

THE GREAT EXHIBITION OF THE NORTH (ends on 9th September with the Great North Run)

A **FREE** summer-long festival celebrating the North of England's pioneering spirit.

Full Great Exhibition programme : www.getnorth2018.com

Here are just some of the highlights to entice you to the venues.

DISCOVERY MUSEUM

Rocket, Robert Stephenson's iconic steam locomotive returns to Newcastle to celebrate the region's world-famous industrial heritage.

Rocket Reimagined

Pop on a headset and travel back to 1829 via virtual reality to experience the sight and sound of the early steam age as Rocket is digitally brought back to life in a fully immersive and memorable experience.

Little Inventors North 2030

Be amazed by the hundreds of funny and perfectly practical inventions submitted by 5-12 year old children.

GREAT NORTH MUSEUM HANCOCK

Features 250 objects from around the North in the **Which Way North** event including John Lennon's favourite piano, Helen Sharman's space suit, art pieces by Damian Hirst and David Hockney, Whistlejacket by George Stubbs and many more....

BIG BANG at BOILER SHOP (behind Central Station), **10am – 3pm daily**

Features sets, displays and props associated with Wallace & Gromit, including Wallace's Corner from Wallace & Gromit's World of Invention and a Model-maker's Desk, showing the equipment used by Aardman model-makers.

STORYTIME at SEVEN STORIES, OUSEBURN, 10.30am, 1pm and 3.30pm

Explore a world of imagination with entertaining and enthralling storytelling for the whole family. While at **Ouseburn** follow the playful and imaginative street art trail inspired by new flash fiction by David Almond, one of the North's best-loved writers.

GET NORTH FAMILY EXPO WEEKEND, St. James's Park, 4th - 5th August, 10am – 4pm

60 hands-on activities to get children inventing, crafting, making, experimenting and tinkering with ideas. Great for all the family.

BRIDGES at SAGE Gateshead, 4th August to 2nd September, 11am, 12noon, 1pm and 2pm

An animated, musical adventure following the journey of a man, a dog and their small fishing boat on the River Tyne with music performed by Royal Northern Sinfonia. This animation introduces the bridges as colourful characters of the River Tyne. Suitable for all ages. FREE but pre booking is necessary: www.sagegateshead.com

PAW PATROL LIVE! “The Great Pirate Adventure” A super show for the grandchildren. The pups set sail to save the day using their heroic rescue skills, problem solving and teamwork. No job is too big; no pirate pup is too small!

Where: Metro Radio Arena

When: 2nd August. Performance Times: 10.00am, 1.30pm & 4.30pm

Cost: £17.50

For more information: www.metroradioarena.co.uk

GOSFORTH BEER FESTIVAL

August beer festival returns, bigger than ever with a weekend of craft beer, live music and street food.

Where: Gosforth Civic Theatre

When: 3 August, 4pm – Midnight, 4 August, 12pm-Midnight, 5 August, 12pm – 8pm

Cost: FREE entry. Cash bar in operation with cash back available at the cafe bar.

For more information: www.gosforthcivictheatre.co.uk

NE1 RESTAURANT WEEK 6th – 12th August

100 restaurants will be offering fantastic food in Newcastle's finest restaurants for only £10 or £15 per person.

For more information: www.getintonewcastle.co.uk

BLACKETT STREET WEEKEND FUN (until September)

Go along and enjoy this bustling area of the city - 1,000sq m of artificial grass from Old Eldon Square to Pilgrim Street, an avenue of trees along the north side of Blackett Street as well as a host of fairground rides, bean bags, mini deck chairs and an artificial grass sofa transforms the street into a safe and welcoming space for young and old!

BIG SCREEN ON THE GREEN (until 2nd September)

Free movies including major sporting events, blockbusters, opera and Throwback Thursday screenings showcasing nostalgic movies from the 80's and 90's.

When: Two films per day at 12.00noon and 6pm weekdays, 12.00noon and 3pm Saturdays and Sundays.

Where: Outdoors at the Old Eldon Square – deckchairs provided.

Cost: FREE

For more information and list of films: www.getintonewcastle.co.uk

NE1 NEWCASTLE MOTOR SHOW 4th - 5th August

The fourth NE1 Newcastle Motor Show featuring Aston Martin, Lexus, Tesla, Lamborghini, BMW, Mini and many more.....along Grey Street, Monument and Blackett street.

SCIENCE SPECTACULAR 15th – 17th August, intu Eldon Square

Family Club Summer. Grab the lab coats and crazy wigs and join the mad professor for games, scientific creations and slime making!

THE MIDNIGHT GANG OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE

Based on David Walliams' children's book. Fun for all ages. Seating provided or take along a rug and picnic hamper.

When: 24th at 6pm; 25th at 2pm and 6pm; 26th at 5pm

Where: Jesmond Dene Park

For tickets and further information: <https://www.heartbreakproductions.co.uk/>

NEWCASTLE CITY GUIDE WALKS

Take a healthy walk and enjoy listening to fascinating facts and stories about historical events in Newcastle, Gateshead and surrounding areas. As part of the Great Exhibition of the North there will be special tours in August on Industry and Invention, Railways and Riverside and a special tour around the Civic Centre.

Cost: £5 per person; £4 concessions

For further information: www.newcastlegateshead.com/city-guides

STAND COMEDY CLUB

If you enjoy stand-up comedy this is the place for you.

When: 7pm to 8.30pm most evenings

Where: 31 High Bridge Street

Cost: Tickets £5 and £4 concessions

For more information: 0191 300 9700 or www.thestand.co.uk/whats-on/Newcastle

ROBOTS THEN AND NOW (until December)

This family-friendly exhibition, created by the Science Museum in London celebrates the 500 year work-in-progress story of building automated machines. A rich history of robotics from 16th century mechanical automatons to the latest humanoids.

When: Mon to Sat: 10am– 6pm; Sunday: 11am – 6pm

Where: Life Science Central, Times Square

Cost: Day tickets or annual tickets available

For further information: www.life.org.uk