day exhibition?

**YORK ARMY  
MUSEUM**

## The Merchants' Trading Game



**Sun 9 June, 10am to 4.30pm**

Merchant Adventurers' Hall, Fossgate   
Tickets: £6.50 (£5.50 concessions, children 16 and under free\*)  
No booking required.

Your challenge should you choose to accept it, is to travel from port to port in Tudor Europe adventuring your money in a bid to become a successful Tudor merchant. This family-friendly activity involves following a trail from York across Europe, buying and selling goods to make a profit. Try to avoid the pirates and wars as you go along! Last entrance at 4pm.\**Children free when accompanied by a full paying adult.*

 **MERCHANT  
ADVENTURERS'  
HALL YORK**

## How Your Body Can Help You Be More Authentic



**Sun 9 June, 10.30am to 11.30am**  
 Campus East, University of York   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Did you know you have your own spider sense that can help you figure out how you really feel and what you should do? Come along to a workshop with psychologist Naomi Murphy to find out more about this hidden sense. Discover how it can help you make better decisions and improve your well-being.



## Crafting Mindfulness Through the Past



**Sun 9 June, 10.30am to 12 noon and 12.30pm to 2pm**  
 Meet at Wentworth College, University of York   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Get up close to nature under the tree canopy as you enjoy crafting replicas of historical pottery or prehistoric stone beads. Our hands-on workshops are designed to improve mental health and wellbeing by providing a place to sit, craft, learn and be outside. Join us at the York Experimental Archaeology Research (YEAR) Centre as we think about connections between the past and present.  
*Suitable for ages 12+.*



## Rediscovering Lost Football Grounds and Terraces



**Sun 9 June, 11am to 12 noon**  
 Campus East, University of York   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Join writer Tosh Warwick as he tells the story of the lost stadiums at the heart of 'The Beautiful Game' from the Victorian period until the 21st century. From world-famous, top-flight stadiums to quirky, smaller grounds at the epicentre of the local community, Tosh discusses the UK's lost football grounds with York's Soccer-Mad Boffins Alex Gillett and Kevin Tennent of the University of York.



## 2024: A new world order?

Sun 9 June  
Free tickets:  
yorkfestivalofideas.com

In 2024, more than half the world's population will go to polls. What will these elections mean for the world order and global security? Our experts discuss the dynamics and safety of the elections, plus their implications for the future of democracy.

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## Global Security in a Year of Elections



Sun 9 June  
11am to 12.30pm

Campus East,  
University of York 🏠

Two years on from the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the war remains a key issue of global politics. But what would a Trump victory mean for Putin's invasion? Our expert panel discusses the US elections and the implications for the future of NATO and Europe.

## The Rise of the Global South



Sun 9 June  
1.30pm to 3pm

Campus East,  
University of York 🏠

Our speakers examine the economic and political shift taking place as the countries of the Global South begin to assert themselves and create a new world order. What will the new international system look like? Should the West be rethinking relationships?

## Are Elections Safe and Do They Matter?



Sun 9 June  
3.30pm to 5pm

Campus East,  
University of York 🏠

What are the potential impacts of existing and emerging technologies on election results? And with global corporations and high-net-worth individuals becoming increasingly powerful, do elections really matter? Experts consider the safety of elections in the digital age.

## Older & Me Photo Album



**Sun 9 June, 11am to 12.30pm**  
 Campus East, University of York   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Reimagine later life, rediscover play and rebuild relationships together at a workshop designed to bring different generations together. Inspired by traditional paper dolls combined with the contemporary selfie, the activity employs wall-attachable, jumbo-sized laminated images. Using the props, stage positive images of yourself in later life, or of activities you would like to do with meaningful older individuals in your life.

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## York's Hidden History



**Sun 9, Mon 10, Thurs 13 and Fri 14 June,  
 11am to 1pm**  
 City Centre   
 Tickets: £12 (£6 for u-18s)  
[tiny.cc/yorkshiddenhist](http://tiny.cc/yorkshiddenhist)

Uncover the ancient, natural and scientific secrets of the city with York's Hidden History. Expert guides Simon Rogerson and Liam Herringshaw bring York's little-known stories and forgotten characters to life with knowledge and humour. Who were the microscopic Lister sisters? Was the River Ouse once home to a unicorn? Join a Hidden History tour and all will be revealed. *Suitable for ages 11+.*

AIR  
 FIRE  
 EARTH  
 WATER

## Why You're Not Dead: Biomedical science



**Sun 9 June, 11.15am to 12.15pm**  
 Campus East, University of York   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Hear from some of the next generation of biomedical researchers as they explain how their work is unravelling the secrets of chronic and infectious diseases using advanced technology and creative thinking. From cancer to tropical diseases, postgraduate students from the York Biomedical Research Institute at the University of York share the impact of their work on our health and wellbeing.



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## EV Charging Infrastructure: Ramping up rollout



**Sun 9 June, 11.30am to 12.30pm**  
 Campus East, University of York   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

By 2030, it's anticipated there will be between eight to 11 million hybrid or electric cars in the UK. But how do we develop an adequate electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure to meet this upcoming surge in demand? David Trousdale, Technical Director of Transport Decarbonisation at WSP, discusses targets for EV charge point deployment, EV charging infrastructure in the local context and the challenges that lie ahead.

## Long Live Print: Letterpress printing workshops



**Sun 9 June, 11.30am to 12.30pm, 1pm to 2pm, 2.30pm to 3.30pm and 4pm to 5pm**  
 The Old School House, Peasholme Green   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Enjoy printing a one-of-a-kind poster at a hands-on workshop at Thin Ice Press: the York Centre for Print. Learn about York's fascinating history of print, experiment with colours and hand inking, and operate the beautiful proofing presses. *Workshop sessions last one hour. All materials are supplied and no experience is required. Suitable for ages 7+.*



## The Power of Modern-Day Resilience



**Sun 9 June, 12.30pm to 1.30pm**  
 Campus East, University of York   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

A range of factors have been linked to resilience, but are these equally important across all groups? Does student resilience differ from the resilience of older populations? Does resilience differ across cultures? Psychologist Karisha George of the University of York explores resilience in modern times, examining the factors that affect how we handle contemporary challenges across the lifespan and cultures.

## Medicine and the Earth's Future: Our choice




**Sun 9 June, 12.45pm to 1.45pm**  
 Campus East, University of York   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Did you know that the health sector is responsible for up to five per cent of global net CO<sub>2</sub> emissions? Matthew Taylor, Director of York Health Economics Consortium, explains how global decision makers must deal with the challenge of trading off the benefits of healthcare against the harms. Learn how environmental harm caused by medicines is measured and about the balance between public health and saving the planet.

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## Polite: The new science of politeness



**Sun 9 June, 1pm to 2pm**  
 Campus East, University of York   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Are women really more polite than men? What is the most polite country in the world? And when is it OK to swear? Louise Mullan of the University of Nottingham explores how the unseen science of politeness governs everything we do – from what we say to how we act. Join her and find out how a better understanding of the rules and norms of politeness can help us in all aspects of our work, leisure and home lives.

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## The Auckland Project with Founder Jonathan Ruffer




**Sun 9 June, 1.30pm to 2.30pm**  
 Campus East, University of York   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Join financier, art collector and philanthropist Jonathan Ruffer for an in-conversation event as we explore the power of philanthropy to transform places. Why and how did he become involved in a regeneration project to turn around the fortunes of Bishop Auckland and the surrounding area, once the seat of the powerful Prince Bishops of Durham? Learn about the successes, challenges and next steps of the ambitious Auckland Project.

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## Creative Bookbinding Skills



**Sun 9 June, 1.30pm to 3.30pm**  
 Borthwick Institute for Archives,  
 University of York   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Explore the skills and techniques of bookbinding with archive conservator Catherine Firth and book and paper conservator Emma Lloyd-Jones. This practical session uses basic bookbinding techniques to create a simple binding to hold notes, ideas, memories and keepsakes. *All materials and tools are provided. No experience is necessary but practical hand skills are required. Suitable for ages 16+.*



## Archaeology: Turning trash into treasure



**Sun 9 June, 2.15pm to 3.45pm**  
 Campus East, University of York   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

One man's trash is another man's treasure. Archaeologist Barry Crump of the University of York highlights how some old objects became more interesting after they stopped being useful for their original purpose. How people treated coins when they went out of circulation, or what people did with pottery after it was broken, can make us rethink how we understand these objects. Don't miss the handling table following Barry's talk.

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## The Remarkable Power of Poo



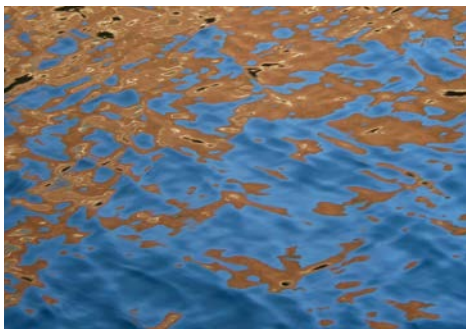
**Sun 9 June, 2.30pm to 3.30pm**  
 Campus East, University of York   
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Poo can be a real problem, but also an opportunity. With the average human producing 145kg of poo a year and a dairy cow 62kg per day, there's certainly plenty of it to do something with. Our expert panel explores how this natural resource can be turned into a range of sustainable options, including bio-energy and fertilisers. The event also features a range of hands-on activities suitable for all ages.



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## Seventy-Eight Thank You



**Sun 9 June, 2.30pm to 3.30pm and  
Mon 10 June, 6.30pm to 7.30pm**

York Explore Library, Museum Street 

Tickets: £10 [jamespretlove.com](http://jamespretlove.com)

In his acclaimed 'one man show', *Seventy-Eight Thank You*, writer and performer James Pretlove shares tales of the extraordinary death and ordinary life of his mother Val who died by suicide in 2018 aged 78. Alongside the deep grief James felt, his mind began to fill with thank yous. Join him as he shares stories of laughter and love, of lightness and depth, of suicide and slices of Battenberg cake. *Advance booking essential.*

## Muslim Women and Misogyny



**Sun 9 June, 3pm to 4pm**

Campus East, University of York 

Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Debunking lazy stereotypes, writer Samia Rahman offers a courageous exploration of Islamophobia, patriarchy and identity. What is it really like to be a Muslim woman in today's Britain? Based on extensive interviews with both women and men from Islamic communities, she offers a powerful, much-needed response to the misappropriation of female Muslim voices, revealing the many faces of Muslim womanhood within the UK.



## Mind Your Language



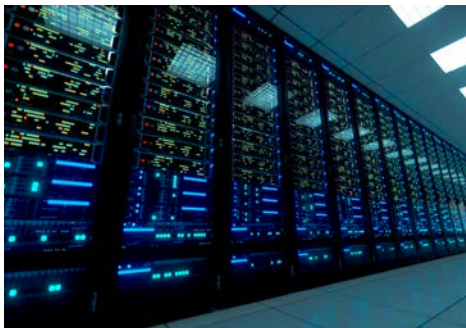
**Sun 9 June, 4pm to 5pm**

Campus East, University of York 

Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Do you know how language works? We're not talking about the grammar you're taught in school. We're talking about how language REALLY works – the things we know without anybody teaching us the rules. Join us for a linguistic odyssey, a journey through five different perspectives on how we use language without even thinking about it. You may just discover something you didn't know you already knew.

## How to Remember Everything



**Sun 9 June, 4.30pm to 5.30pm**  
 Campus East, University of York 🏠  
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Our digital footprints are getting larger and larger; we're both generating and storing information at an incredible rate. Not only is the quantity of storage we're using increasing each year, but the amount by which it's growing gets larger every year too. Physicist James Lees of the University of York examines the issues scientists and engineers face as they look to create new technologies that remain affordable.

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## Looked After: A childhood in care



**Sun 9 June, 5.30pm to 6.30pm**  
 Campus East, University of York 🏠  
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

BBC journalist and presenter Ashley John-Baptiste tells the story of the UK's care provision from the inside, revealing his personal journey from early experiences in care to success. Join Ashley as he shares his memories and speaks about the adults and social workers who impacted his early life and encouraged his aspirations.

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## The Case for Nature



**Sun 9 June, 5.30pm to 6.30pm**  
 Campus East, University of York 🏠  
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

The climate movement has gathered some pace but what about the other, inextricably linked crisis in biodiversity? Siddarth Shrikanth, an expert in green investing, sets out how we can use groundbreaking natural capital frameworks – ways of valuing services that nature provides – to make our economies work with, not against, our living planet. Hear how nature must be woven into our societies, not set apart.

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## Skaldskapr: Poetry in the Viking world



**Mon 10 June, 7pm to 8pm**

North South Café Bar, Bootham 

Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

In the Viking world, poetry was an art-form and medium of exceptional power. It was used to praise rulers, shame enemies, and commemorate the dead. It was the vehicle for communal wisdom and religious debate, and poets were both celebrated and feared. Alicia Maddalena and Matt Townend of the University of York explore Viking Age *skaldskapr* or poetry, combining an account of its power with a sample of readings.

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# War Horse: The concert

Michael Morpurgo  
with Ben Murray

**Mon 10 June, 6pm to 7.15pm**

Central Hall, University of York 

Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Join us for a powerful performance of *War Horse*, one of the most beloved books by renowned British children's author Michael Morpurgo.

Set in 1914 and told from the perspective of a young farm horse named Joey, the novel relates how he is taken from the fields of Devon and thrust into the midst of the 'Great War'. There he witnesses the horrors of the frontline but also moves the soldiers around him with his courage.

Back by popular demand, Michael Morpurgo retells an abridged version of *War Horse*. In this very special concert, he is accompanied by Ben Murray, with music and songs from the National Theatre production, which Ben also starred in as the Songman.



Michael Morpurgo



Ben Murray

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TUESDAY

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## The Walker Organ: Music of power and might



**Tues 11 June, 12.30pm to 1.15pm**

St Helen's Church, St Helen's Square 

Free, but a retiring collection will be taken.  
No booking required.


Daniel Cook, Master of the Choristers and Organist of Durham Cathedral, demonstrates the power and versatility of the magnificent 1959 Walker organ in St Helen's Church. Join Daniel for music from Britain and Germany, including Mendelssohn's *Sixth Organ Sonata* and culminating in the famous *Postlude in D minor* by Stanford, marking the centenary of his death in 1924.



## York: A World Heritage City



**Tues 11 June, 2pm to 3.30pm**

West Offices, City of York Council 

Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

In April 2023, York was placed on the UK Tentative List of World Heritage Sites as a 2,000-year-old continuously inhabited, historically important city. Our panel of World Heritage experts reflects on what World Heritage is and what it can bring to York. Why not come along with your questions and tell us what World Heritage for York means for you?



## What's That Smell? The science of body odour



**Tues 11 June, 7pm to 8pm**

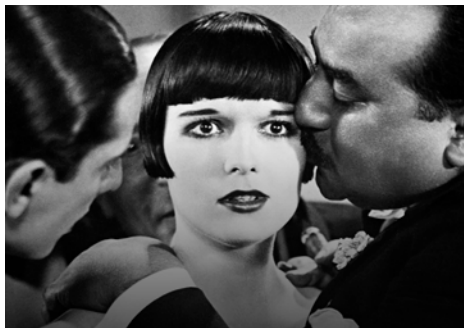
Tempest Anderson Hall,  
Yorkshire Museum 

Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Ever wondered why we have body odour? Have you ever considered that we might make it for a reason? While modern humans generally try to mask or stop its production, this is only a very recent change in human behaviour. Microbiologist Gavin Thomas and colleagues from the Universities of York and Hull explain what BO is and how it's made on our bodies. Discover how similar systems in animals have key functions in animal behaviour.



## Diary of a Lost Girl



**Tues 11 June, 7.30pm to 9.15pm**

National Centre for Early Music, Walmgate 

Tickets: £19 (£17 concessions, £7 u-35)

[ncem.co.uk](http://ncem.co.uk) 01904 658338

A masterwork of the German silent cinema whose reputation has only increased over time, *Diary of a Lost Girl* traces the journey of a young woman from the pit of despair to the moment of personal awakening. The film is directed with virtuoso flair by the great GW Pabst and stars screen icon Louise Brooks. Our special screening is accompanied by a unique improvised live score by New York based Raga pianist Utsav Lal. **Rated PG.**



**Tues 11 June, 6pm to 7pm**

Kyra Women's Project shares its approach to working with women to enable them to make positive change in their lives.

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## WATCH AGAIN

Missed an event that sounded fantastic? Want to see a talk you enjoyed once more? Good news – we're recording many of our festival events. Watch these as well as previous years' content on [youtube.com/YorkIdeas](https://youtube.com/YorkIdeas)


WEDNESDAY

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## D-Day 80: Tanks



**Wed 12 June, 2pm to 3pm and Fri 14 June,  
6.30pm to 7.30pm**

York Army Museum, Tower Street   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](https://yorkfestivalofideas.com)


Join Graeme Green, curator for The Royal Dragoon Guards Collection at the York Army Museum, and discover the role of tanks during the Normandy Landings. After the talk, take a look around the museum and view objects from the Second World War collections.

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## Climate Fresk Workshop



**Wed 12 June, 2.45pm to 6pm**

Spring Lane Building, University of York   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](https://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Want to help tackle climate change but don't have the time to become a climate scientist? In just three hours, this workshop will teach you the fundamental science behind climate change and empower you to take action. Climate Fresk runs all over the world and supports the power of small-scale discussions creating large scale change towards climate in terms of attitudes and action. *Suitable for ages 16+.*



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## Knowing Better: Knowledge and universities



**Wed 12 June, 4.30pm to 6pm**

Creative Centre, York St John University   
Free tickets: [yorks.ac.uk/events](https://yorks.ac.uk/events)

What kind of knowledge is valued and considered legitimate in universities? How do norms around academic knowledge include or exclude people as knowers? Margaret Meredith and Vanessa Corby of York St John University, and Nkosinathi Madondo of Mangosuthu University of Technology, South Africa, explore knowledge justice as they invite you on a journey from Barnsley's ex-mining communities to rural South Africa.


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## Caravaggio: A rebel with a cause



**Wed 12 June, 6pm to 8pm**

Shepherd Hall, St Peter's School   
Tickets: £10  
Payment at the door, cash or cheque only

Caravaggio was a man of proverbial rebelliousness, painting in a style which he knew would drop a bomb on the art world he grew up in. Rejecting his peers' obsession with highly artificial designs, he produced work with startling immediacy. Art historian Chantal Brotherton-Ratcliffe considers the unlikely alliance of artist and patrons, and examines why the establishment was prepared to accept him, outrageous lifestyle and all.

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## Archaeology Reimagined



**Wed 12 June, 6.30pm to 7.30pm**

Berrick Saul Building, University of York   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](https://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Neil Redfern, the Council for British Archaeology's Executive Director, reflects on the changes in archaeology over the last 80 years. Join him as he looks at the opportunities to change our perspectives and create a fresh approach to archaeology for the future. *(Please also see pages 26 and 40.)*

**Council for  
British Archaeology**

## Jorvik at 40: Jorvik and after



**Wed 12 June, 7pm to 9pm**

Bootham School, Bootham  6

Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Peter Addyman, former Director of the York Archaeological Trust, shares the incredible story behind the creation of the iconic Jorvik Viking Centre. Discover the secrets of this world-renowned attraction and learn about the archaeological excavations that brought York's Viking history to life. Join Peter, the driving force behind the founding of the museum, as he discusses Jorvik's impact on heritage presentation worldwide.

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## Mon Seul Desir: The Lady and Unicorn tapestries



**Wed 12 June, 7.30pm to 8.30pm**

Creative Centre, York St John University  12

Free tickets: [yorks.j.ac.uk/events](http://yorks.j.ac.uk/events)

The breathtakingly beautiful Lady and Unicorn tapestries hang in the Cluny Museum of the Middle Ages in Paris. York-based composer David Lancaster has created a multi-media composition for performance based around the images of the tapestries and related poetic texts. Scored for soprano, harp and narrator, with electronic soundtrack and video projection, *Mon Seul Desir* provides a deeply immersive experience.

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## Venus Rise



**Wed 12 June, 7.30pm to 9pm**

School of ACT, University of York  43

Free tickets: [tftv.ticketsolve.com/shows](http://tftv.ticketsolve.com/shows)


In an electrifying concert experience, *Venus Rise* takes audiences on a transformative journey from the cosmic expanse to the microscopic world, intertwining the symphonic majesty of the universe with the delicate ecosystems of our planet. Through enveloping music and stunning visuals, this audio-visual feast offers a poignant reflection on our interconnectedness with the natural world and the urgent need for harmony.

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# Rêverie – The life and loves of Claude Debussy

**Lucy Parham – piano**  
**Sir Simon Russell Beale – narrator**

**Wed 12 June, 7pm to 8.30pm**

Sir Jack Lyons Concert Hall,  
University of York 

Free tickets:

[yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)



Charlie Carter

*Rêverie* chronicles the life of one of the most prolific and innovative composers of the early 20th century, Claude Debussy.

Taking the form of a personal journey, the narrative follows Debussy from his initial success with the Prix de Rome in 1885 to his untimely death in 1918. It is punctuated with solo piano works ranging from the ever-popular lyricism of *Clair de Lune*, *Reverie* and *The Girl with the Flaxen Hair* to such virtuosic showpieces as *Jardins sous la Pluie*, the *Etudes* and *L'Isle Joyeuse*.

A crucial element of Debussy's complex intellectual and emotional world was an entangled love life that brought illicit trysts in Jersey, a brush with a revolver and even a suicide attempt.

Join us for powerful performances by the creator of *Rêverie* – pianist Lucy Parham – and actor Sir Simon Russell Beale.

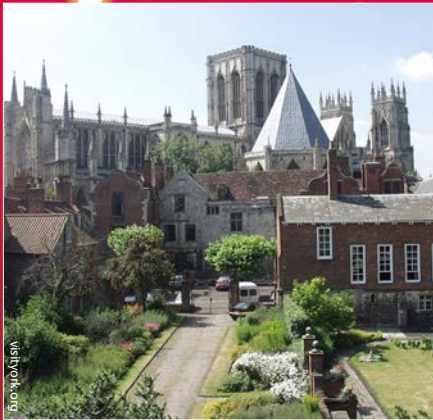


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THURSDAY

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## Making Sense of the Food System Through Stories



**Thurs 13 June, 4pm to 7pm**

Temple Hall, York St John University 

Free tickets: [yorks.ac.uk/events](http://yorks.ac.uk/events)

Hear, see and participate in food story sharing from a range of Living Lab projects at York St John University. Explore food-focused research and creative projects from students, staff, and partners, including cookbooks, exhibitions, performances, community gardens and social enterprises. Speaker and AI innovator Somdip Dey will share his personal food story, which led him to develop the award-winning food waste app *nosh*.


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## Summer Sparkle



**Thurs 13 June, 5.30pm to 7.30pm**

The Hiscox Building, Peasholme Green   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Put a bit of sparkle in your life as York Cares hosts its first ever Summer Sparkle Social Club. Enjoy food, music, dancing and some very special views of York. Designed to bring older and younger neighbours together to celebrate the start of summer, the event is part of the York Cares Social Clubs Programme which aims to reduce loneliness and isolation. (Please also see pages 32 and 54.)



## San Francisco Xavier: An Indigenous baroque opera



**Thurs 13 June, 6pm to 7.15pm**

National Centre for Early Music, Walmgate   
Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

The Jesuit missions of South America were the source of a very large number of musical compositions, some by Jesuit musicians, but many more by anonymous Indigenous composers. El Parnaso Hispano, an Hispanic early music ensemble, presents the first UK concert performance of one of the most significant of these anonymous works, the early 18th-century opera, *San Francisco Xavier*. The event includes a panel discussion.



## Nobel Prize-Winning Drama: Jon Fosse's plays



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**Thurs 13 June, 6pm to 7.30pm**

Friargate Theatre, Lower Friargate   
Free tickets: [ticketsource.co.uk/ridinglights](http://ticketsource.co.uk/ridinglights)

Widely performed and appreciated globally, Norwegian author Jon Fosse's plays are, strangely, very little known or explored in the UK. Join us for a talk with performance extracts designed to open doors to a remarkable and evocative dramatic world. Learn more about the most-performed Norwegian playwright after Ibsen, who was awarded the 2023 Nobel Prize in Literature.



## Chemistry: Delivering clean air for all



**Thurs 13 June, 6.30pm to 8pm**

National STEM Learning Centre,  
University of York 

Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)


Our expert panel of speakers, including Chris Whitty, Chief Medical Officer for England, discusses the power of chemistry to tackle air pollution and provide clean air solutions. Emphasising measurement and answers, the event marks the tenth anniversary of the Wolfson Atmospheric Chemistry Laboratories at the University of York.



## The House of Lords to a House of Charities?



**Thurs 13 June, 7.30pm to 8.30pm**

Friargate Quaker Meeting House, Friargate   
Free tickets: [barbara.lodge@alumni.york.ac.uk](mailto:barbara.lodge@alumni.york.ac.uk)

The House of Lords faces reform. Can we imagine an upper chamber designed not to enact the political will of the majority (already the role of the House of Commons) but instead to represent the moral power of the public conscience evident in the work of national and grassroots charities? Join Andrew Shanks of Amnesty International York as he argues for the co-optation of charities. *Voluntary donation at the door.*



## Holmes and Watson, the Farewell Tour



**Thurs 13 June, 7.30pm to 9.30pm**

York Explore Library, Museum Street   
Tickets: £10 [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Before slipping into well-earned retirement, Sherlock Holmes has prevailed upon his long-time companion Dr Watson, to join him in a farewell tour of the British Isles. Pyramus and Thisbe Productions re-enact one of the detective's most baffling unrecorded cases – The Case of the Prime Minister, the Floozie and the Lummock Rock Lighthouse. Come along and enjoy Stuart Fortey's comedy gem. *Drinks bar available on the night.*






## La Diva de la Guitarra: Galina Vale returns



**Fri 14 June, 12.30pm to 1.30pm**

St Helen's Church, St Helen's Square  48  
Free, but a retiring collection will be taken.  
No booking required.

Internationally acclaimed guitar virtuoso Galina Vale returns to St Helen's Church with a powerful and technically demanding repertoire. Enjoy an eclectic programme of flamenco, arrangements of Latin American and East European world music and jazz/flamenco/classical crossover. Make sure to arrive in good time as the charismatic performer's previous visits have attracted a full house.




St Helen  
Stonegate

## Showcasing Success in Research and Innovation



**Fri 14 June, 2pm to 5pm**

National STEM Learning Centre,  
University of York  37  
Free. No booking required.

Explore how the world of research and innovation (R&I) influences the world around us today and see how the various STEM fields positively interact with the arts and education. Join us and discover the role and impact of R&I and higher education institutions in STEM education and society.



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FRIDAY

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## The Making of a Song



**Fri 14 June, 7.30pm to 9pm**  
 York Explore Library, Museum Street **165**  
 Tickets: £10 [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

As York musician David Ward Maclean nears retirement, enjoy a night of reflection celebrating his lifelong love of song. Find out how words and music work together in his compositions, and enjoy performances of half a dozen of his songs from the past 20 years. Audience comments and questions are welcomed, and a drinks bar is available. *Suitable for ages 14+.*

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## York Design Awards: Winners presentation



**Mon 1 July, 6pm to 9pm**  
 Creative Centre, York St John University **12**  
 Free tickets: [yorkfestivalofideas.com](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com)

Join us for the 16th annual York Design Awards winners presentation in categories covering residential, community and commercial buildings, and open spaces. York Design Awards promotes excellence in architectural design and conservation in the York area. Good sustainable design and conservation support the city's special heritage and contribute to the wellbeing of its residents and visitors.

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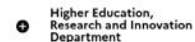
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## **York Civic Trust**

York Civic Trust's vision is 'promoting heritage, shaping tomorrow'. We run a programme of activities for members and the public that explore both the past and the future of the city. We are pleased to support York Festival of Ideas and to present a series of events celebrating York's trailblazers (page 28).

## **French Embassy in the UK**

The Higher Education, Research and Innovation (ESRI) Department of the French Embassy in the United Kingdom is recognised as a partner for British Institutions and their French counterparts. The ESRI is very happy to work with York Festival of Ideas to present two events under the theme *Driving Innovation* (page 24) that bring together experts from France and the UK.



## The Institution of Engineering and Technology

The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) is the largest multidisciplinary professional engineering institution in the world. The North Yorkshire Network of the IET is a proud sponsor and collaborator of York Festival of Ideas. This year we will be supporting *EV Charging Infrastructure: Ramping up rollout* (page 73).

## Jane Moody Fund

With thanks to the Jane Moody Fund for supporting *Fool: In search of Henry VIII's closest man* (page 34). Professor Jane Moody, who died in 2011, was founding Director of the University of York's Humanities Research Centre and co-founder of York Festival of Ideas.

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The Athena Swan Charter recognises the advancement of gender equality: representation, progression and success for all. The University of York has held a bronze award since 2006. The University's Athena Swan Steering Group is delighted to support *Muslim Women and Misogyny* (page 76).

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Ron and Barbara Cooke are delighted to support *War Horse: The concert* (page 79).

## Lorna and David Foster

Lorna and David Foster are pleased to support *Rêverie – The life and loves of Claude Debussy* (page 85).

## Elaine Gallagher

Elaine Gallagher is delighted to support *Rêverie – The life and loves of Claude Debussy* (page 85).

## Professor Phil Harris and Mrs Irene Harris

Professor Phil Harris and Mrs Irene Harris are very pleased to support two handling artefacts sessions for blind and partially sighted people, hosted by archaeologist Julian Richards.

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- 47. St George's Graveyard**  
Lead Mill Lane
- 48. St Helen's Church**  
St Helen's Square
- 49. St Lawrence Parish Church**  
Lawrence Street
- 50. St Oswald's Church Hall**  
Fulford
- 51. St Saviourgate York**
- 52. Tempest Anderson Hall**  
Museum Gardens
- 53. Temple Hall**  
York St John University
- 54. The Black Swan Inn**  
Peasholme Green  
*No wheelchair access*
- 55. The Hiscox Building**  
Peasholme Green
- 56. The Memorial Hall**  
St Peter's School, Clifton
- 57. The Mosaic Map**  
Museum Gardens
- 58. The Mount School**  
Dalton Terrace
- 59. The Old School House**  
Peasholme Green
- 60. Walmgate Bar**
- 61. Wentworth College**  
University of York
- 62. West Offices**  
City of York Council
- 63. York Army Museum**  
Tower Street
- 64. York Cold War Bunker**  
Monument Close
- 65. York Explore Library**  
Library Square, Museum Street
- 66. York Minster**  
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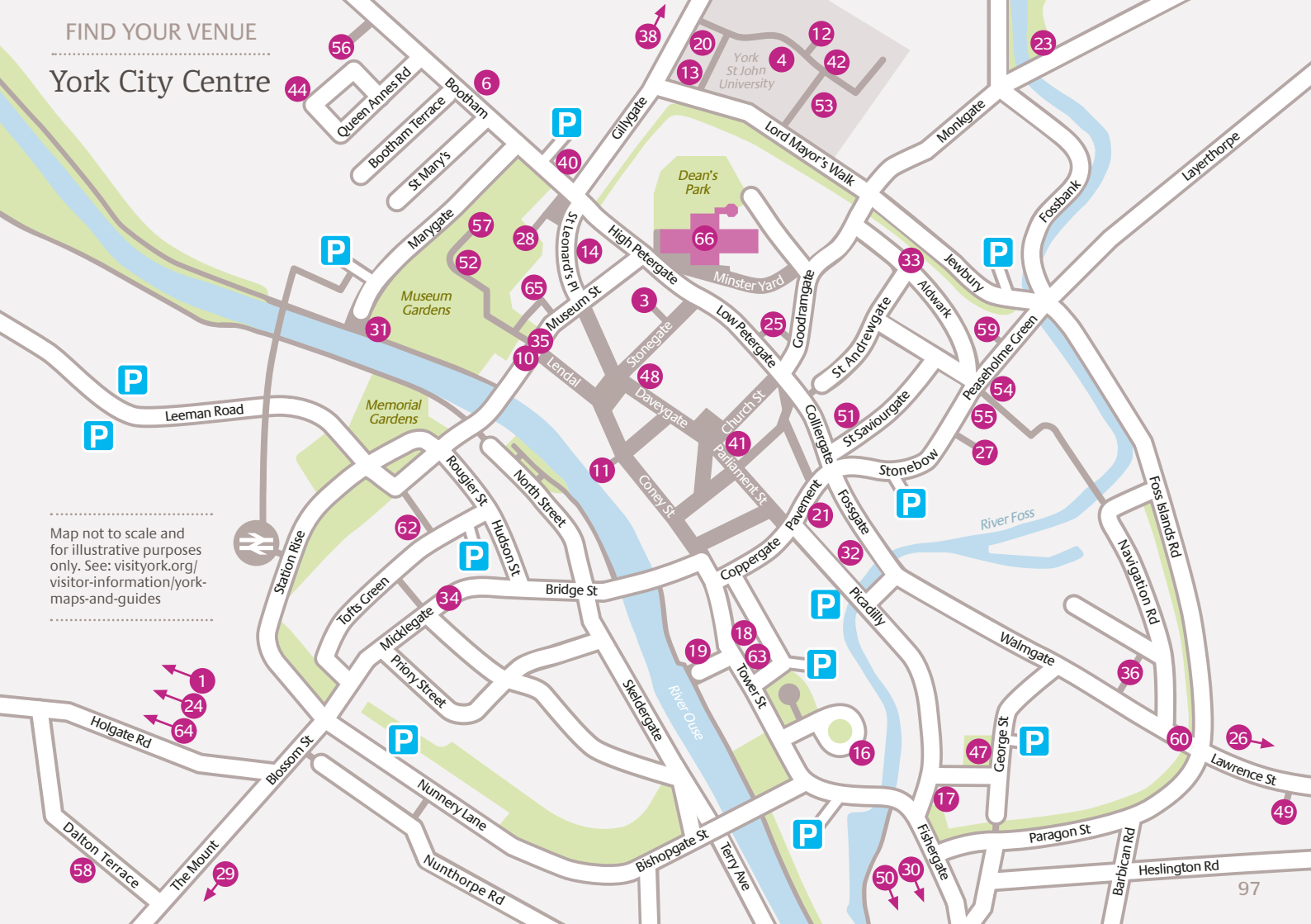
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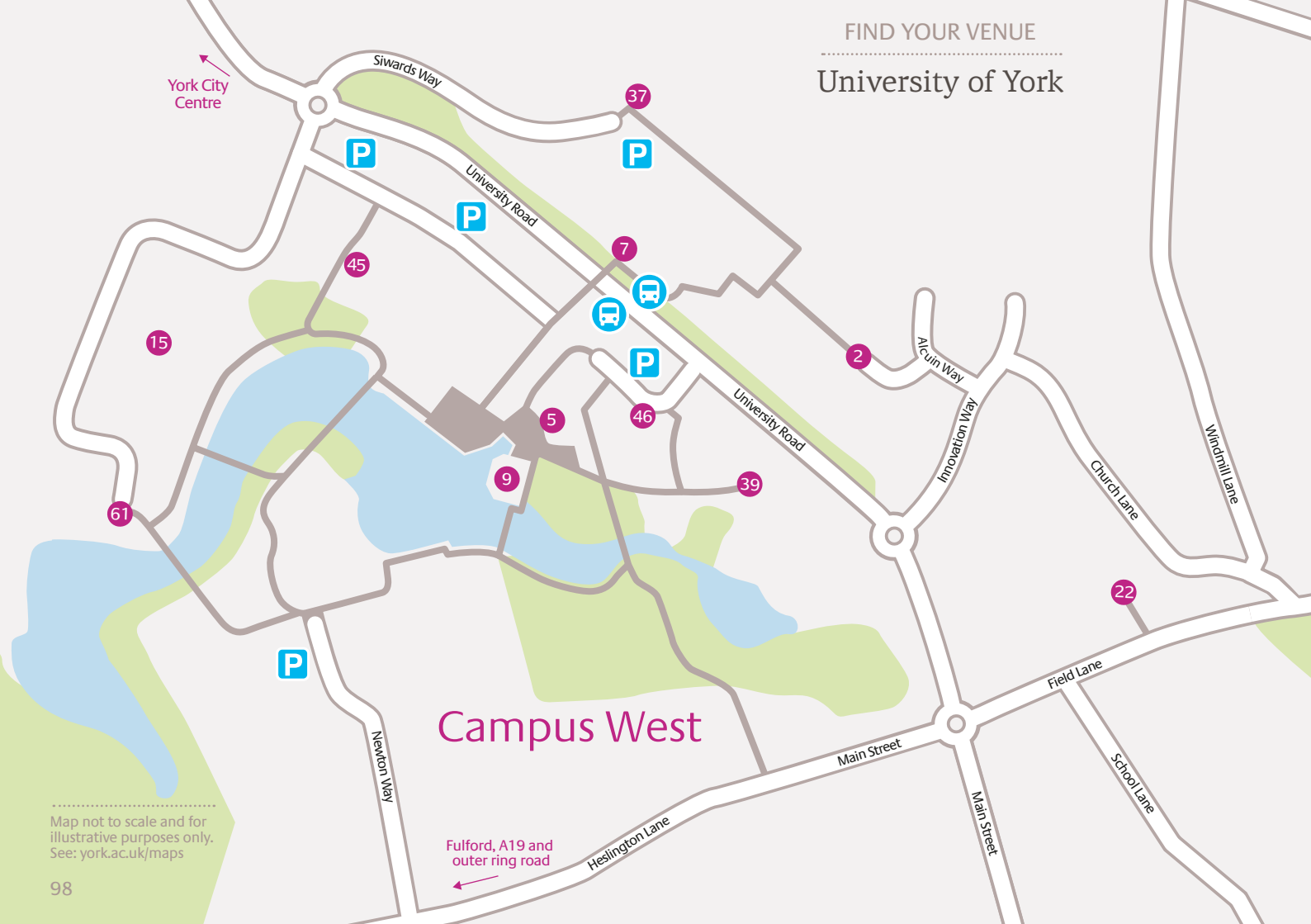
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