

10 Days
29 Events
45 Speakers

2020 Theme: **Generation Future**
We live in an era of extraordinary complexity and interconnectivity. The actions we take on a daily basis have effects that ripple through the world in unpredictable ways. What we choose to do now could define the future of our species, ecosystems, and planet for millennia to come. There is no turning back; no shifting the blame.

This is our time, and our trial.
#WeAreGenerationFuture

A metropolitan celebration of new ideas and innovation. We invite world leading thinkers, creators, and pioneers to Leeds to disseminate new ideas and discuss the world of tomorrow.

Leeds International Festival 20

30 April — 9 May

By introducing the brightest minds to our city and our city to the brightest minds, the festival programme aims to challenge our understanding of the world today and deliver an exciting vision of the future.

- Naho Matsuda GER/JPN Peter Singer AUS
- Bernie Krause USA NYX UK Mr Bingo UK
- Requardt & Rosenberg GER & UK Jay Bernard UK
- George Clarke UK Lacy M Johnson USA
- Sharmila Sen IND/USA Mike Berners-Lee UK
- I LIKE TRAINS UK Suhajymah Manzoor-Khan UK
- Rita Marcalo PRT Michaela Strachan UK
- Selina Thompson UK Maya Chowdhry UK
- Dr. Vandana Shiva IND Crystallmess FRA

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Programme & Schedule

Event information correct at the time of printing. Please check our website for the most up to date event information: leedsinternationalfestival.com

DAILY EVENTS

Free events running throughout the festival

Networked – Digital – Public Art: Lumen Art Projects Commission

30 April – 9 May.
Multiple Sites TBA / Free (unticketed)

In collaboration with the festival for the 3rd time, Lumen Art Projects have commissioned Networked - Digital - Public Art from their international artist network. Echoing the Generation Future theme, the project illustrates how interdependent and connected we are, as the actions of passersby alter the work across the city.

EVERYTHING EVERY TIME by Naho Matsuda

30 April – 9 May.
The Tetley / Free (unticketed)

Data surrounds us, especially in cities. What stories can it tell? Processing data captured and published by Smart City technologies, this work curates data from citywide events - whether mundane or marvellous - and turns it into poetry, broadcast real-time on a large display. Produced by FutureEverything.

Altered Ocean – by Mandy Barker

30 April – 9 May, Times TBA
Victoria Gate / Free (unticketed)

Part of the Generation to Cool The Earth event. Altered Ocean is an installation from Leeds based international photographer Mandy Barker. A selection of beautiful photographs, capturing the invasion of manmade plastics into the world's waters. Her sometimes abstract and ethereal shots capture waste detritus which she recovered when visiting the world's oceans.

Follow The Light by Jonathan Lang

30 April – 9 May.
Locations from Briggate to The Tetley. Free (unticketed)

Leeds was the North's only neon maker in the 1940's. Almost every shop had one, lighting the city with 'liquid fire'. Walk from Briggate to The Tetley experiencing Jonathan Lang's unpredictable neons, representing the fragile, changeable and strikingly vibrant world we live in. Produced by East Street Arts.

Generate by Found Fiction

30 April – 9 May.
12:00-15:00 weekdays / 10:00-15:00 weekends
The Merrion Centre / Free (unticketed)

Make a choice, tie your flag to the mast - and see if others think the same. Each arch carries a question, and multiple answers. Choose your age bracket's ribbon, then answer the questions, threading your ribbon under your answer. Each day, this tunnel of colour shows how the generations responded.

The Parliament by Closed Forum

30 April – 9 May.
Playable throughout the festival at anytime.
Various Locations /Free (unticketed)

Consider the sights and sounds of Leeds 2030. Who governs us? Who is watching you? Through an interactive mobile app, Matt Allen (Closed Forum) offers a view of Leeds' future. Listen for a moment, or dive deep into strange, tangled tales. In the role of reporter explore Leeds, interact with the app and follow the story breaking citywide.

30 Delirium by Riptide

THU / APRIL
30 April, 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 May.
20:00 - 22:30 (performance)
22:30 - 01:00 (afterparty)
Secret Location / £17.50, £15.00 concession +BF

Step into Delirium, where nothing is as it seems. Euphoria. Rapture. Shadows. Mischief. Escape into the extraordinary. Feel the love and ecstasy of the moment, or explore the dark, losing yourself and your inhibitions. Delirium is part-immersive theatre, part-interactive game, part-nightclub where every night is a new beginning.

Ethical Futures and the Future of Ethics with Peter Singer

30th April, 19:30
L20 Cube / £13, £10 concession +BF

We inherited our ethical attitudes from a different world; one without nuclear weapons and the means to affect the planet's climate, but also without the ability to help people living far away. How do these attitudes fit today? What standards do we need and what changes can we make for a more ethical future?

A new show by Requardt and Rosenberg

30 April, 1, 2 May, Time TBA.
Venue TBA / Produced by The Place

A truck arrives from a distant planet loaded with a mystery shipment. AT LAST! What all those movies promised. This new piece by the "mindblowingly weird" Requardt & Rosenberg (TimeOut) is a contemporary sci-fi dance show from the makers of Electric Hotel and Motor Show. A strange outdoor spectacle for a headphone wearing audience.

01 Oh God! Not Another One? by Selina Thompson

FRI / MAY

1 May, 14:30 - 22:30.
2 May, 11:30 - 19:30, 3 May, 12:00 - 17:00.
Patrick Studios / Free (unticketed)

After a postcode lottery, Selina Thompson and a 'Kitchen Table Council' of Leeds locals investigate politics beyond representation, thinking of solutions to today's hot political problems. Can we reach consensus? Can we do better than the politicians who do it for us? Supported by East Street Arts.

The Rebellion Activity Day presented by Yorkshire Dance

1 May, 10:00 - 12:00 workshop. (£5 +BF)
18:00 - 18:30 Performance. (Pay As You Feel)
18:30 - 19:30 Imagination Café. (Pay As You Feel)
Yorkshire Dance

Your children journey back from the year 2030 with an urgent message. This isn't a performance, it's a plea. The morning workshop devises the choreography, then the evening sees a performance of Rita Marcalo's The Rebellion followed by Imagination Café, imagining a future, sustainable world.

Chew The Fat: The Future of Narrative

1 May, 18:00 - 23:00, 19:30 for presentations.
L20 Cube / £9, £7 concessions +BF

Stories stream into our palms 24 hours a day, and we barely notice. These narratives try to make sense of our hyperconnected world. How did we get here, and where are we headed? What's the future of narrative? Join us for an evening of food, drink, and thinking outside the box. There's no such thing as a silly question!

ConditionsOfANewFantasy by Sable Radio

1 May, 19:00-23:00. Panel & Performances.
2 May, 22:00 - late. Performances & Party.
Convention House / Free (unticketed), £5 (Club Night)

Sable Radio curates a series of performances and broadcasts over two days, exploring the shared cultural legacies of Black sound, and considering its role in radical visions of the future. Presenting Crystallmess, Chardine Taylor Stone, Larry Achiampong and Hannah Catherine Jones.

02 Future Fairness presented by Furtherfield

SAT / MAY

2 May, 10:00 - 16:00
L20 Cube / Free (ticketed)

Teleport into our pink future planet in The Cube. What will happen to Leeds in the future? You decide! Join this family-friendly fair of art and technology activities to choose what you want Leeds to become. Explore the world with your activity passport and enter the Third Dimension to report back!

03 Family Day

SUN / MAY

3 May, 10:00 - 16:00 / L20 Cube
£6 +BF, (£10 for 2, £18 for 4.) Under 10s go free.

Family Day is fun for all! Test edible bridges (Engineering with Chocolate), build with paper (Fold Your Future City), classify hybrid future bugs (Mutant Insect Hunt), code the world (Model Futures), look back (Journey with Absent Friends), glitter play (Boomchikkaboom) & create (LET'S BUILD A PLANET)!

Think Tank: A Place For Your Head

3 May, 19:30 - 23:00
L20 Cube / £8 +BF advance or £10 on door

This ambient party reframes club spaces in order to encourage recovery and introspection, whilst also raising awareness of mental health issues within the electronic and dance music community. Sit, lie and meditate in The Cube, whilst a variety of acts perform unique sets accompanied by live, responsive visuals.

04 600 People by Third Angel

MON / MAY

4 May, 19:30 - 20:35
L20 Cube / £8, £5 concession +BF

Third Angel's Alexander Kelly mixes stand-up and astrophysics in this simple show about big ideas. 600 People explores how we think about evolution and intelligence, belief, communication and space travel. This is a show that explores the story we tell, in order to understand our place in the cosmos.

Leeds Salon presents Stop Mugging Grandma by Jennie Bristow

4 May, 18:45 Doors, 19:00 - 20:45
Carriageworks Theatre / £5 +BF

Millennial snowflakes. Baby Boomers plundered the planet. Is it all a smoke-screen to let policy-makers off the hook? In her new book Stop Mugging Grandma Jennie Bristow looks at labels, how economic problems are presented as generational conflicts, and if turning us against each other solves anything.

05 Future. Identity. Power: Reframing Equality and Justice

TUE / MAY

5 May, 18:30-21:30
L20 Cube / £13, £10 concession +BF

#MeToo. #BlackLivesMatter. Brexit populism. Global nationalisms. How do we live together despite our differences? What does equality & justice mean for Generation Future? This event challenges preconceptions and connects us through our multiple identities. In association with Leeds Beckett University.

06 CuratorSpace presents The Value of the Arts in a Multilingual Society

WED / MAY

6 May, 18:00 - 21:00
Platform / Free (ticketed)

Language & arts together form the rich tapestry of our cultural realities. This event unites arts, languages & ESOL to showcase the conjunction of language & art in the fields of art, gallery collections, theatre & film. Arts professionals interested in language can connect with researchers to develop ideas.

MILIM presents Generation Share with Benita Matofska

6 May, 19:15 - 21:15
University of Leeds - Rupert Beckett Lecture Theatre
£8 +BF

Through stunning photography, social commentary & interviews with 200 change-makers worldwide, Benita's book about the Sharing Economy tells extraordinary stories, demonstrating the power of sharing. From milk bank creators to trust cafes to fashion libraries, these shares are changing the world.

A Generation to Cool the Earth

6 May, Various Times
L20 Cube
£13-£40/£10-£30 concession +BF

Global warming is now widely accepted. We're worried; but can worry generate response? This event unites world-renowned expertise to convey what we can do to change our planet's trajectory, described by the UN as "catastrophic" & "nearing the point of no return". In association with Leeds Beckett University.

07 All Day Hey! 2020

THU / MAY

7 May, 09:00 - 17:30
Everyman Leeds / £149 +BF

This full-day, single-track conference for designers & front-end developers features some of the industry's finest minds. All Day Hey!, now in its fourth year, embodies the very best of web technologies and front-end dev, hosting prolific professionals from across the industry to speak, engage and inspire.

What's Eating Reality? presented by Compass Live Art

7 May, 19:00 / 8 May, 19:00
9 May, 13:00 & 19:00 / 10 May, 13:00 & 19:00
Duke Studios / £35 +BF (inc. 3 course meal)

Digital artist Maya Chowdhry invites you to dinner with a difference. Artist & chef Helen Russell Brown creates a delicious menu of seasonal, local & reclaimed food. With performance & projection mapping, discover a future where some foods are in short supply. Supported by The University of Leeds' Cultural Institute.

The Time is Now by Phoenix Dance Theatre

7 May, Time TBA
L20 Cube / Free (ticketed)

Phoenix Dance unites professional dancers with audience members to dance for our collective environmental futures. Choreographed by Phoenix's Artistic Director Sharon Watson, the work will be performed to a remix of Greta Thunberg's iconic keynote speech. Learn the moves in workshops & online videos.

Living In A Future City

7 May, 20:00.
L20 Cube
£13, £10 concession +BF

The UK's cities are at a critical juncture. If we want tomorrow's city dwellers to thrive, we need to embrace & overcome many interdependent challenges that impact health, wellbeing & the economy. George Clarke hosts a night of talks, panels & debate on what future urban environments might look like.

09 Death Futures presents The New Death Symposium

SAT / MAY

9 May, 10:00-16:00.
L20 Cube / £13, £10 concession +BF
Bursary places available

Are technology & the digital age changing how we talk about, & think about, death? Is the internet changing how we grieve? How can we prepare our social media accounts for our death? Could technology really one day make us immortal? Join us for a day of talks on the future of death & dying.

I LIKE TRAINS with NYX

9 May, 19:30 - 23:00
L20 Cube / £15, £10 concession +BF

I LIKE TRAINS return. The first hometown show for the band in over three years showcases new material, with live visuals by artist & designer Michael Connolly. NYX co-headline, bringing their collaborative drone choir with otherworldly electric chorus, to explore the spectrum of collective female voice.

The End is Queer: A Doomsday Disco

9 May, From 20:00
Secret Location
£12, £8 concession +BF

The world is ending. The only thing left to do is disco-dance into oblivion... Or is it? Can something be rescued from the ashes? Something that's made for Generation Future, not Generation F*cked? Now is the time to resist. Presented by Love Muscle, Lord Whitney, Sex Tapes & You Need Help.

+ more to be announced

Venues & Map

Leeds International Festival venues. Please check our website for the most up to date information: leedsinternationalfestival.com

- ① **L20 Cube & Festival Village**
The Tetley, Hunslet Road,
Leeds, LS10 1JQ
- ② **The Discovery Zone**
121 Briggate,
Leeds LS1 6LX
- ③ **Platform**
New Station St,
Leeds LS1 4JB
- ④ **The Tetley**
Hunslet Rd,
Leeds LS10 1JQ
- ⑤ **Duke Studios**
3 Sheaf St,
Leeds LS10 1HD
- ⑥ **The Carriageworks**
3 Millennium Square,
Leeds LS2 3AD
- ⑦ **Convention House**
St Mary's St,
Leeds LS9 7DP
- ⑧ **Everyman Leeds**
Trinity, Level 4, Albion St,
Leeds LS1 5AT
- ⑨ **Victoria Gate**
Victoria Gate, Vicar Ln,
Leeds LS2 7AU
- ⑩ **Yorkshire Dance**
3 St Peter's Square,
Leeds LS9 8AH
- ⑪ **The Merrion Centre**
Merrion Way,
Leeds LS2 8NG
- ⑫ **Patrick Studios**
St Mary's Ln, Mabgate,
Leeds LS9 7EH
- ⑬ **University of Leeds**
Beech Grove Terrace,
Leeds LS2 9DA



Visiting Leeds

We are so lucky that Leeds is our home and that we get to share such a great city with folks joining us over the festival period. During your visit to Leeds Int Fest, make sure you take in the rest of the city. From amazing independent food vendors, to Kirkgate Market, to great art galleries – we've basically got it all. For more info about all things Leeds, check out: welcometoleeds.co.uk.



Image: Ben Bentley

The Village & L20 Cube

The L20 Village returns to The Tetley, and site of Vastint's Aire Park development, to host the majority of our eclectic headline programme. The Cube is a unique, space-age setting at the heart of the city and seeks to challenge, reframe and reshape your understanding of where you are in Leeds and in the world... The L20 Village is the home of the festival - food & drink will be available alongside our programme of events. We look forward to seeing you there.



Image: Ben Bentley

The Discovery Zone

The Discovery Zone is our temporary space made up of shipping containers located in the middle of Briggate in Leeds city centre. Our diverse programme of free activities runs throughout the Festival, from talks and workshops to coding and making. The DZ is open to the public and visible to passers-by. Festival information is also available so come and have a chat with our team. Full DZ programme announced in March 2020.



What's Eating Reality? presented by Compass Live Art 7-10 May. Photo: Maciek Jasik



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