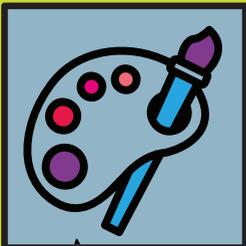
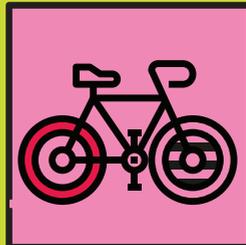
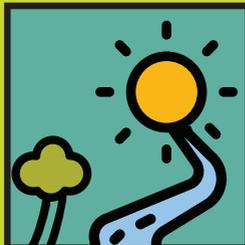




**CALDERDALE'S  
YEAR OF  
CULTURE 2024**

**Spring 2024**

**A season of free activities and  
performances celebrating  
Calderdale's Year of Culture 2024**



A taste of what the whole of Calderdale's Year of Culture has to offer, with iconic events, festivals, exhibitions, performances and initiatives for everyone to enjoy from April 2024 to April 2025.

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# WELCOME TO CALDERDALE'S YEAR OF CULTURE



**The Year of Culture (CultureDale) is a 12-month celebration of Calderdale turning 50 on 1 April 2024 – a landmark moment in the borough's story – and marks the ultimate year for Vision 2024 for Calderdale.**

The programme reflects Calderdale's rich history, amazing landscapes, incredible people, creativity, entrepreneurship, talent and diversity.

Events include a community festival at People's Park in Halifax, a children's and families' creative roadshow, a Youth Music Takeover, community-led performances – even on a canal boat – a creative writing festival, an arts and health festival, a film competition, and lots more to be announced.

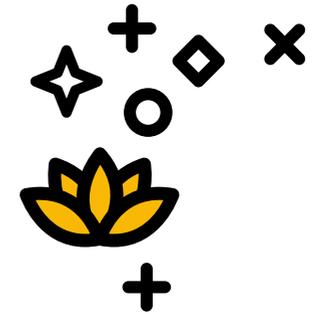
The council has received support to fund Year of Culture from West Yorkshire Combined Authority, Arts Council England, National Lottery Heritage Fund and UKSPF.

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To volunteer in a once-in-a-lifetime role supporting the Year of Culture, please visit [culturedale.co.uk/volunteers](https://culturedale.co.uk/volunteers)



## April Events



### **Saturday 13 - Opening Celebration of Calderdale's Year of Culture 2024.**

There will be lots of exciting activities and performances at The Piece Hall, Dean Clough, Borough Market, and other locations around Halifax.

Plan your day and read more about what is planned on our website [culturedale.co.uk](https://culturedale.co.uk)

**Sunday 14 - Todmorden Town Hall.** Three Valleys Gospel Choir **12 to 1pm**  
Murkika Choir **2.30 to 3pm**

**12 to 3pm:** Screen printed bags, gong bathing, Folklore Centre activity

**Brighouse Methodist Church**  
**Chocolate Has a Name**  
CultureDale engagement activities. Halifax Unity music.

### **Saturday 20 - CultureDale at Pellon Pride in Place Event, Halifax.**

### **April 24 to 21 Dec 25** **50 Years of Calderdale,** **Bankfield Museum, Halifax**

From archaeological discoveries that have cast new light on the region's prehistoric past, to the repurposing of former industrial buildings.

### **20 April 2024 - 19 October 2024. Highlights from the Calderdale Collection, Smith Art Gallery, Brighouse**

Featuring some of the best-known artists from the region and beyond, alongside hidden gems from within the museum collection.

# May Events

**Thursday 2 to Sunday 5** - Hebden Bridge Burlesque Festival

**Friday 3 to Sunday 5** - Todmorden Folk Festival

**Friday 3, 4-5.15pm** -  
'My name is not asylum seeker!' Halifax Central Library

**Saturday 4** - Ripponden Spring Market

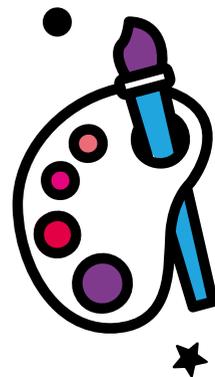
**Saturday 4** - Elland Hub Opening

**Thursday 9 to Sunday 12** - Halifax Spring Fun Fair

**Saturday 18** - Boothtown Festival

**Sunday 19** - Calderdale Way Relay

**Tuesday 21 - 23** - Halifax Digital Festival



**Wednesday 22** - Opal's Comet\*, Walsden

**Thursday 23** - Opal's Comet\*, Todmorden

**Friday 24** - Opal's Comet\*, Todmorden to Hebden Bridge

**Saturday 25 to Monday 27** - Food Festival, The Piece Hall

**Saturday 25** - Opal's Comet\*, Hebden Bridge

**Saturday 25** - Annual Norland Horse & Pony show

**Saturday 25 to Wednesday 29** - Todmorden Carnival

**Sunday 26** - Opal's Comet\*, Sowerby Bridge

**Monday 27** - Opal's Comet\*, Elland / Brighouse

**Wednesday 29 to Friday 31** - Pennine Spring Music Festival

**Thursday 30 to Sunday 2 June** -  
Arvon Festival of Writing\*, Hebden Bridge



# June Events

**Saturday 1 to Sunday 2** - Brighouse 1940s weekend

**Saturday 1 to Sunday 2** - Creative Calderdale - Northern Broadsides\*, The Piece Hall



**Friday 7 to Sunday 9** - Shibden Park Summer Fair

**Friday 7 to Sunday 9** - Folk Roots Festival, Hebden Bridge

**Saturday 8** - Halifax Charity Gala

**Sunday 9** - The Lord of the Strings, Victoria Theatre, Halifax

**Monday 10** - Light Camera Score - "The Place I Love"  
Victoria Theatre, Halifax

**Wednesday 12 to Sunday 16** - Festival of Writing, Halifax

**Saturday 15** - Voices Together, Halifax

**Sunday 16** - Outdoor Cinema Shibden Park

**Sunday 16** - Presented by Piece Hall begins

**Tuesday 18** - Todmorden Agricultural Show

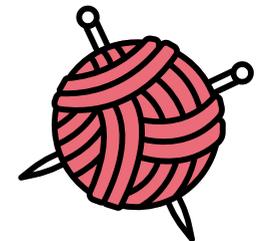
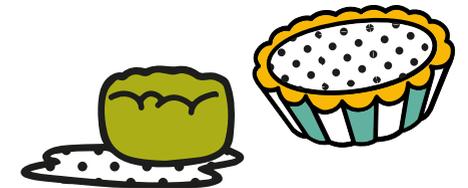
**Saturday 22 to Friday 28** - Halifax Minster Summer Festival

**Saturday 22** - Brodstock

**Saturday 22** - Brighouse Gala

**Saturday 22** - Todmorden Game & Country Fair

**Saturday 29** - Armed Forces Day, Halifax



# Featured Projects

**Many creative and community organisations across Calderdale are holding events and celebrations for CultureDale, and the Council is providing support through grant schemes.**

The local creative organisations delivering larger projects and events as part of the Year of Culture include:

**Mr Wilson's**

**Hebden Bridge Arts**

**Northern Rascals**

**Arvon**

**Everybody Arts**

**Curious Motion**

**IOU**

**Happy Valley Pride**

**Hebden Bridge Film Festival**

**Handmade Parade**

**Northern Broadsides**

**Featured projects include:**

\* **Mr Wilson's** - Delivering Opal's Comet, a canal boat based artistic pilgrimage in partnership with the Canal and River Trust. The boat and performers will make a week long journey starting in Walsden and ending in Brighouse. The boat will be trackable online. Come and join us on the canal side to watch performances, and sing along.

\* **Arvon** - The creative writers house at Lumb Bank, are hosting Calderdale's first Creative Writing Festival. Come along to get involved in workshops, talks, and performances.

\* **Northern Broadsides** - Hosting creative workshops across Calderdale in the build up to their September performance of Iron People.



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