

We

Invented the Weekend

The festival
of free time

15 & 16 June '24

MediaCity & Salford Quays

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PROGRAMME



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We're throwing open MediaCity and Salford Quays on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June and *inviting you in to celebrate the invention of the weekend, a world-changing moment that took place right here in Greater Manchester in 1843.*

We're so excited to present a programme of over 200 FREE events delivered through collaboration with a huge range of brilliant organisations, artists, performers and community groups.

A huge thank you to all of our partners, supporters and the people of the City of Salford, whose collective passion and determination to create a truly inclusive and joyful event is why we're here. It's going to be a massive and memorable showstopper weekend of activity, music, creativity and community.

So let your hair down, try new things, make new friends and let's show the world that we didn't just invent the weekend, we know how to celebrate it!

Scroll down to view the festival map and programme for the festival map and event listings.



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LOCATIONS

MediaCity Piazza, Stage & Waterside

The Piazza is the beating heart of the festival – expect pop up markets, BMX freestyle by the waterside, roaming performances, prizes to be won, a driving simulator with Auto Trader, a couple of spectacular parades to join...and so much more!

Or just grab a seat, a drink and soak up the Piazza stage action; journey through an adventure storyland with the BBC Philharmonic, plus keep your eyes peeled for appearances from Bluey and Friends. There's also music galore, including a very special performance of Dirty Old Town and both days end with DJ sets that'll get you dancing, catch Zed Bias on Saturday and DJ Paulette on Sunday.

Hot House

MediaCity's new co-working space, located in the big glass building on the Piazza, transforms into a hive of creative activity for the weekend; make some mobile art with WONDERHAUS, grab some guilt-free shopping with Patrick Grant's Community Clothing pop up, create your own play shapes in The Cardboard Playground and visit MikeSian Studio's dream booths and print studio, where you can turn your hopes into giant placards ready for our parade.



The Talks Stage

Get ready for some thought-provoking talks brought to you in partnership with the University of Salford.

Ever wondered about the magic of gaming? Or the future of your local pub? How about the humble potato's rise to stardom? Dive into these fascinating topics and more, with lively discussions led by local and national experts such as Patrick Grant, Scottee, Mary-Ellen McTague and more.

Special thanks to Manchester Lit & Phil for their contribution to the talks programme.

The Green

Get creative with painting, colouring and wood carving, meet a Viking and find out more about some organisations doing great work at the grassroots right across Salford. The green fingers of the RHS Garden Bridgewater team will be bringing information and inspiration to feed your own greening projects and you'll find the unmissable CBeebies Bedtimes Stories tent, where there's a fabulous array of special guests lined up to read to you!

Freetime Stage

Laughter yoga, dance performances, hula hooping, theatre and a Sounds From the Other City takeover, the Freetime Stage is a celebration of what makes our weekends fun-filled, relaxing and vibrant. Featuring some of Salford's finest community groups and creatives, discover something new.



Sports Zone

Don't miss a huge range of activities to get everyone moving. Salford Community Leisure bring archery, basketball, dodgeball and much more. Plus there's a climbing wall, footy with Manchester United Street Reds, guided bike rides with Bee Pedal Ready, skateboarding with Northern Rolling and Graystone Action Sports as well as special pop up performances.

The Lowry

The Lowry opens its doors for a huge free programme of special performances, backstage tours and workshops. There's also Opera North workshops on Saturday, a Northern Soul all-dayer on Sunday, creation stations all weekend, plus don't miss The Swings – a larger than life aerial display you can find on the waterside behind this iconic building.

Plaza Stage

Situated just outside The Lowry building, the Plaza Stage is where you'll find a host of dance performances, showcasing global moves and local legends (including Salford's own Dancing Danny Henry). Our Kids Social are bringing the Disco Fever on Saturday and you can enjoy performances by some of our wonderful community groups, as well as DJs, Mr Motivator and more across the weekend. While you're there, make sure to take an electric bike ride along the waterfront, courtesy of Auto Trader.

Central Bay Terrace

Home to 11 Central and Kargo MKT, Quayside's Central Bay is your destination for a whole world of flavours to eat, drink and enjoy. There's a massive terrace overlooking the water – the perfect place for hanging out and catching the sun. A brilliant line up of DJs and a Sounds from the Other City takeover on Sunday make Central Bay Terrace a must visit festival spot for music fans.



Boats

Some of Salford's most vibrant and diverse organisations take the helm on our well loved boat trips. Salford Pride are hitting the water with drag legend Bailey J Mills, Unity Radio are teaming up with Treehouse Festival for a takeover featuring some of the best up and coming DJs and MCs and LI/NES' Power Ballad sailing is sure to get you emotional. If poetry is your thing, don't miss Oliver James Lomax presented by Manchester Lit & Phil.

Quayside MediaCity

Head to Level 1 of Quayside to discover a brilliant range of hands on workshops from Flock & Gaggle and the Salford Loading ... creatives. You'll also find EYFS music activities from MAPAS and cubes, cogs, curves and cylinders to create with at Science and Industry Museum's Mega Makers. While you're there, check out Quayside's great range of places to shop, eat and drink.

Imperial War Museum North

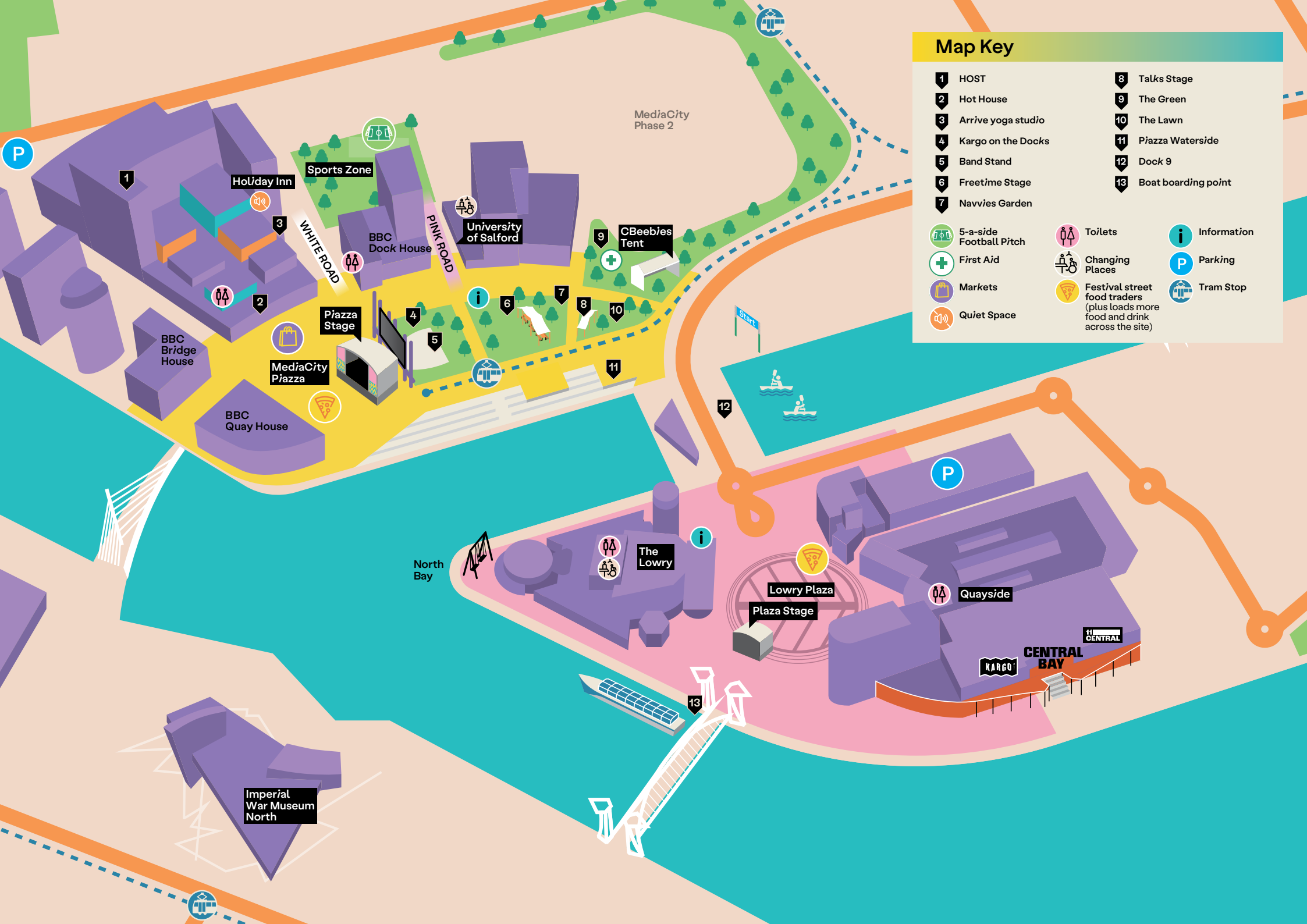
Take a walk across the canal to Imperial War Museum North; the landmark building is playing host to a thought provoking programme of talks, workshops and creative activities for all the family. There's a chance to find out more about IWM North's striking architecture and take in the Big Picture Show, an immersive multimedia experience.

Festival Times

SAT 15 JUNE 10:00–20:00

SUN 16 JUNE 10:00–18:00





Map Key

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 HOST | 8 Talks Stage |
| 2 Hot House | 9 The Green |
| 3 Arrive yoga studio | 10 The Lawn |
| 4 Kargo on the Docks | 11 Piazza Waterside |
| 5 Band Stand | 12 Dock 9 |
| 6 Freetime Stage | 13 Boat boarding point |
| 7 Navvies Garden | |
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|-------------------------|---|-------------|
| 5-a-side Football Pitch | Toilets | Information |
| First Aid | Changing Places | Parking |
| Markets | Festival street food traders (plus loads more food and drink across the site) | Tram Stop |
| Quiet Space | | |

Saturday Listings

Schedules may change, [visit the website](#) for most up-to-date times

PIAZZA STAGE

- 10:00 Weekend Warm Up with Made Running*
- 10:15 Bluey*
- 10:30 Hoola hooping
- 10:50 Dance Like A Mother
- 11:10 Mr Motivator & Friends*
- 11:35 Musical Storyland with BBC Philharmonic*
- 12:05 Super Movers
- 12:15 Supertato
- 12:25 Bhangracise
- 13:10 FD Academy Irish Dancers
- 13:20 Hey Duggee
- 13:35 Mama and Me
- 13:40 Playhouse Project Family Disco
- 15:40 Bluey
- 15:50 DJ Roesh
- 16:30 Gladiators*
- 16:45 DJ Roesh
- 18:00 Unity Radio presents Zed Bias

PLAZA STAGE

- 10:00 Yemini Community Association
- 11:00 Our Kids Social
- 12:00 Dance Like A Mother workshop*
- 12:30 Our Kids Social
- 13:35 Laughter yoga
- 14:00 Mature Movers
- 14:25 Streetgate Strummers
- 15:00 Company Chameleon
- 15:15 Pendleton College Choir*
- 15:30 Opera North singalong Nessun Dorma
- 15:40 DJ MuMu

THE LOWRY PLAZA

- 10:00-17:00
Try out an electric bike on Auto Trader's Smile Trial

MEDIACITY PIAZZA

- 10:00-17:00
Win an electric car and caravan from Auto Trader
Auto Trader driving race
Charity Super.Mkt
Melanin Markets

PIAZZA WATERFRONT

- 10:00-17:00
BMX Freestyle with British Cycling
Pinch Portraits, Partington Pots
Bupa Hub

HOT HOUSE

- 10:00-17:00
Community Clothing
Manchester Tufting Workshops
Weekend Creative with Gemma Hemingway
Museum of Youth Culture
Dream Booths & Placard Display
Draw'a'Loopa's
Make Your Own Inflato-Art
CardBoard Playground

10:00/11:00/12:00/14:00/
15:00/16:00

- Mike & Sian Dreamed A Dream
Print Workshop

11:00/13:00/16:00

- Mobile Art Workshop

CBEBBIES TENT

10:30*/11:30/12:30/
14:30*/15:30

- CBeebies Bedtime Stories

HOST

11:00-14:00

- Step into the world of digital products & tech with Auto Trader

11:00-16:00

- Battle of the Best: Family Quiz

UNIVERSITY OF SALFORD

- 10:00-17:00
Fables of Tomorrow
Immersed in Lowry

THE LAWN

- 10:00-17:00
Natural den building
Pop-up Library
Hidden Canal soundwalk

TALKS STAGE

- 11:00 Games People Play
12:00 Pub Culture in Salford
13:00 Patrick Grant 'Less: Stop Buying So Much Rubbish'
14:00 Thriving Communities
15:00 We're Still Shopping?!

THE GREEN

- 11:00-16:00
RHS Plant Advisory desk
Plant your own cuppa soup with RHS
- 11:00-17:00
Friends of Parr Fold Park
Gaddum
Ordsall Community Arts
Recreate-U
Salford Fostering
Salford Litter Heroes
Yladir Vikings

FREET/ME STAGE

- 10:00 Yoga Social
- 10:55 Laughter relaxation and meditation
- 11:25 Streetgate Strummers
- 12:00 Natasha Hula Hoops
- 12:20 Laughter yoga
- 12:45 Pendleton College Choir
- 13:00 Poetry Peers
- 13:30 Doosti
- 14:00 Mikey Don
- 15:00 Eve's Drop Collective

NAVVIES GARDEN

- 10:00-17:00
Salford Loaves and Fishes

SPORTS ZONE

- 10:00-15:00
Get moving with Salford Community Leisure Active
- 10:00-16:00
Climbing Wall
- 10:00-17:00
Bee Active with TfGM
Quick & fun boxing workouts with UBX Media City
DIY School
Giant Chess
Man Dem Wild Camping
Get Moving with Salford Community Leisure
- 11:00-16:00
Lego Workshop
Seashell Trust adaptive bikes
- 11:00-17:00
Dr Bike Check Ups
- 13:00 Streetgate Strummers
- 10:30/12:15/14:15
Skateboarding adventures with Northern Rolling
- 10:30/12:00/14:30
Footy with the Manchester United Foundation Session(Access, Grils, Boys)
- 12:00/13:00
Guided Bike Rides
- 14:00/15:00
Mama and Me workshop

THE LOWRY

- 10:00-17:00
Mono Print Mirror Portraits
- 10:30-17:00
The Swings
- 11:00-15:00
Backstage Tours
- 11:00-16:00
Creation Stations
Jack The Dog & Friendship Trail
Maps & Explorer Packs
Birmingham Royal Ballet Costumes
Kids in Museums self-led activity
Self-led Activities in the Lookout
- 11:30 Yoga Social (workshop)
- 11:30 Poetry peers
- 15:00 Laughter Yoga and Meditation

10:30/12:30/14:30

- LS Lowry Short Talks

11:30/15:00

- LS Lowry Family Talk

12:45/14:00

- Opera North Workshop

CENTRAL BAY TERRACE

- 12:00 Chugganauts DJ Set
13:00 Living Room Dance Club
17:00 Mix Stress DJ Set

CANAL BOAT CRUISE

- 11:00 Man Lit & Phil Poetry Sailing
12:50 Reggae Sailing
14:40 Photography Sailing
15:35 Melanin Markets x Poetry Place Sailing
16:30 Unity Radio Treehouse Takeover Sailing

DOCK 9

13:00-16:00

- U Swim Rafted Canoe and Katananu Try Out

WALKS AT WITW

10:30/14:30

- Bupa Loop (starting by Dock 9 under the Bupa start sign)

12:30/15:30

- Folklore walk with Morag Rose (starting at The Green)

14:00

- Walk with GM Ringway (starting at The Green)

(All walks will be between 30 minutes and 1 hour)

QUAYSIDE MEDIACITY

- 10:00-17:00
Badge Making
Ping Pong Parlour
Mega Makers with Science & Industry Museum
- 11:00-17:00
Upcycled Screen Printing and Stitching Workshop
- 11:00-12:00
Special Effects Make Up
- 12:30-13:30
Play in an Hour
- 11:30/12:45/14:00/15:15
EYFS Music Workshops

Sunday Listings



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PIAZZA STAGE

- 10:00 Yoga with Carly Tong
- 10:45 Hey Duggee
- 11:00 Lowry CAT performance
- 11:15 Supertato
- 11:30 Peggy Seeger and Dirty Old Town*
- 12:50 Lowry CAT performance
- 13:20 Sunday Best People's Catwalk
- 14:20 Secret Night Gang*
- 15:30 DJ Paulette

PLAZA STAGE

- 10:00 JD Dance performance and workshop*
- 10:50 Bluey*
- 11:00 Rockchoir
- 11:20 Open Mic - Dad Jokes & Bad Jokes*
- 11:30 SIX flashmob
- 12:05 Mr Motivator*
- 12:30 Afrocats drumming & storytelling with Godfrey Pambalipe*
- 13:15 Barton Belles
- 13:35 Dancing with Dementia
- 14:10 Dance Syndrome
- 14:40 Afro Cats Dance Around the World
- 15:25 Ordsall Acapella Singers
- 15:40 Danny Henry Dance Out Percussion

THE LOWRY PLAZA

- 10:00-17:00
Try out an electric bike on Auto Trader's Smile Trial

MEDIACITY PIAZZA

- 10:00-17:00
Win an electric car and caravan from Auto Trader
Auto Trader driving race
Bupa Hub
Charity Super.Mkt
Melanin Markets
- 16:35 Free Time Parade (starts outside Hot House)

PIAZZA WATERFRONT

- 10:00-17:00
BMX Freestyle with British Cycling
Pinch Portraits, Partington Pots
Bupa Hub

HOT HOUSE

- 10:00-17:00
Community Clothing
Manchester Tufting Workshops
Museum of Youth Culture
Dream Booths & Placard Display
Draw'a'Loopas
Make Your Own Inflato-Art
CardBoard Playground

11:00/12:30/13:30/14:30

Speed Life Drawing

11:00/12:00/13:00

Mike & Sian Dreamed A Dream Print Workshop

11:00/13:00/16:00

Mobile art workshop with Julia Roy-Williams

CBEBBIES TENT

10:30*/11:30/12:30/

14:30*/15:30*

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11:00-16:00

Battle of the Best: Family Quiz

ARRIVE YOGA STUDIO

10:00 Feel Good Communities laughter meditation

11:00 Yoga with Scottee + Chat

13:00 Mama and Me workshop

UNIVERSITY OF SALFORD

- 10:00-17:00
Fables of Tomorrow
Immersed in Lowry
- 11:00-16:00
Chess for Everyone
Puzzle Rush
- 11:00/14:00
Simultaneous Display - Play Grand Master Gawain Jones at chess

TALKS STAGE

- 11:00 These Boots Are Made for Walking
- 12:00 From Petrol Head to EV Energised
- 13:00 Good Enough Life
- 14:00 Rest as a Radical Act
- 15:00 Join the Green Revolution
- 16:00 In Praise of the Humble Potato

FREET/ME STAGE

- 11:00 Laughter yoga
- 11:30 80's Aerobics
- 12:00 Sounds From the Other City Takeover

10:00*/11:20

DIY Theatre present a sensory theatre workshop

THE GREEN

- 10:00-16:00
RHS Plant Advisory desk
Plant your own cuppa soup with RHS

10:00-17:00

Friends of Parr Fold Park
Ordsall Community Arts

Recreate-U
Salford Fostering
Yladir Vikings

12:00-16:30

Meet the Experts – mini talks and demos from RHS Bridgewater

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Dr Bike Check Ups
Lego Workshop
Seashell Trust adaptive bikes
- 10:00 Feel Good Communities - meditation
- 11:00 Walkden ABC Boxing
- 12:00 Parachute Games
- 13:00 Danny Henry – Dance Out Percussion

10:00/11:00/12:00/13:00/
14:00/15:00/16:00

Learn to skateboard with Graystone Action Sports

12:00/13:00
Guided Bike Rides

12:30/14:00
Rockchoir

THE LOWRY

- 10:00-16:30
Transcend Tribe Holistic Hub
- 10:00-17:00
Mono Print Mirror Portraits
- 10:30-17:00
The Swings
- 11:00-16:00
Birmingham Royal Ballet Costumes
Creation Stations
Backstage Tours
Jack The Dog & Friendship Trail
Maps & Explorer Packs
Kids in Museums self-led activities
Self-led Activities in the Lookout
Meet Mr Lowry Film
- 11:00-17:00
The Northern Sessions - a 6 hour celebration of Northern Soul
- 12:30 Batuku Performance by Creolas di Salford

10:30/11:30/12:30/
14:30/15:30

LS Lowry Short Talks

11:30/13:30/14:45

Birmingham Royal Ballet Workshop

14:00/15:15

Lowry CAT Contemporary Dance & Groove Workshop

CENTRAL BAY TERRACE

- 10:30 Partisan DJ workshop
- 12:00 Sounds From the Other City

CANAL BOAT CRUISE

- 11:55 Age UK's Back To The 70s Sailing
- 12:50 Plain Sailing
- 13:45 Salford Pride Sailing
- 14:40 Power Ballad Sailing
- 15:35 Post Punk & New Wave Sailing
- 16:30 Sounds From the Other City Sailing

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U Swim Rafted Canoe and Katakana Try Out

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- 12:30/15:30
'Walkshop' with Morag Rose (starting at The Green)
- 14:00
Walk with GM Ringway (starting at The Green)
- (All walks will be between 30 minutes and 1 hour)

QUAYSIDE MEDIACITY

- 10:00-17:00
Badge Making
Macrame Keyring and Coaster Making Workshop
Ping Pong Parlour
Mega Makers with Science & Industry Museum
- 11:00-17:00
Upcycled Screen Printing and Stitching Workshop
- 12:30-13:30
Play in an Hour
- 11:30/12:45/14:00/15:15
EYFS Music Workshops

* BSL Interpreted

For more information on SUNDAY events and up-to-date timings, visit the [website](#)



We Rocked?

Tell us what you think of the festival and enter a draw to win a prize...

CLICK TO ENTER PRIZE DRAW

Go to our website for the full line-up, travel & accessibility info.

It's set to be a busy weekend for the region with concerts and events galore, which will bring additional traffic on the roads - ensure you plan ahead to avoid delays!

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Age UK

Barton Belles

Chess in Schools and Communities

Company Chameleon

Dance Like A Mother

Dancing with Dementia

DIY Theatre

Doosti

Eccles Community Chess Hub

Feel Good Communities

FD Academy Irish Dance

Friends of Parr Fold Park

Gaddum

GM Ringway

Holiday Inn

JD Dance

Lowry Show Selectors

Man Dem

Mature Movers

Ordsall A Capella Singers

Ordsall Community Arts

Our Irwell and WalkCreate

Parenting Collective

Partisan Collective

Pendleton College

Poetry Peers

Recreate-U

Rock Choir

Salford CVS

Salford Fostering Department

Salford Litter Heroes

Salford Loaves and Fishes

Salford Pride

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Streetgate Strummers

The Alchemist

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