

What's happening around Leeds?

There are lots of things happening around Leeds, so we thought it would be a good idea to make sure our members know about some of them. Listed here are a few of the **free or very low cost** things that you can go to in Leeds in the next few months. This is not intended to be in any way a comprehensive list, just a few events we hope you will find interesting.

Feedback on this is very welcome – we'd like to know what you think of what we have included, and any ideas for what should go in next time. And if you go to one of these events because of reading it here, we'd love to hear what you thought.

Free Lunchtime Music in Leeds City Centre



As Autumn arrives, the free lunchtime music sessions return:

Monday : Lunchtime organ music – 1.05 pm at Leeds Town Hall. Most Mondays, between September and April. For details of each week's performers look at www.leedsgov.uk call 2478336 or just turn up one Monday and pick up a brochure while you are there

Wednesday: Lunchtime chamber music – 1.05pm at Leeds College of Music (next to West Yorkshire Playhouse). These also run until early April and to find out more use the same contact details as above

Heritage Open Days



Heritage Open Days is England's biggest festival of history and culture involving over 40,000 volunteers. Every year over four days in September, thousands of events across the country invite you in to explore local treasures of every age, style and function. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences and there is lots going on in Leeds:

For example:

Uncovering the Heritage of Woodhouse Ridge – a guided walk on Sunday 11th September 10.30am-12noon (meeting by the information board at Ridge Terrace entrance, Adjacent to 64 Ridge Terrace, Headingley, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS6 2DA)

All Souls Church, Blackman Lane – beautiful historic church, visits to the tower are available and organ music played throughout the weekend – open 9th, 10th, 11th Sept – 10am-4pm

Waterfront Tour – See the splendidly regenerated city centre waterfront: historic warehouses, bridges, docks and fine modern architecture. Meet at Leeds Civic Trust, 17/19 Wharf St.

There are around 100 different events in Leeds – for more information www.heritageopendays.org.uk or there are leaflets around the city with the full list.

Leeds Involving People Coffee Club – Thursday 15th September 2pm-4pm at Little London Community Centre. The Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) will be attending so you can share any worries about your hospital treatment. Complimentary tea and biscuits.

Museum Memories – Leeds City Museum 27th – 29th September

To help celebrate International Day of Older People come and enjoy free history talks in the Leeds City Museum and share a cup of tea and cake in the pop-up cafe themes on the 1950s/60s.

Tuesday 27th – 1940s at 10.30am and 1.30pm

Wednesday 28th 1950s 10.30am and 1.30pm

Thursday 29th 1960s at 10.30am and 1.30pm



Also on Wednesday 28th Drop into the Pop-Up cafe in the Thoresby Room from 11am - 3pm serving tea, coffee and cake and listen to music from the 1950s and 1960s.

Silver Sunday – half price entry and a free cuppa at Thackray Medical Museum (but only if you're over 65)

As part of Silver Sunday, Thackray Medical Museum are offering half price entry for people over the age of 65 on Sunday 2 October 2016 For one day only: *Half price entry: £3.50 *Free cup of tea/coffee in the museum café *Free car parking *Free tours of the recreated 1842 Leeds street *View objects from the museum collection with the Curator ***Collect an annual pass allowing free unlimited return for 12 months** No need to book, just turn up

Leeds Light Night – Thursday 6th and Friday 7th October 2016

'As darkness falls come and see the city in a new light' The 12th anniversary of Leeds' biggest free annual multi-arts event will take place over two nights this year. See the city come alive with spectacular light projections, as well as film, dance, music, theatre, exhibitions and street performances. We don't have details yet of all the events but programmes will be available around the city nearer the time or on Leeds City Council website

Kirkgate Market Heritage Tours

A fascinating Heritage Tour of Leeds Kirkgate Market where you'll learn about the first markets in Leeds, what it was like to be a trader in the 1700's, how Marks & Spencer was formed and even get to visit the 1st floor balcony of the ornate 1904 hall. Second Saturday of each month at 11am. Free but you do have to book a place, book through [eventbrite](#) or call for more info 0113 378 1950

Decades of Youth exhibition at Abbey House Museum

What was it like to be a young person in the 1940s, 1960s, or even the 1990s? Through objects, photo and film, the Decades of Youth display reveals stories from members of the local community about being young from the Forties right up until the Noughties. Discover changing fashions, popular music, occupations and expectations! And some of the items and stories come from our own Caring Together members! The exhibition is on till January 2017

History Clubs for over 55s

The 1152 Club meets every other Friday at Kirkstall Abbey Visitor Centre 10am -11.30am

A fun, friendly local history and special interest group for adults 55+. Based in the spectacular surroundings of Kirkstall Abbey, whether you'd like to learn something new or would just like to just meet new people then this group is perfect for you! Please arrive at 10am prompt for a 10.15am start. No booking is required – just turn up on the day.

For more information and the dates: Tel: 378 4079 or go to: www.leeds.gov.uk/museumsandgalleries



The Sociable History Club

Meeting monthly, on Friday mornings 10.30am-12.00pm at Leeds City Museum, the Sociable History club offers monthly talks and the chance to meet fellow history lovers. Hear about the lives of those who once lived in Leeds, uncover the past of some of the city's rarest books or find out more about the fascinating history of Leeds City Museum. For all history lovers who like a bit of socialising too!

For more information and the dates: Tel: 224 3732 or go to: www.leeds.gov.uk/museumsandgalleries



Leeds Lights Switch On – Thursday 10th November 6.30pm

The countdown to Christmas (sorry we know it's early!) officially starts with the annual Leeds Lights Switch-On in **Victoria Gardens**. Show starts around 6.30pm and the switch on itself will be about 8pm. Details of who will be switching the lights on to be released in October.

