

Halton Borough of Culture 2021

This document provides a project-by-project overview of the proposed Borough of Culture programme to be used for funding applications, to garner support, and build partnerships.

Project	Detail	Resources	Timeframe
<p>Made in Halton</p>	<p>Small grant commissioning programme for arts, culture and heritage projects created by artists, creatives and groups, living or based in the Borough.</p> <p>An open call for ideas and projects that showcase work made in the borough or projects will be launched across the borough.</p> <p>Applications will be made via an online form on Halton BoC website and selections will be made via a panel of people from key cultural organisations.</p> <p>The grants can be used to fund the total cost of the project or as seed funding for further grant applications made by applicants.</p> <p>Grants of up to £750 can be applied for. This amount should cover the full cost of the project including time and materials.</p> <p>Projects selected through this scheme will be programmed and showcased throughout 2021.</p>	<p>Development: HBC Borough of Culture Team</p> <p>Delivery: Arts sector panel including HBC representation (2 days per month for 12 months)</p> <p>Administration: HBC Funding Team</p>	<p>Callout to be launched Autumn 2020. Delivery of projects programmed across 2021</p>

<p>MakeFest</p>	<p>Building on the success of Halton’s first ever MakeFest, the event will return in 2021 to once again offer a packed day of family friendly, free, hands on events showcasing all things ‘makey’</p> <p>“We are going to showcase digital arts, science, creations, inventions and gadgets through exhibits, demonstrations, installations, hands on activities and workshops for all age groups. The showcase extravaganza will explore how science, technology, engineering, arts and crafts are shaping our world.”</p>	<p>Development: Mako Create</p> <p>Delivery: Mako Create</p>	<p>Event: February</p> <p>Venue: Halton Lea</p>
<p>Harmony Halton - music weekender</p>	<p>Borough-wide music festival that lights up the borough with a cacophony of sounds in small venues and unusual spaces.</p> <p>Showcasing the widest possible musical genres from traditional to electronic from solo performers to bands and choirs.</p> <p>A mix of free and limited headline ticketed events</p> <p>Working with a music programmer we will bring in high quality up and coming artists as well as ensuring there is lots of space for local musicians and music groups to showcase their talents.</p> <p>Venues will include pubs, clubs, community centres, street performances, people’s houses, theatres, parks, bandstands, libraries and other cultural venues etc.</p> <p>There will also be a community outreach programme that provides performances and workshops in care homes and hospitals.</p>	<p>Development: HBC Borough of Culture Team with support from professional music promoter</p> <p>Delivery: multiple partners and venues</p>	<p>Call for local musicians and bands - Jan/Feb 2020</p> <p>Event: spring</p> <p>Venue: multiple</p>

	<p>Local musicians, musical groups and venues can add their own events to the programme via the sign-up form on the website. Participating artists and groups will be encouraged to promote their own events.</p> <p>Venue line ups will include multiple artists on one stage throughout the weekend as well as one off pop up or ticketed events</p> <p>Small bursaries will be made available through an application process for musicians that need additional support to showcase their work.</p>		
<p>Bridge Festival</p>	<p>A day of community led participatory outdoor arts and street theatre. Featuring a spectacular handmade parade across the Silver Jubilee bridge from communities on either side that culminates in an outdoor festival featuring high quality street theatre, live music and food and drink.</p> <p>Local community groups will be invited to take part in creating their own part of the parade that celebrates Halton’s creativity with a fun procession of costume, colour and movement.</p> <p>Strictly motor-free and people powered, groups will walk, dance, and play music to accompany floats that they have built themselves and represent their group and respond to the theme.</p> <p>There will be an open call for community groups to get involved who will then have access to workshop sessions where artists can inspire and assist them in making their costumes and floats.</p> <p>At the end of the parade floats and props will be displayed on the bridge to create additional decoration and pop up street theatre performances will animate the space. There will be a live music stage and food and</p>	<p>Development: HBC Borough of Culture Team</p> <p>Delivery: Arts partners + HBC Events Team (25 days lead events officer commitment to plan, liaise and deliver the event plus additional front of house / steward/ health & safety / risk management / highways/ legal support in lead up to the event)</p>	<p>Event: June</p> <p>Venue: Silver Jubilee Bridge</p>

	<p>drink stalls with areas for people to socialise and enjoy the atmosphere, in an unusual environment that is uniquely Halton.</p> <p>The day will conclude in the evening with a show on the water.</p>		
<p>Vintage Rally - addendum</p>	<p>Plans are to add in Steam Punk attractions and exhibitors into the event to add an additional level of interest in a fun and playful way that aims to attract younger audiences.</p> <p><i>“Steampunk is a retro-futuristic subgenre of science fiction or science fantasy that incorporates technology and aesthetic designs inspired by 19th-century industrial steam-powered machinery. Although its literary origins are sometimes associated with the cyberpunk genre, steampunk works are often set in an alternative history of the 19th century British Victorian era or the American “Wild West”, in a future during which steam power has maintained mainstream usage, or in a fantasy world that similarly employs steam power.”</i></p> <p>The combination of the traditional vintage steam engines and other steam-powered attractions will be shown alongside fantasy retro/future Steam Punk exhibitors. The two types of attractions should sit well together as they share the use and influence of a common source - steam.</p> <p>An experienced Steampunk convention organiser from the region will bring in the Steam Punk exhibitors and work on the event with Halton Council from an early stage so that this element is integrated into the event in a way that we think will work for the event and audiences.</p>	<p>Development: HBC Borough of Culture Team</p> <p>Delivery: Arts partner</p>	<p>Event: September</p>

	This additional element will freshen up the event and add additional marketing potential through creating new opportunities to create attractions that appeal to the younger audience.		
Festival 10:15	<p>An arts festival by and for young people aged 10-15 years old.</p> <p>This offers an opportunity to create a youth panel or steering group to consult on other elements of the programme development and delivery.</p>	<p>Development: Local Cultural Education Partnership + Youth Panel</p> <p>Delivery: Local Cultural Education Partnership + Youth Panel</p>	Event: spring / summer
Lumiere Event	<p>Taking place in the woodland and grounds of Norton Priory. Light installations will illuminate a woodland trail for the audience to explore upon a lantern walk which will be animated by lit performances culminating in a fire garden installation with musical accompaniment.</p> <p>Lantern Making workshops will be run in community groups and schools in the lead up to the event so that people can bring their lanterns to the event. Older students and young people could make more complex lantern sculptures and installations that form part of the trail.</p> <p>Alongside traditional lantern making there could be a digital lantern workshop that allows participants to code the patterns that the LED lights display, either inside the sculptures or as separate installations along the trail.</p>	<p>Development: HBC Borough of Culture Team</p> <p>Delivery: Arts partners + Norton Priory Team</p>	<p>Event: November / December</p> <p>Venue: Norton Priory Museum</p>

<p>Explore Festivals</p>	<p>Building on the success of previous and ongoing library festival programmes, Halton Libraries will run three festival programmes based on the following themes: Green Halton, Halton’s Memories and Halton’s Makers.</p>	<p>Development: HBC Libraries</p> <p>Delivery: HBC Libraries + Arts Partners</p>	<p>The festivals will take place across 2021</p>
<p>Heritage project</p>	<p>Borough Of Culture year is a great opportunity to engage a wider audience in finding out about the history and heritage of the borough, in particular the younger generation whose engagement is currently under-represented in the sector.</p> <p>The project aims to build on successful recent projects that unearthed and showcased a number of stories about local people and places and presented them to a new audience.</p> <p>This project is an opportunity to reinterpret some of these narratives and information into high quality and engaging presentations, both displaying physical artefacts and digital versions as well as interpretations and learning opportunities so that they are appealing and engaging to the local community and beyond.</p> <p>The project will bring together some of the key heritage narratives from the Borough that include waterways, industry, in particular mechanical and chemical engineering, sports and local heroes, and create a partnership between local experts and professional heritage architects team to create physical displays that can be installed easily a different locations in the borough through the year.</p>	<p>Development: HBC Borough of Culture Team</p> <p>Delivery: multiple partners</p>	<p>Events will take place throughout 2021 at multiple venues</p>

<p>CultureHQ</p>	<p>CultureHQ will form a central hub space for Halton Borough Of Culture. Housed in a shop unit in Runcorn Shopping City it will attract both a destination audience and passers-by who otherwise might not know about the programme. It is important to have a physical space like this people can visit especially for those that may not be able to access information about the programme online.</p> <p>In addition to being an information point CultureHQ will also be used as a space for exhibitions, meetings, workshops and performances. Local artists and groups will be able to book it for events and there will be a rolling programme of art and heritage exhibitions throughout the year. It will also host taster events and performances that help promote larger events coming up in the programme.</p> <p>The space will be run by a dedicated coordinator.</p>	<p>Development: HBC Borough of Culture Team</p> <p>Delivery: CultureHQ Programme Officer</p>	<p>September 2020- November 2021</p> <p>Venue: Runcorn Shopping City</p>
<p>Public Art Commissioning</p>	<p>Borough of Culture year is a great time to consider the role of public art in the area. We recognise there is an appetite for permanent public artworks to be installed in the Borough. In order to achieve this, it needs to be built into regeneration schemes in the area such as the station quarter regeneration or as part of business investment at business and science parks particularly around sci/art collaborations. This is because these schemes are costly and difficult to fundraise for through public funds. Borough of Culture year will inspire this future investment and help connect with artists to develop these artworks in the future.</p> <p>Artists murals are a simple format that Borough of Culture can support by working with local artists to identify spaces and commissioning artists to paint them with local communities. These can be fairly low cost and high impact.</p>	<p>Development: HBC Borough of Culture Team</p> <p>Delivery: multiple partners</p> <p>Administration: HBC Borough of Culture Team (1 day per month)</p>	<p>Event: 2021</p> <p>Venue: multiple</p>

Timeline summary 2021:

Month	One Off Activity	Ongoing Activity
Jan		Made in Halton, Culture HQ, Explore Festival,
Feb	MakeFest	Made in Halton, Culture HQ, Explore Festival,
March		Made in Halton, Culture HQ, Explore Festival,
April		Made in Halton, Culture HQ, Explore Festival,
May	Harmony Halton	Made in Halton, Culture HQ, Explore Festival, Murals
June	Bridge Festival	Made in Halton, Culture HQ, Explore Festival, Heritage Project, Murals
July	Festival: 10-15	Made in Halton, Culture HQ, Explore Festival, Heritage Project, Murals
August		Made in Halton, Culture HQ, Explore Festival, Heritage Project, Murals
September	Vintage Rally	Made in Halton, Culture HQ, Explore Festival, Heritage Project, Murals
October		Made in Halton, Culture HQ, Explore Festival, Heritage Project,
November	Lumiere Event, Handover Event, Culture & Creativity Awards	Made in Halton, Culture HQ, Explore Festival, Heritage Project,
December		

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