

# LIGHT UP LANCASTER

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# CITY OF LIGHT

An illuminating guide to our magical event

# If Boats Could Talk

@ Aldcliffe Triangle & Canal Towpath **F** **S**

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FROM 5PM

Inspired by the historic Aldcliffe area and Lancaster Canal, The Dukes present a floating sculpture and lantern display created with Dallas Road Primary School and local community groups.

This community-led installation celebrates the rich heritage of Lancaster, the movement of people to and from the city, the Lancaster folk tales which lie beneath the canal's tow path and the stories that whistle over the water.

*Shane Johnstone & Anna Read and The Dukes*

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Hello and a big welcome to the historic Aldcliffe area of the Lancaster Canal on behalf of The Dukes.

What you're seeing today is an artistic response to the rich history of Lancaster and the many stories of migration to and from the city.

For the past four weeks, the pupils at Dallas Road Primary School have received guest lessons exploring the heritage of the canal, personal stories of those living in Lancaster and the pupils' very own hopes and dreams for the future.

The installation has been crafted by local artists Anna Read and Shane Johnstone, with help from the Dallas Road school pupils, the Hua Xian Chinese society and the Lancaster Boys and Girls youth club.

Accompanying the installation is traditional, Lancastrian, Georgian music from the Winders of Wyresdale family; provided by local musicians, The Northern Frisk.

We hope you enjoy the installation, the Aldcliffe triangle and the many other wonderful parts of **Light Up Lancaster.**

If Boats Could Talk is a Dukes project supported by the Canal and River Trust, in partnership with the 'Friends of the Triangle' group, Global Link - Development Education Centre and Lancaster Boys and Girls Club.



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## ANNA READ & SHANE JOHNSTONE

**Anna Read** is an Artist, Tutor and Community Arts facilitator based in Lancaster. Anna is a lantern workshop specialist and textile art expert. Her interests include exploring the global dimension in her work, and the power of art in the empowerment of all Communities, especially Women and Children. Anna is well known for her innovative environmental art work in schools, museums and festivals.

**Shane Johnstone** is an Artist, Sculptor, Performer and Educator specialising in public art and community engagement. He is well known for his large-scale sculptures and street art murals. In 2016 Shane exhibited in the Palais des beaux Art Paris, France and is currently working on an international collaboration exploring the phenomena of the "brief encounter"; how it affects memories and emotion and includes themes such as: love, loss, astronomical geometry, and the choreography of the solar system.

## FRIENDS OF THE TRIANGLE

The Triangle is a small triangular shaped piece of land between Aldcliffe Rd and the Lancaster Canal. 'Friends of the Triangle' was established in June 2012 as an entity through which a group of local residents could take forward outline plans to improve the Triangle for the benefit of the community.

## DALLAS ROAD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

A thriving community primary school for 4-11 year olds, based in the heart of Lancaster.

## GLOBAL LINK

Global Link offers a range of activities and workshops for both adults and young people, operating a library of resources on global issues for teachers and the wider public; running exhibitions, workshops and training, and other global learning projects.

## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB DALLAS ROAD LANCASTER

Providing a safe and exciting place for young people in which they can participate in a range of organised activities and develop through positive experiences, make new friends, learn about themselves and realise their potential as responsible citizens of the community.

## THE HUA XIAN CHINESE SOCIETY

The Hua Xian Chinese Society is a non-profit, philanthropic organisation. They organise activities and provide services that benefit the Chinese and wider community of Lancaster and Morecambe, including on a regional and national level.

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## THE PROCESS

Over the course of 4 weeks, 60 year 3 pupils at **Dallas Road Primary School** have received guest workshops and talks looking at the theme of journeys to and from Lancaster.

**The Canal and River Trust** education team delivered a workshop looking at the heritage of the Lancaster Canal.

**Global Link** provided the students with an introductory session on the Slave Trade. This was followed up by a visit from a young asylum seeker and an account of their own personal journey to Lancaster.

In connection with the **'Friends of the Triangle'** group, the students also met with a Lancaster resident whose great grandfather lived and worked in the Aldcliffe boat yard over 100 years ago.

All themes explored within these workshops were then developed in creative workshops with local artists **Anna Read** and **Shane Johnstone**, and form the foundation of the installation that you see today.

As this year's 'If Boats Could Talk' Project is a pilot and the first of its kind we'd love to hear your feedback. If you have any thoughts or ideas, or you'd like to get involved in future 'If Boats Could Talk' projects, then please contact the Dukes on 01524 598522 and you can be added to the 'If Boats Could Talk' blog.



The poster features a large, glowing diamond shape in the center, set against a background of a city street at night. The top half of the background shows a brightly lit building with many windows, while the bottom half is dark with bokeh light effects. The diamond shape is outlined in a bright, glowing light. The text is centered within the diamond.

## LIGHT UP LANCASTER

Each year, **Light Up Lancaster** lights up our city, illuminating our heritage buildings and open spaces, and uncovering hidden or lesser known areas, inviting us to see the city in a whole new light.

This year, Light Up Lancaster artists have taken inspiration from the city's people. They've been thinking about our city's past and what it means to live today in our city today, with its constant reminders of years gone by, the whispers of the past in its walls.

Unearthing stories of the people of the city - past and present, and looking at hopes and dreams for the future, we hope that visitors to the Festival, will feel a sense of what Lancaster means to those who live here, those who visit and those who pass through - the people who make Lancaster the city that it is.

Your feedback is really important to us; helping us to create even bigger and better events in future. We would be grateful if you could fill out our feedback survey which can be found here:

[www.lightuplancaster.co.uk/feedback](http://www.lightuplancaster.co.uk/feedback)

You will also have an opportunity to be entered into our prize draw to win **£100 worth of High Street vouchers!**

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