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Hull Cultural Delegation Showcases 2027 Ambitions and UNESCO Music Bid in London

A delegation of Hull's cultural sector, led by Hull City Council, has returned to London to reconnect with national partners ahead of a year of major anniversaries in 2027.

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The London Reception

Held at the University of Hull's London campus, the Hull in London reception spotlighted the city's ambitions for 2027 and beyond, including its bid to achieve UNESCO Creative City of Music status and the next phase of its culture-led growth and regeneration.

The event, which was supported by Hull Trains, brought together national partners, funders, policymakers, investors, cultural leaders and influencers to showcase Hull's continued transformation and future ambitions.

The reception saw almost 100 representatives from local and national cultural industries, including the V&A, Arts Council England, Royal

Ballet & Opera, British Museum and Sport England come together to hear Hull's message.

It provided an opportunity for local organisations including Hull City Council, Hull University, Back to Ours, Middle Child and Hull Truck Theatre to reflect on the enduring legacy of 2017 while demonstrating how culture continues to support economic growth, regeneration, visitor economy development and community wellbeing.

Council Plans for 2027

Cllr Jackie Dad, deputy leader and portfolio holder for culture and leisure said:

This was our second visit to London and provided us with a fantastic opportunity to talk about Hull's incredible cultural offer.

2027 is a very special year for Hull, as we celebrate not only a decade since our year in the spotlight as UK City of Culture 2017, but also more than 28 significant anniversaries and milestones across the city.

We are also preparing to submit our new bid to become a UNESCO City of Music is part of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) and are keen to spread the message that Hull is continuing to move forwards and upwards, as far as possible.

This event was both a celebration of progress as well as being an invitation for future collaboration, investment and partnership as we continue as a cultural driver for the communities of Hull, for the north and the nation.

Voices from National Partners

Speaking at the event, David Johnson, Senior Relationship Manager, Arts Council England, said:

Nationally, Hull has become one of the strongest examples of what sustained cultural investment can achieve when it is backed by ambitious civic leadership and strong partnerships.

At a time when government, local authorities and national partners are thinking about growth, devolution and the future of our towns and cities, Hull has practical experience that the rest of the country can learn from.

Andrew Stokes OBE, England Director, VisitEngland, said:

Hull and East Yorkshire are increasingly recognised as one of England's most exciting visitor economy success stories.

National Geographic named Hull amongst its Best of the World 2026 destinations, the only UK place on the list. It highlighted Hull's maritime heritage, cultural regeneration and remarkable transformation, placing the city alongside some of the world's most compelling destinations.

Those of us who know Hull aren't surprised, but it's wonderful to see the world discovering it too. That recognition reflects years of investment, strong leadership, cultural ambition and, most importantly, successful partnership working across the city and wider region.

Leader of Hull City Council, Cllr Mike Ross, said:

As a council, we continue to invest because we see the difference culture makes. We remain committed to free museums, cultural events and investment in buildings, spaces and the public realm that help tell Hull's story.

By Albert Nelson

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Free festive weekends launch across Hull's museums and art gallery this Saturday

Free festive weekends begin on Saturday 21 November across Hull's museums and gallery, with family crafts, trails and performances from local choirs.



Photo: Hull Culture & Leisure Ltd

Starting this Saturday (21 November), Hull's museums and art gallery are hosting free festive weekends, giving visitors the chance to enjoy a seasonal day out at some of the city's favourite cultural venues.

Taking place every weekend through to Sunday 20 December, the programme pairs Hull's rich heritage, inspiring collections, and local stories with a variety of Christmas activities and live entertainment.

Crafts, Trails and Choirs

Every weekend, there will be something to get visitors into the Christmas spirit at the venues, giving families the opportunity to get creative and make festive keepsakes together. Visitors can also follow a festive family trail, adding an extra element of Christmas fun to their visit.

Selected dates throughout the programme will feature live musical performances from local choirs, creating a warm and welcoming festive atmosphere across the city's cultural attractions. Performances will include appearances from the Hull NHS Choir, All for One Choir, Hull Visual Choir and Beverley Brass Band.

By Albert Nelson

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Hull's Historic King Billy Statue and Avenues Fountains Set for Major Restoration

Hull City Council has appointed specialist consultancy Pick Everard to support the restoration of the King William III statue, known as King Billy, and the fountains on Park Avenue and Westbourne Avenue.



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Photo supplied by Hull City Council

Hull City Council has taken an important step towards preserving three of the city's historic landmarks by appointing a specialist conservation architect to oversee plans for their restoration.

The project will focus on the King William III statue, affectionately known as King Billy, alongside the historic fountains on Park Avenue and Westbourne Avenue. Initial assessments have identified the need for significant restoration work to protect these listed structures and preserve their heritage for future generations.

The Appointment

To support the project, the council has appointed Pick Everard, a UK-based multi-disciplinary consultancy with expertise in heritage and conservation.

Pick Everard will provide conservation architect consultancy services and professional support throughout the development, design and delivery of the restoration programme, including establishing a programme of works for the restoration.

By Catherine Wilson

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Hull's historic Spurn Lightship welcomes nearly 24,000 visitors after restoration



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Hull's historic Spurn Lightship is celebrating a successful first season following its extensive restoration, welcoming nearly 24,000 visitors since reopening as one of the city's most treasured maritime attractions.

The iconic floating museum attracted 23,973 visitors during its first season back, marking an exciting new chapter for the restored vessel and highlighting its continuing popularity with residents and tourists keen to explore Hull's rich maritime heritage.

The historic ship, which reopened in March following a comprehensive restoration programme, has attracted thousands of visitors keen to step aboard and discover an important part of Hull's maritime heritage.

By Zoe Walker

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Hull's Christmas Jumper Donation Drive Returns After Record-Breaking Year



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Hull City Council is once again appealing for residents to donate unwanted children's Christmas jumpers, to support local families and reduce textile waste.

The council's annual Christmas jumper donation drive launched on Friday 23rd October, encouraging residents to spread some festive cheer by giving pre-loved children's festive jumpers a second life.

Over the last few years, the scheme has gone from strength to strength, with a record-breaking 145 jumpers collected last year.

For many families, Christmas is an added financial pressure, and this jumper collection is designed to help ensure all children can take part in the festive celebrations.

By Albert Nelson

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Hull charity launches HEAT energy advice project



Photo: Unity In Community

Hull charity's HEAT project helping households stay warm and tackle rising energy bills

A Hull-based charity is encouraging residents across Hull and the East Riding to access support from its new energy advice project, helping households stay warm, save money and make their homes more energy efficient.

The Humber Energy Action Team (HEAT), run by local charity Unity in Community, was established to support people facing difficulties with rising energy costs and the challenge of keeping their homes warm.

With energy bills continuing to put pressure on household budgets, many people are having to make difficult decisions about how much they can afford to spend on heating their homes.

Alan Dalgairns from Unity in Community said:

By Georgia Hunt

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Hull Minster Welcomes Community Christmas Tree Displays for Festive Charity Celebration



Businesses, organisations and individuals are being invited to embrace the festive spirit and showcase their creativity at the 2026 Lord Mayor's Christmas Tree Festival.

Participants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and create eye-catching Christmas tree displays, helping to bring festive cheer and a wonderful sense of community spirit to this year's celebrations.

Councillor Maria Coward will officially open this year's event at Hull Minster on Tuesday 1st December, with the festival running all the way up until Christmas Eve.

Those that participate are asked for a minimum donation of £10 per tree, with all proceeds going to the Lord Mayor's Charity Appeal Fund.

By Albert Nelson

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Photo: St Mary's Care Homes

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Double Awards Success for Hessle Care Home as Deputy Manager Named Regional Winner

A Hessle care home is celebrating double success at the Great British Care Awards after its Deputy Manager was named a regional winner and the wider care team received a Highly Commended award.

By Euan Sparks
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Hull Celebrates Young People's Achievements at Annual Blue Diamond Awards

Hull City Council is preparing to celebrate the achievements and inspiring stories of the city's young people at its annual Blue Diamond Awards on Thursday 12 November.

By Albert Nelson
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Bringing Immersive Digital Experiences to Hull Thanks to Council Grant Support

Heuro Studios, a Hull company run by young entrepreneurs, is boosting its digital content business thanks to the support of Hull City Council.

By Zoe Walker
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YORK

Charity fashion show in York shines a spotlight on people affected by cancer

Yorkshire Cancer Research has held its first supporter fashion show at the charity's new superstore in York, shining a spotlight on the experiences of people affected by cancer and their families.

By Grace Tindle
Continued at **yorkmagazine.co.uk/charity-fashion-show-in-york-shines-a-spotlight-on-people-affected-by-cancer**

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City of York Council Secures £625k Government Funding to Support Armed Forces Community

Veterans, serving personnel, and Armed Forces families across York will benefit from £625,114 in new government funding secured by City of York Council to strengthen local support services.

By Barbara Parker
Continued at **yorkmagazine.co.uk/city-of-york-council-secures-625k-government-funding-to-support-armed-forces-community**



Photo: Alastair More for balletLORENT

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balletLORENT's Hansel & Gretel and the Witch Comes to Leeds Playhouse

balletLORENT's enchanting dance theatre re-imagining of the classic fairytale, written by former Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy and narrated by Gina McKee, is coming to Leeds Friday 12 and Saturday 13 February 2027.

By Sara Teiger
Continued at **leedsmagazine.com/balletlorents-hansel-gretel-and-the-witch-comes-to-leeds-playhouse**



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Otley Gym backs Ryann's London Marathon bid with 157 mile challenge

Otley's The Yard Gym is raising £15,000 for Bone Cancer Research Trust as Team 157 prepares to support survivor Ryann Lambert-Tuthill in the 2027 London Marathon, and hosting a 157 mile fundraising challenge on Friday, 27 November 2026.

By Diane Almond
Continued at **leedsmagazine.com/otley-gym-backs-ryanns-london-marathon-bid-with-157-mile-challenge**



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Music, Community, and Peace: Come and Sing at Leeds Minster

Hosted by St Peter's Singers, the annual Come and Sing workshop invites singers of all experience levels to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the choir's 40 core members. Together, participants will spend the afternoon learning the repertoire, sharing refreshments, and preparing for an informal early-evening concert for friends, family, and music lovers.

By Quentin Brown
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