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Jeffrey Boakye



Family events



Linda Green



Paul Burston



23 March - 2 April 2023

Plus

-  Free family events


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-  Author talks and panel discussions


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-  Live music and performance poetry

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-  Creative workshops and industry events

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-  Hybrid and online events



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# AN AWARD-WINNING FESTIVAL

We were delighted to represent Huddersfield at the first ever Yorkshire Post Tourism Awards last year – and we were thrilled to win the Accessible and Inclusive Tourism Award. It's wonderful to be recognised among respected organisations across Yorkshire, and a testament to our vision for the Festival and the hard work of our team.

Our theme this year is 'Music' to celebrate the [Kirklees Year of Music 2023](#). Join us in person and online for author talks, panel discussions, performance poetry, free family events, writing/wellbeing workshops, live music, LGBTQ+ events and more.

Booking tickets is easy, with links from our website. For advance notice of events and Early Bird offers, follow us on social media and sign up for newsletter updates.

Your local Festival can only grow and thrive with your support – so spread the word among friends and family. See you soon!

**Michelle Hodgson**  
Festival Director



Our team at the Yorkshire Post Tourism Awards



**Access for all** – accessible free and low-cost events have always been key at HLF. Our programme is diverse and representative, and we offer several events that are hybrid and some with BSL/subtitling. If you have specific access needs or prefer to be seated away from other audience members as a Covid-safety measure, please contact our Admin at: [info@huddlitfest.org.uk](mailto:info@huddlitfest.org.uk). Our Access Guides to key venues can be found at: <https://www.accessable.co.uk/organisations/huddersfield-literature-festival>

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# PRE-FESTIVAL EVENTS

## Spider-Man at HTAFC

Saturday 18 February  
12.30pm - 2.30pm



Supporters' area, John Smith's Stadium,  
Stadium Way HD1 6PG

Free (no booking required)

All ages

Meet Spider-Man! – and pick up a copy of our brochure at our pre-Match Day activities before Huddersfield Town's home game against Birmingham City.



## Fortress London

Wednesday 15 March  
7pm - 8pm



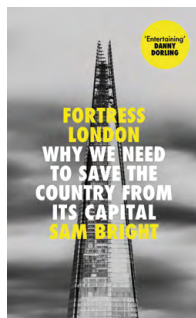
Heritage Quay, University of Huddersfield,  
Queensgate HD1 3DH

Free (booking recommended)

Age guidance: 16+

Huddersfield-born **Sam Bright** is one of many northerners drawn to London for opportunities that the rest of the UK does not enjoy. In his new book **Fortress London: Why we need to save the country from its capital**, he discusses how regional inequality leads to injustice. Presented in partnership with the Free University of Slawit.

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## West Yorkshire Poetry Week



All primary and secondary schools in the region are invited to take part in West Yorkshire Poetry Week, which will run from 20-24 March 2023.

The week-long event, brought to you by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and the Mayor of West Yorkshire, will include a celebration of World Poetry Day and aims to inspire a new generation of young poets. There will be lots of free activities for all ages, and opportunities to meet local poets and writers, including National Poet Laureate Simon Armitage. West Yorkshire's first-ever Young Poet Laureates will also be appointed.

For more information please see:

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/programmes/young-writers/west-yorkshire-poetry-week/>



## Stafflex Free Family Day

Saturday 18 March

11am - 2pm



North Huddersfield Trust School,  
Woodhouse Hall Road HD2 1DJ

Free (no booking required)

All ages

Our **FREE** event for families, with stalls, activities, musical entertainment and Spider-Man! Plus Meet the Owls, Dinky Disco and Storytelling: Chocolate Has a Name.

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## HuddLitFest 2023 Launch

Wednesday 22 March

6pm - 8pm

**LIVESTREAMED EVENT**



The Parish, The Old Courthouse, Queen Street HD1 2SP

Free

Age guidance: 14+

Join us for our **FREE** Festival launch with poetry performance from [Chérie Taylor Battiste](#) and live music from celebrated soul pioneer [Omar Lyefook MBE](#).

6pm Doors, 6.30pm onwards Performance. Free event with refreshments.



## Worst Record Covers Exhibition

Thursday 23 March -  
Sunday 2 April Daily 10am - 4pm



Festival Hub, Piazza, Princess Alexandra Walk  
HD1 2RS

Free (no booking required)

All ages



The popular return of Huddersfield collector Steve Goldman's exhibition of bizarre and unintentionally funny record covers – so bad they're awesome!



## Through Our Eyes

Thursday 23 March  
12.30pm - 1.30pm



Holocaust Centre, Schwann Building,  
University of Huddersfield, Queensgate  
HD1 3DH

Free (booking recommended)

Age guidance: 13+

Join the editors of **Through Our Eyes: Holocaust Survivors' Experiences from the North of England**, an anthology of previously unpublished testimony from Holocaust survivors and child refugees. With Holocaust child refugee Liesel Carter.



## WORKSHOP: Listen/write

Thursday 23 March, 1pm - 3pm



Heritage Quay, University of Huddersfield,  
Queensgate HD1 3DH

Free (booking recommended)

Age guidance: 16+



Chris Ruffoni leads a creative workshop incorporating mindfulness and sound-making to reveal your capacity to listen and inspire words drawn from sound.



## Dark Horse Theatre presents: Making room

Thursday 23 March, 2pm



The Courtyard, Lawrence Batley Theatre,  
Queen Street HD1 2SP

Free (no booking required)

All ages

Mesmerising street theatre rooted in physical storytelling from the [Dark Horse Theatre](#) 2nd Year student ensemble. Featuring poetry by Ibrahim Ismail, movement direction by Keisha Hamilton and an original score by Aron Bourke. Repeated on Tuesday 28 March & Thursday 30 March at the same time and venue.



## A Novel Experience

Thursday 23 March  
7pm - 8.30pm



Small Seeds, Castlegate (New Street junction)  
HD1 2UD

Pay What You Like

Age guidance: 16+

Share your published or unpublished fiction or non-fiction at a welcoming prose Open Mic, with a prize for the best entry. Contact [info@huddlifest.org.uk](mailto:info@huddlifest.org.uk) to take part.



## Dinky Disco

Friday 24 March  
11am - 12 noon



Cellar Theatre, Lawrence Batley Theatre  
Queen Street HD1 2SP

£7 adult + child, £5 further adult or child tickets, additional siblings U12 months, free.

All ages

A daytime dance party with a difference. The LBT's resident DJ spins tracks to be enjoyed by adults as well as the very young. With dance activities, lights, glow sticks and other sensory toys. Cost includes refreshments.



## Serendipity Writers Group

Friday 24 March  
4pm - 6pm



Festival Hub, Piazza, Princess Alexandra Walk  
HD1 2RS

Free (booking recommended)

Age guidance: 16+

Workshop run by local writing for wellbeing group - all welcome.

## Music for a While

Friday 24 March  
7.30pm - 8.30pm



The Civic, 15a New Street,  
Slaithwaite HD7 5AB

£7 (£5 students)

Age guidance: 16+

In a first-time collaboration with the [&Piano Music Festival](#), join us for an evening of songs featuring words and poetry exploring the theme of music and the constant power and influence it has on our lives. Info & access: [info@andpiano.co.uk](mailto:info@andpiano.co.uk)



## Attila the Stockbroker

Friday 24 March  
7.30pm - 9.15pm



Small Seeds, Castlegate (New Street junction) HD1 2UD

Free (booking recommended)

Age guidance: 16+

Punk/dub poet, singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist [Attila the Stockbroker](#) celebrates 40+ years doing what he loves, with a free gig of spoken word, dub poetry, acoustic songs and a bit of early music on ancient instruments. With support from [Ralph Dartford](#) at 7.15pm.



## HLF/Woven BOOK TRAILS

Saturday 25 March –  
Sunday 2 April



Various sites across the town

Free (no booking required)

All ages

Take part in our book-inspired eco-installations and window displays across Huddersfield, with prizes for the best entries. In partnership with [Woven Festival](#).

Visit our website to view the interactive map.



## Meet the Gruffalo

Saturday 25 March  
12.30pm - 1pm & 2pm - 2.30pm

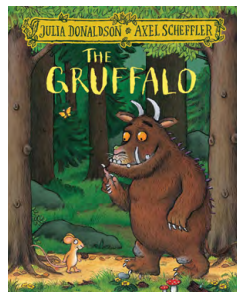


Festival Hub, Piazza,  
Princess Alexandra Walk HD1 2RS

Free (no booking required)

All ages

Meet the Gruffalo – from Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's popular children's book. Walkabouts at 12.30pm-1pm & 2pm-2.30pm.





## Workshop: Flash Fiction

Saturday 25 March  
11am - 1pm



TEN Queen Street, Lawrence Batley Theatre,  
Queen Street, HD1 2SP

£7 (£5 conc)

Age guidance: 16+

Flash fiction has been described as the love child of short fiction and poetry. Find out more with tutor [Bonnie Meekums](#) and try your hand at writing your own flash fiction.



## Book Launch:

### Yorkshire: A Literary Landscape

Saturday 25 March, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

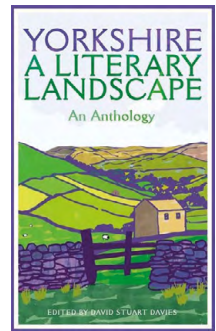


The Gallery, Lawrence Batley Theatre,  
Queen Street, HD1 2SP

Free (booking recommended)

Age guidance: 14+

A free launch to celebrate the publication of **Yorkshire: A Literary Landscape** – a collection of prose and poetry celebrating the rich literary history of Yorkshire. With readings from the book by the anthology's editor, local author [David Stuart Davies](#).



## Workshop: Write + Perform Your Own Rap

Saturday 25 March  
1.30pm - 3pm (ages 7 - 12) &  
3.30pm - 5pm (ages 13 - 16)



TEN Queen Street, Lawrence Batley Theatre,  
Queen Street, HD1 2SP

£3 (booking required)

Age guidance: 7-12 years &  
13-16 years



A workshop for young people who want to learn how to write and perform raps. Join World Championship winning rapper and poet Rob Bradley – and come and spit your bars. An engaging mix of games, writing challenges and performance. Full of music, words and creativity. Note: 7-12 year olds must be accompanied by an adult, for 13-16 year olds this is optional (tutor has DBS clearance).



## The Imaginary Patient

Saturday 25 March  
12pm - 1pm

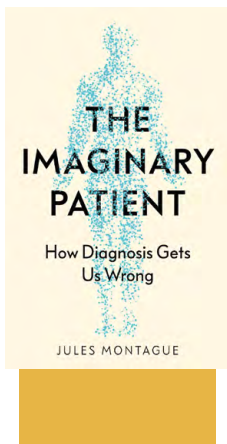


Cellar Theatre, Lawrence Batley Theatre,  
Queen Street HD1 2SP

Free (booking essential for online)

Age guidance: 14+

Have you or a family member or friend ever had a medical diagnosis that just doesn't seem right? Former consultant neurologist Dr Jules Montague shares stories from her new book **The Imaginary Patient** about why this has happened throughout history – and is still happening today.



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## Ask an Agent & Editor

Saturday 25 March  
2pm - 3pm

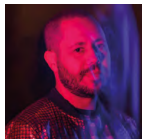


Cellar Theatre, Lawrence Batley Theatre,  
Queen Street HD1 2SP

Free (booking essential for online)

Age guidance: 14+

Bring your burning questions about the publishing process for our industry experts: Aliya Gulamani (Unbound), Rachel Mann (Jo Unwin Literary Agency) and Daisy Watt (HarperNorth publishers). Chaired by Adam Lowe.



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## Penny Batchelor & Nell Pattison

Saturday 25 March  
4pm - 5pm

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Cellar Theatre, Lawrence Batley Theatre, Queen Street HD1 2SP

Free (booking essential for online)

Age guidance: 14+

Popular crime fiction writers Penny Batchelor and Nell Pattison discuss their writing journeys, how they create believable characters and their latest addictive domestic noir thrillers, Penny's **Her New Best Friend** and Nell's **Friends Don't Lie**.



***DON'T FORGET** – the clocks go forward at 1am on Sunday 26 March*

**Polari: Celebrating LGBTQ+ Writing Talent**



Saturday 25 March, 7pm - 8.45pm

Small Seeds, Castlegate (New Street junction)  
HD1 2UD

£7 (£5 conc)

Age guidance: 16+

Enjoy performance from a rich and exciting range of LGBTQ+ writing talent. Hosted by award-winning author and journalist Paul Burston. With the artist and poet Will Belshah, the UK's LGBT+ History Month Poet Laureate Adam Lowe, and the poet and author Joelle Taylor, winner of the 2022 Polari Prize and the 2021 TS Eliot prize.



*Followed by:*

**Out + Loud Open Mic**

Saturday 25 March

9pm - 10.30pm



Small Seeds, Castlegate (New Street junction) HD1 2UD

Free

Age guidance: 16+



An Open Mic night for queer performers of all kinds, hosted by poetic comedian Zee and drag king singer-songwriter Ding Frisby. To perform, email: [outnloud.events@gmail.com](mailto:outnloud.events@gmail.com) or sign up on the door.

**Art Workshop: Favourite Songs**



Sunday 26 March

12.30pm - 3.30pm

Tolson Museum, Ravensknowle Park,  
Wakefield Road HD5 8DJ

Free (booking essential)

Age guidance: 16+



A free art workshop led by Louise Grassby, using lyrics from your favourite song to create a multi-media piece. Bring your song lyric and an A4 b&w copy of your image. All other materials provided. Limited places.



## Inside the World of Bridgerton



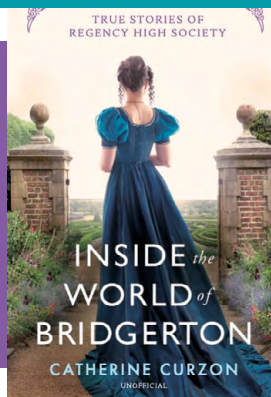
Sunday 26 March  
12.30pm - 1.30pm

Reception Room, Town Hall, Ramsden Street  
HD1 2TA

£5 (£3 conc)

Age guidance: 12+

Local author and Regency period expert Catherine Curzon explores the historical inspirations behind the hit series, and illuminates the fascinating details of real life in Regency high society.



## An afternoon with actor Paterson Joseph

Sunday 26 March  
2.30pm - 3.30pm and 5pm - 6pm

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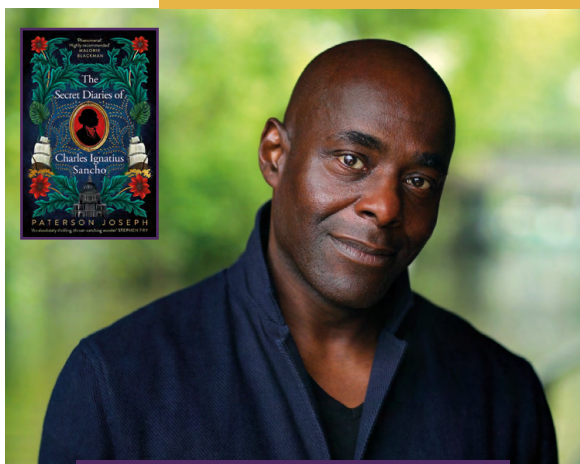
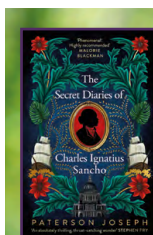
Reception Room, Town Hall, Ramsden Street HD1 2TA

£7 (£5 conc) (booking essential for online)

Age guidance: 12+

Much-loved British actor and playwright Paterson Joseph talks about his celebrated career and his captivating debut novel, **The Secret Diaries of Charles Ignatius Sancho**, based on the true-life story of an 18th century slave who became an actor, writer, composer and the first black person to vote in Britain.

Paterson Joseph is a writer and theatre/screen actor. Recently seen on two BBC series, **Vigil** and **Noughts + Crosses**, he is also appearing in **Boat Story**, filmed in Yorkshire, and in the new **Wonka** movie. His film and TV roles have included **Doctor Who**, **Peep Show**, **Green Wing**, **The Beach**, **Aeon Flux** and **In the Name of the Father**.



**Attic Stories with Rose Condo**

Monday 27 March  
7.30pm - 9.30pm

Attic Studio, Lawrence Batley Theatre,  
Queen Street HD1 2SP

Free

Age guidance: 16+

A night of words, spoken and sung, hosted by  
Rose Condo.

**Zog**

Tuesday 28 – Thursday 30 March  
Various times

Main auditorium, Lawrence Batley Theatre,  
Queen Street HD1 2SP

From £15

Age guidance: 3+

The smash-hit show based on the book by Julia  
Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

To book these events, visit: [www.thelbt.org](http://www.thelbt.org) or call 01484 430 528.

**Radiohead: Life in a Glasshouse**

Tuesday 28 March, 7pm - 8pm  
(8.30pm Listening Party)

The Parish, The Old Courthouse,  
Queen Street HD1 2SP



£7 ticket only, £15 ticket + book  
(booking essential for online)

Age guidance: 16+

One of Britain's leading  
music writers lifts the  
lid on one of the world's  
leading bands.

**John Aizlewood** chats  
to David Barnett  
about his new book  
**Radiohead: Life in a  
Glasshouse**. Followed  
at approx. 8.30pm by  
a free Listening Party  
of **Radiohead** tracks  
selected by the author.





**Book Launch:**  
**Don't forget about me**  
 Wednesday 29 March, 4pm - 5pm



Holocaust Centre, Schwann Building,  
 University of Huddersfield,  
 Queensgate HD1 3DH

Free (booking recommended)

Age guidance: 13+



Meet the author and book launch: [David Fligg](#) talks about his new book **Don't forget about me: The Short Life of Gideon Klein, Composer and Pianist**.

**Grist Literary Salon**  
 Wednesday 29 March  
 6pm - 9pm



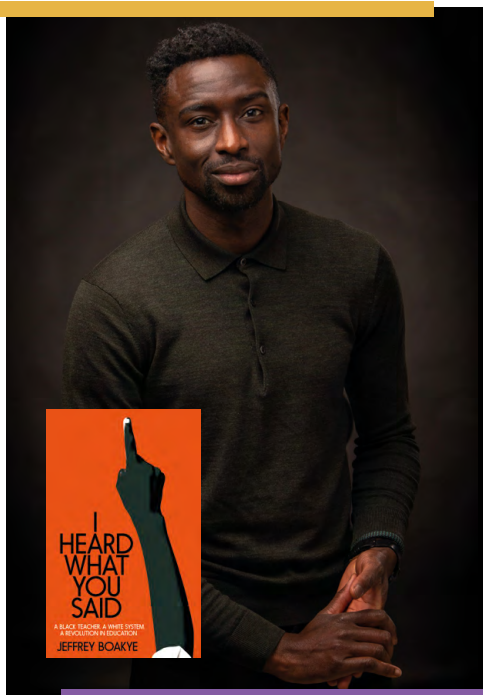
Small Seeds, Castlegate  
 (New Street junction) HD1 2UD

Free (booking recommended)

Age guidance: 16+

Author and poet Jim Greenhalf in conversation with Michael Stewart, plus an Open Mic run by the University of Huddersfield Creative Writing Society.

*HLF and the University of Huddersfield present:*



**Jeffrey Boakye -**  
**I Heard What You Said**  
 Wednesday 29 March, 7pm - 8pm



Phipps Room, Richard Steinitz Building,  
 University of Huddersfield,  
 Queensgate HD1 3DH

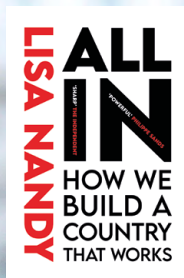
£7 (£5 conc) free for University of  
 Huddersfield staff and students  
 (booking essential for online)

Age guidance: 16+

Author, broadcaster and journalist [Jeffrey Boakye](#) gives a fascinating account of his experience as the only black teacher in a secondary school, as recounted in his latest book **I Heard What You Said**. Jeffrey is the author of five books, with a particular interest in issues surrounding education, race, masculinity and popular culture.

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**Lisa Nandy – All In**  
 Thursday 30 March  
 12 noon - 1pm



Brontë Lecture Theatres, University of Huddersfield, Queensgate HD1 3DH

£10 (£7 conc) free for University of Huddersfield staff and students

Age guidance: 14+

Britain is in crisis. Join us for an exceptional opportunity to hear from one of the stars of frontline politics and Shadow Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities, Lisa Nandy, as she discusses the ideas in her timely new book: **All In: How We Build a Country That Works**.

**Linda Green**  
 Thursday 30 March  
 6.30pm - 7.30pm



Honley Library, West Avenue, Honley HD9 6HF

£3 (£1.50 conc)

Age guidance: 12+

The bestselling author talks about her latest novel **In Little Stars**, a modern-day reimagining of **Romeo and Juliet**. Based in West Yorkshire, **Linda Green** is the author of 11 novels, which have sold over 1.4 million copies.



## Helen Mort

Thursday 30 March  
7pm - 8pm



Cellar Theatre, Lawrence Batley Theatre,  
Queen Street HD1 2SP

£5 (£3 conc)

Age guidance: 12+

One of Britain's most gifted poets talks about her stunning memoir **A Line Above the Sky: On Mountains and Motherhood**. **Helen Mort** has always been drawn to the thrill and risk of climbing. But when she becomes a mother for the first time, she finds herself re-examining her relationship with both the natural world and herself.



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## Urban Wild with Helen Rook

Friday 31 March  
3.30pm - 5.30pm



Holy Trinity Church, 136-138 Trinity Street,  
Huddersfield HD1 4DT

Free (booking recommended)

Age guidance: 16+

**Helen Rook** takes you on a sensory journey through the seasons, as she shares the stories behind the photos in her book **Urban Wild**, weaving in up-to-date research on the wellbeing benefits of nature. Followed at 4.30pm by an inspirational photography walk (limited numbers).



## Poetry Slam

Friday 31 March  
7.30pm - 9.30pm



Small Seeds, Castlegate  
(New Street junction) HD1 2UD

£7 (£5 conc)

Age guidance: 16+

Come and see 10 amazing poets battle through spoken word to see who will be crowned the HLF2023 Slam Champ. Expect to be entertained, moved, lifted and transported by competitive poetry! Hosted by award-winning poet **Rose Condo**.

1st Prize: £50 and a guest spot at the HLF2024 Poetry Slam. **To apply:** Send a video (max length 3 minutes) of you performing your work to [HLFPoetrySlam@gmail.com](mailto:HLFPoetrySlam@gmail.com) by 5 March 2023. See [HLF website](#) for T&Cs.



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Sangam Festival presents:

## Promoting Yorkshire Authors – Book Fair



Saturday 1 April, 10.30am – 4pm

Foyer, Lawrence Batley Theatre, Queen Street HD1 2SP

Free (no booking required)

All ages

Support local writers at our drop-in fair organised in partnership with [Promoting Yorkshire Authors](#). Find out more about their work and pick up signed copies.



## WORKSHOP: Poetry – Finding Your Voice



Saturday 1 April, 11am – 1pm

TEN Queen Street, Lawrence Batley Theatre, Queen Street HD1 2SP

£7 (£5 conc)

Age guidance: 16+

Finding your voice is one of the greatest challenges of writing poetry. In this interactive workshop, poet [Sharena Lee Satti](#) will ease you gently into the world of creative writing, as you explore poetry in a friendly group. No experience required.



## SCRAPtastic Stories



Saturday 1 April  
11am – 2pm

Cellar Theatre, Lawrence Batley Theatre, Queen Street HD1 2SP

Free (no booking required)

All ages

Join fairandfunk for SCRAPtastic Stories, a creative crafty story session. Enjoy readings of *Mrs Noah's Garden* – a celebration of nature and song; discovering the magic of music from the earth. And create beautiful bird mobiles from recycled materials. A drop-in session with readings of the story at 11am and 1:30pm.



## Dewey – Balbir Singh Dance Co



Saturday 1 April  
1pm – 3pm

Attic Studio, Lawrence Batley Theatre, Queen Street HD1 2SP

Free (no booking required)

All ages

Balbir Singh Dance Company presents an immersive drop-in performance of new work *Dewey*, which explores the world of libraries through Indian classical dance.

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## Inclusive Sensory Station Session



Saturday 1 April, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

TEN Queen Street, Lawrence Batley Theatre,  
Queen Street HD1 2SP

Free (booking not required)

All ages

A free afternoon of activities designed for children and young adults with additional needs, physical and mental disabilities. Led by dance and drama teacher, children's author and SEN specialist Salma Zaman.

## Workshop: I Can Do Anything



Saturday 1 April  
3pm - 4pm

TEN Queen Street, Lawrence Batley Theatre,  
Queen Street HD1 2SP

Free (booking not required)

Age guidance: 5+

A free drop-in drawing workshop with Salma Zaman & Thom Craigan, author and illustrator of the inspirational *I Can Do Anything* colouring book for girls.



## Poetry Performance & Panel



Saturday 1 April  
3.30pm - 5pm

Cellar Theatre, Lawrence Batley Theatre,  
Queen Street HD1 2SP

£7 (£5 conc)

Age guidance: 16+

What makes a great poem? How important is performance? What inspires poets to create? Three acclaimed poets perform their work and talk about their craft.

**Patience Agbabi** is one of the UK's foremost poets and a sparkling performer. **Jason Allen-Paisant** is an award-winning poet. **Sharena Lee Satti** is a Bradford-based spoken word artist.

**Followed at 5.30pm by:**  
a friendly and welcoming  
Open Mic session with local  
group Talking Zebras.

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## Linton Kwesi Johnson

Saturday 1 April  
7pm - 8pm



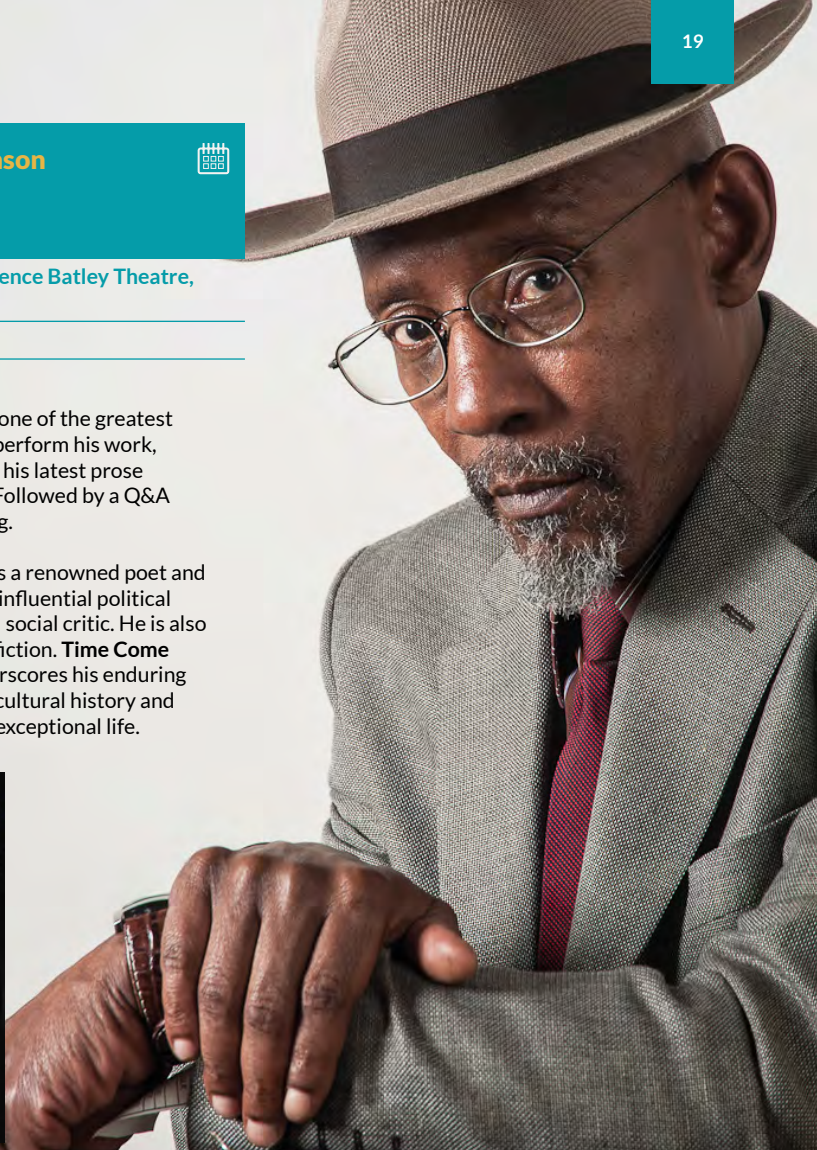
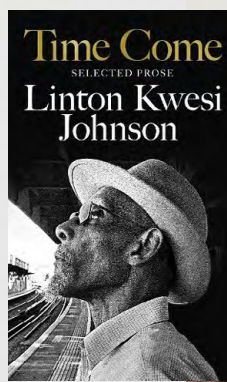
Main auditorium, Lawrence Batley Theatre,  
Queen Street HD1 2SP

£18 (£15 conc)

Age guidance: 16+

An opportunity to hear one of the greatest poets of modern times perform his work, including readings from his latest prose collection **Time Come**. Followed by a Q&A session and book signing.

**Linton Kwesi Johnson** is a renowned poet and a deeply respected and influential political and cultural activist and social critic. He is also a prolific writer of non-fiction. **Time Come** is a collection that underscores his enduring importance in Britain's cultural history and gives a panorama of an exceptional life.



## Comedy Workshop: We'll Laugh About This Later

Sunday 2 April  
2pm - 4pm



Festival Hub, Piazza, Princess Alexandra Walk HD1 2RS

£5 (£3 conc)

Age guidance: 16+

Have you ever been in a tricky situation and thought: "If I don't laugh, I'll cry"? Join poetic comedian Zee Y in exploring this concept through exercises that will encourage you to access the joy that exists all around you as a tool for healing.



## Milly Johnson In Conversation

Sunday 2 April

2.30pm - 3.30pm



Marsden Mechanics Hall, Peel Street, Marsden  
HD7 6BW

£7 (£5 conc)

Age guidance: 12+

An unmissable event with one of our best loved Yorkshire writers, Milly Johnson, whose latest novel **Together, Again** is a heartwarming story of sister helping sister to heal from childhood scars. A bestselling and award-winning novelist, Milly is also much in demand as an after-dinner speaker and professional joke writer.



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## Celia Imrie

Sunday 2 April

5pm - 6pm



Main auditorium, Lawrence Batley Theatre,  
Queen Street HD1 2SP

£12 (£10 conc) (booking essential for online)

Age guidance: 12+  
(U16s should be accompanied by an adult)

Olivier-award-winning actor, bestselling author and national treasure Celia Imrie talks about **Orphans of the Storm**, an epic story set against the backdrop of the fateful voyage of the Titanic. With actor and director Fidelis Morgan.

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SUBTITLES



## Stuart Maconie – The Full English

Sunday 2 April  
7.30pm - 8.30pm



Cellar Theatre, Lawrence Batley Theatre, Queen Street HD1 2SP

£5 (£3 conc) free for University of Huddersfield staff and students and essential carers

Age guidance: 14+ (U16s should be accompanied by an adult)

*“The best thing to come out of Wigan since the A58 to Bolton”*

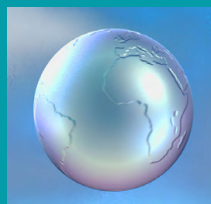
**Peter Kay**

Join Stuart Maconie for a talk on his latest timely and entertaining book: **The Full English** – a love letter to England, written in his inimitable style. A highly regarded TV and radio presenter, journalist and bestselling author, Stuart Maconie is also one of the keenest observers of English identity.



## Environmental Policy

Huddersfield Literature Festival acknowledges that the world is facing a climate and ecological emergency. We have commissioned an external consultant to deliver training and create our [Environmental Policy](#), a statement of our commitment to help reduce the impact of our activities on the environment, implemented through our Environmental Action Plan.



## Access and Covid safety measures

If you have specific access needs or queries and/or prefer to be seated away from other audience members as a Covid safety measure, please contact our Admin at: [info@huddlitfest.org.uk](mailto:info@huddlitfest.org.uk) with your request.



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## POST-FESTIVAL EVENTS

### The Outspoken Pilgrim Monday 3 – Wednesday 5 April Various times/locations



The University of Huddersfield's Cultures of Sound presents a series of workshops exploring singing and walking for creative wellbeing. With bray harpist, musicologist, singer and raconteur Leah Stuttard, and inspired by the life of Margery Kempe, born 650 years ago and responsible for the first autobiography written in English.

### Cosmia Festival Saturday 22 April



Including from 7pm - 8.15pm:  
Iain M Banks – 10 Years Gone

Barbara Hepworth Building, University of  
Huddersfield, Queensgate HD1 3DH

[Pay What You Like \(booking recommended\)](#)

Age guidance: 14+

The UK's first SF, fantasy and speculative fiction multi-arts festival celebrating authors, artists, crafts and other media:

[www.cosmiafestival.co.uk/](http://www.cosmiafestival.co.uk/)

Iain M Banks (1954-2013) was one of the foremost British science fiction writers, creator of The Culture series and standalone SF books. Ten years after his untimely death, we celebrate his life and work, with his friend and fellow SF novelist Ken MacLeod, and music collaborator, composer Gary Lloyd.

**COSMIA**  
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### Our Community Work

*"HLF have been phenomenal in raising and promoting literacy standards and instilling a love of reading for our students by coordinating guest speakers into school."*

#### Salendine Nook School

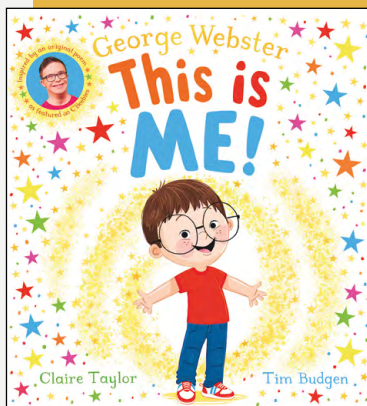
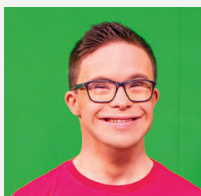
This year's expanded Schools Programme will offer a range of author visits, assemblies and resources. BBC presenter George Webster will also be making a special appearance at North Huddersfield Trust School in March for the publication of his new book: **This Is Me**.

For more information, contact:

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Our community partners include Dark Horse Theatre, HCMF, One World refugee craft group, Sangam Festival, S2R and Woven Festival.

Poet Michelle Scally Clarke will also be delivering music-related creative writing sessions for [Aspire](#), which runs community groups connecting people over 55.







## HYBRID EVENTS

Look out for our 'Hybrid Event' logo next to events that can be accessed online as well as at a venue.

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## RECORDED EVENTS

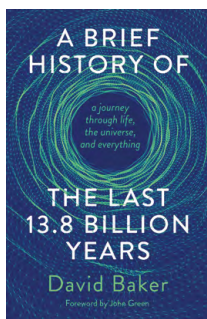
### A Brief History of the Last 13.8 Billion Years



YouTube premiere on 23 March at 12 noon

Age guidance: 14+

David Baker talks about his compelling and revealing book, in which he traces the rise of complexity in the cosmos, from the first atoms to the first life and then to humans and the things we have made. View this event at: [YouTube.com/@huddliffestHD1](https://www.youtube.com/@huddliffestHD1)



ONLINE:

### This is what it sounds like

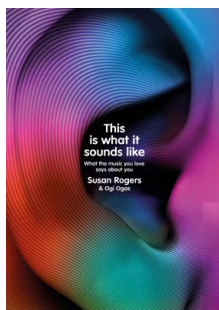


Tuesday 28 March, 7pm - 8pm

Free (booking required)

Age guidance: 16+

Legendary record producer-turned brain scientist, Susan Rogers – best known for her work with Prince and David Byrne – talks about her new book **This is what it sounds like** and explains why we fall in love with music.



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## ONLINE EVENTS

All online events will be held on Zoom. A link will be sent the day before the event.

ONLINE:

### Muslim Women Travellers

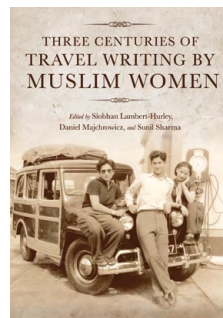


Wednesday 8 March, 6pm - 7.30pm

£8 (booking required)

Age guidance: 16+

MACFEST presents an exciting online event for International Women's Day with Professor Siobhan Lambert-Hurley, who will talk about her new book: **Three Centuries of Travel Writing by Muslim Women**.



### ONLINE: Saving the Planet Without the Bullshit

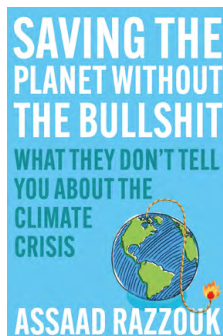


Thursday 30 March, 7pm - 8pm

Free (booking required)

Age guidance: 16+

An event that will change how you view the Climate Crisis... Clean energy entrepreneur Assaad Razzouk talks about the hard facts and innovative ideas in his book: **Saving the Planet Without the Bullshit: What They Don't Tell You About the Climate Crisis**.



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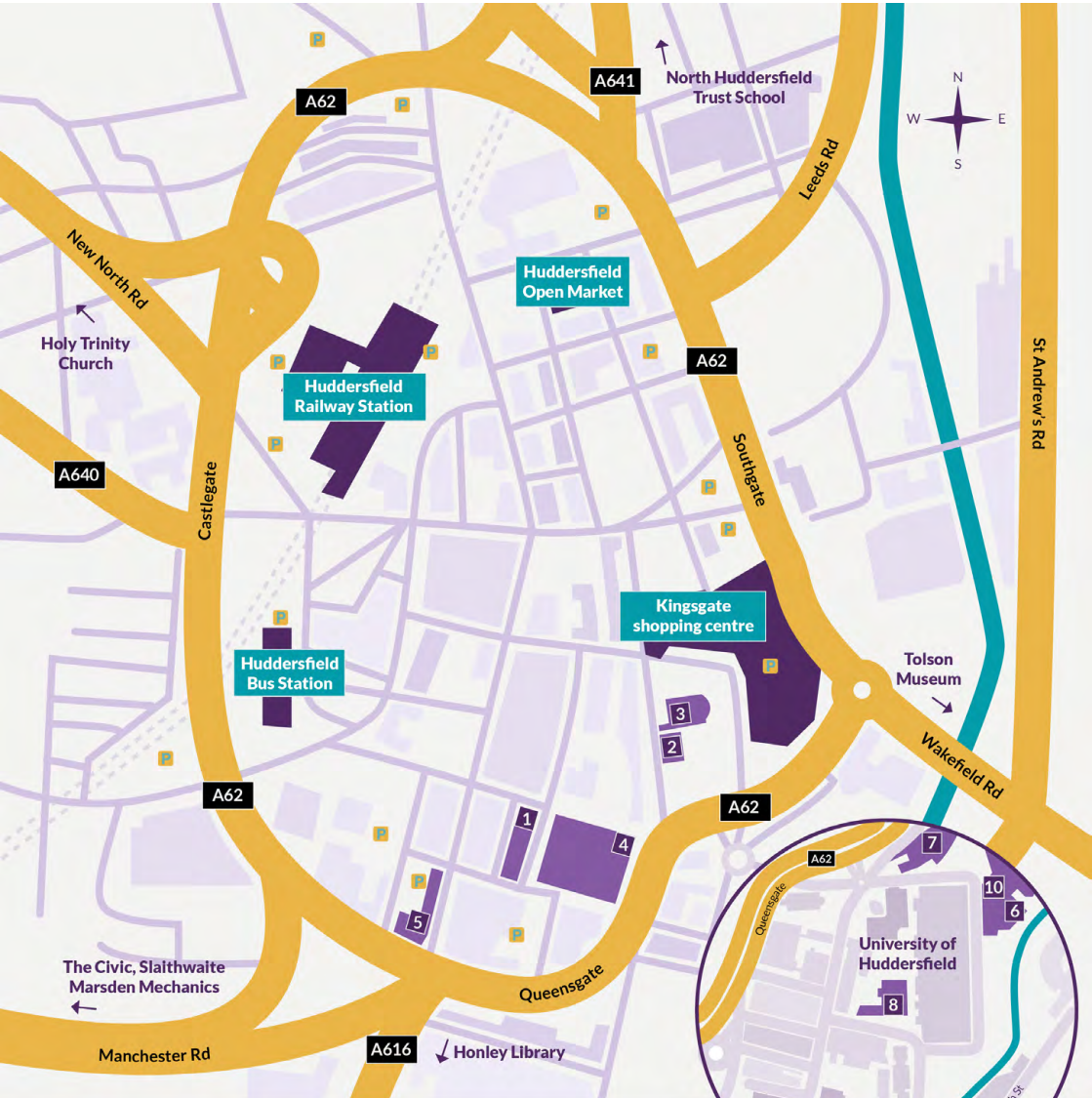
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**Key:**

- 1 - Reception Room, Huddersfield Town Hall
- 2 - The Parish

- 3 - Lawrence Batley Theatre
- 4 - Festival Hub. The Piazza
- 5 - Small Seeds
- 6 - Holocaust Centre

- 7 - Richard Steinitz Building
- 8 - Brontë Lecture Theatres
- 9 - Barbara Hepworth Building
- 10 - Heritage Quay

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# BOOKING AND OTHER INFO

Events take place in venues across Huddersfield and online.

**BOOK TICKETS VIA OUR WEBSITE:**  
[www.huddlitfest.org.uk](http://www.huddlitfest.org.uk)

**Venue-based events:** Booking is via our website through Eventbrite unless otherwise stated. Tickets will be available on the door for events that are not sold out.

**Online events:** Online events take place on Zoom and must be booked in advance through our website, where you can also find our [Guide to Using Zoom](#).

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