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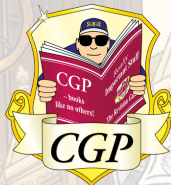
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Meet The Guests



Charlie Adlard

Charlie has been a “veteran” of the comic industry for over 25 years. He’s spent the majority of his time since 2003 working on *The Walking Dead*, which finished in 2019, and has received many industry awards for his work on the series culminating in winning the Sergio Aragonés International Award for Excellence in Comic Art in 2019. In his time as a comic creator, he has worked on many other projects as far reaching as *Mars Attacks*, *X-Files*, *Judge Dredd*, *Savage*, *Batman*, *X-Men*, *Superman* etc and creator-owned projects closer to his heart like *Astronauts In Trouble*, *Breath Of The Wendigo*, *Codeflesh*, *Rock Bottom*, *Vampire State Building*, and *White Death*.

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Jordana Globerman

Jordana’s comics have been published internationally, applauded by *Dazed* magazine and *Haunted Phonograph* in the UK, and profiled on the *True North Country Comics* podcast.

She holds a master’s degree in visual arts from Camberwell College, part of the University of the Arts London in London, England, where she majored in drawing anthropomorphic bears and drinking tea the proper way.

She is currently based in Ottawa, Canada. *Soul Machine* is her debut novel.



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Meet The Guests



Keli Lark

Keli Lark wears many crowns: organiser, speaker, fundraiser, filmmaker, and writer, just to name a few. She helped facilitate a program where Girl Scouts were taught by women comics professionals how to create their own comics, founded a women-only comics reading club, and organised many events and charitable fundraisers aimed at helping young people and those from marginalised communities. She has spoken to the Texas Library Association and at the Lakes International Comic Art Festival. She has also written and directed a short film & written a children's book.

 @schmeschme

Lyndon White

Lyndon White is an international selling artist, writer, letterer and designer based in the UK. Combining monsters and magic, his work is highly acclaimed and described as "beautifully haunting", especially his best-sellers Antarctica, Candles, Sparks and the Fallen Star, and the Reanimator series.

His work is published by Image Comics, Top Cow Productions, Titan Comics and Blue Fox Comics. Also, Lyndon has had over 60 successful Kickstarter campaigns. In addition to his published comics and graphic novels, Lyndon shares his experiences through teaching Sequential Arts at Salford University.

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Michael Lark

Michael Lark is the artist and co-creator of Lazarus and Lazarus: Risen from Image Comics. In his nearly thirty years in the comics industry, he has drawn many of the most iconic characters in the medium, including Spider-Man, Captain America, Daredevil, Batman, Superman, and many others.

 @michaellarkart

Mollie Ray

Mollie Ray is a comic artist, illustrator and author from Lancashire. Her debut graphic novel *Giant* was published in 2024 by Faber & Faber, with the paperback released in August 2025. Ray's work has been featured by Creative Boom, The AOI, Bookmunch, Foyles and more. Winner of the Break Out Talent category of the Broken Frontier Awards 2026 and recently appointed the first Young Comics Laureate for 2025/26 by Comics Youth and The Lakes International Comic Arts Festival.



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Meet The Guests



Sarah Jane Docker

Sarah is a children's book illustrator and writer from Barrow. Much of Sarah's work is inspired by human connection, nature, the idea of seeing life through new eyes each day and memories from childhood. She loves telling stories that explore connection, both to others and to the world around us. Her work has been described as "eccentric, excitable and whimsical" with "a lot of heart and a gift for expressing feeling". When not illustrating, she can be found wild swimming, hiking, climbing, and getting stuck into the strangest of side-projects.

 sarahjanedocker.com

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Sean Phillips

Drawing comics professionally since the age of fifteen, multiple Eisner Award-winning Sean Phillips has worked for all the major publishers.

Since drawing *Sleeper*, *Hellblazer*, *Batman*, *X-Men*, *Marvel Zombies*, and *Stephen King's The Dark Tower*, Sean has concentrated on creator-owned books with Ed Brubaker including *Criminal* (soon to be a television series on Amazon Prime), *Kill Or Be Killed*, *Incognito*, *Fatale*, *The Fade Out*, *Pulp*, *Night Fever*, *Where The Body Was*, and the *Reckless* series.

He lives in the Lake District in the UK, where he is currently drawing the next Brubaker/Phillips book.

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Hosted by **Keli Lark**



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Paul Hodgson. Director, Barrow BID

Furness Media
84 Dalton Road
2:30pm - 3:30pm
Saturday, 18th April 2026

PRE-BOOKED APPOINTMENTS ONLY

Portfolio REVIEW

Bring your portfolio of artwork to be reviewed by some of the world's most well-known comic artists. **Michael Lark** (Marvel, DC, Lazarus), **Sean Phillips** (Criminal, Marvel Zombies) and **Charlie Adlard** (The Walking Dead, Damn Them All) will look through your work and give you help and advice.

PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL, as only
12 x 15 minute slots are available.

Bring your own existing work, show off some comic work of your own, or if you want a real challenge ask for a short piece of comic script by legendary comic writer Ed Brubaker and have a go at turning it into comic panels...

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- **Make your own comic book strip**
- **Workshop 2:30pm - 3:30pm
in Meeting Room 4**



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Event Listings

TIME	EVENT		VENUE
10.00am - 11.00am	Charlie Adlard - "Life (or Death) Drawing" Capacity: 30 (seated) 2000AD, Marvel, DC, and of course The Walking Dead artist Charlie Adlard will, with the help of some coffee, show you how to draw a face and "zombify" it. Feel free to bring along a pencil and paper and give it a go yourself...	WORKSHOP	Coffee D'Ash, Portland Walk A
10.00am - 11.00am	Hester Harrington - "Concertina Comics" Capacity: 12 Hester Harrington will help participants to explore and create a 'concertina comic' to record a journey using comic-style sequencing, prompts, and image-text storytelling, exploring how ideas can evolve into storyboarding, journalling, and visual narratives.	WORKSHOP	Shot @ Photography, Scott Street B
10.00am - 11.00am	Sean Phillips	SIGNING	Waterstones, Portland Walk C
11.00am - 12.00pm	Keli Lark, Mollie Ray, Lyndon White, Shannon Smyth, Owen Stewart - "Beyond Heartstopper" Capacity: 30 So you've read all of Heartstopper and watched the TV show! What next? Young Comic Laureate Mollie Ray, artist and writer Lyndon White, Barrow Library's Shannon Smith and artist and animator Owen Stewart discuss what else is out there. Hosted by filmmaker and writer Keli Lark.	PANEL	The Bridge, Portland Walk D
11.00am - 12.00pm	Michael Lark - "From Words to Pictures" Capacity: 40 Join Michael Lark as he looks at the craft of interpreting a script and turning it into a comic page.	WORKSHOP	Tailors Bar & Lounge, Dalton Road E
11.00am - 12.00pm	Charlie Adlard	SIGNING	Waterstones, Portland Walk C

TIME	EVENT	VENUE
12.00pm - 1.00pm	Hester Harrington - "Concertina Comics" Capacity: 12	WORKSHOP Shot @ Photography, Scott Street B
12.00pm - 1.00pm	Sarah Jane Docker - "Start With a Storyboard" Capacity: 30 What do comics, animations, music videos, movies and picture books have in common? They all start with a storyboard. In this workshop, Sarah Jane Docker will teach you her process for turning an idea or a piece of text into an illustrated narrative. This workshop is good for beginners and hobby artists who want to take their storytelling skills to the next level.	WORKSHOP The Derby Inn, Dalton Road F
1.30pm - 2.30pm	Jordana Globerman - "A World of Your Own" Capacity: 20 Let's start with a question: what if? Join graphic novelist and author of Soul Machine, Jordana Globerman, for a one hour workshop where we will ask the big questions that spark creative answers. Reimagine your world and let it spark new stories.	WORKSHOP Furness Media, Dalton Road G
1.30pm - 2.30pm	Sean Phillips - "I Hate Drawing Cities" Capacity: 30 "I hate drawing cities. And cars, and hats, and guns, and horses. Unfortunately comics involve more than just drawing people, so here's how I try to make drawing everything else easier for me." – Sean Phillips	WORKSHOP The Townhouse.211, Dalton Road H
1.30pm - 2.30pm	Michael Lark	SIGNING Waterstones, Portland Walk C
2.30pm - 3.30pm	Mollie Ray - "Pen, Paper, Pint" Capacity: 30 Join comic artist Mollie Ray for a relaxed session of daft drawing and drinking at The Duke of Edinburgh Pub, Barrow. Pint, pen, paper and a series of prompts to get you thinking (but not too hard, after all, we're in a pub).	WORKSHOP The Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, Abbey Road I

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2.30pm - 3.30pm	Lyndon White - "Here Be Dragons" Capacity: 30 What makes a good monster? Or an epic mythical creature? Join comic artist, Lyndon White, as he breaks down how to draw epic creatures and visual magic, in this creative workshop.	Holiday Inn Express, Market Street J
2.30pm - 3.30pm	Hester Harrington - "Concertina Comics" Capacity: 12	Shot @ Photography, Scott Street B
3.30pm - 4.30pm	Lyndon White, Mollie Ray, Sarah Jane Docker - "Sketching" Come grab yourself some refreshments and ask one of our artists for a sketch!	The Meeting Place, Duke Street K
10.00am - 4.00pm	ALL DAY Marketplace - The Bridge Collage Comics - Holiday Inn Express Board Games - Costa Rock Band LIVE - Dalton Road	

Don't forget - Barrowfull's fabulous Festival of Colours is taking place today too! Flip this programme over to find out about their exciting, colourful, FREE, events for all ages...

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Dalton Road - Near Spirit of Barrow Statue

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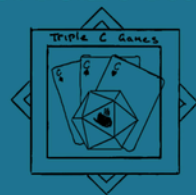
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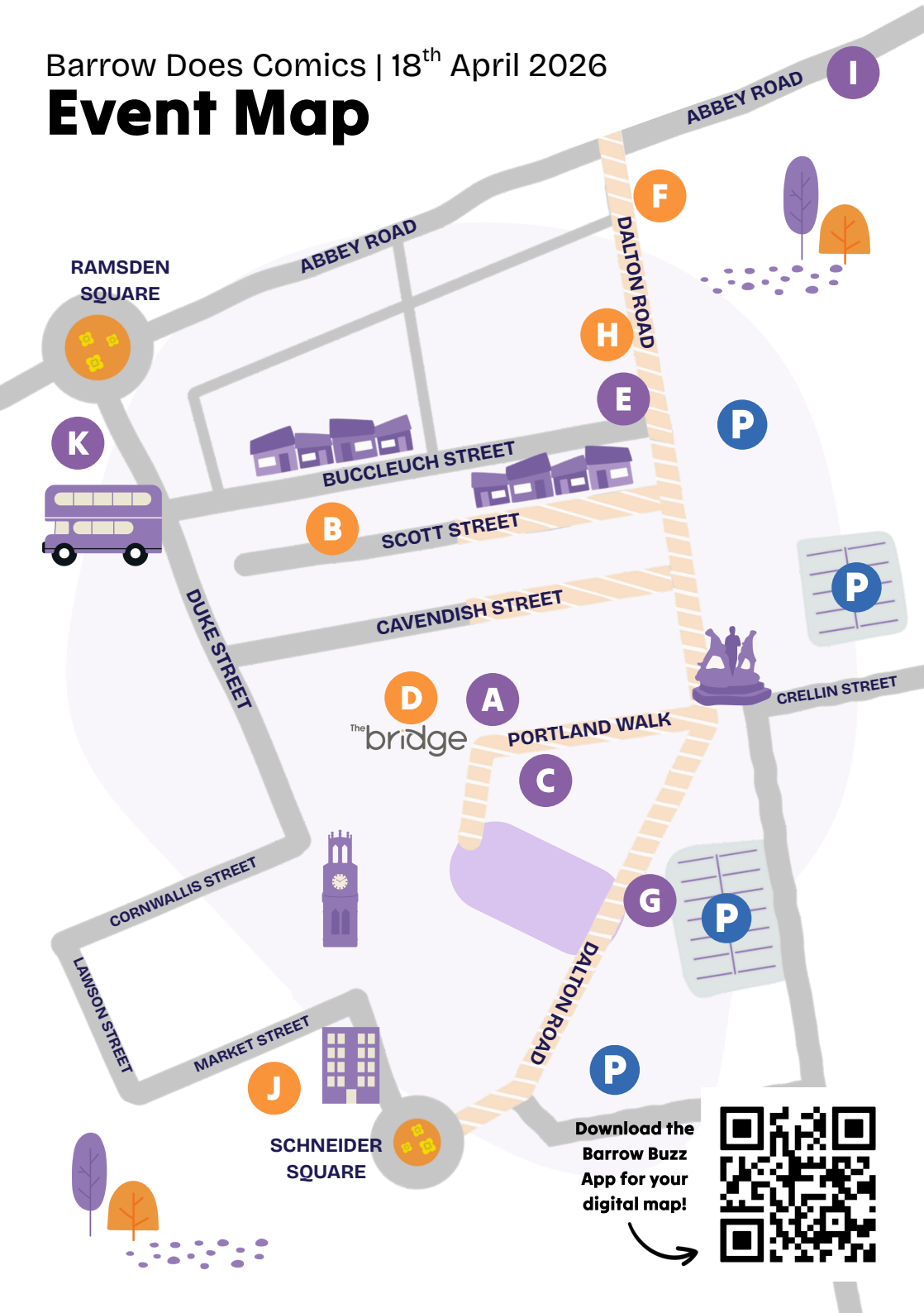
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Event Map



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Map Key

A Coffee D'Ash
Portland Walk

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further workshop details...

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24th &
25th**

**May
17th**

11am - 3pm

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Summer Cocktail Making

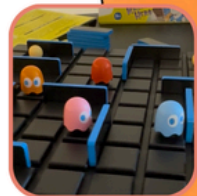
Cocktail making with Josh from Blind Tiger Mixology with a summer twist! Arrival drink and 2 cocktails included. Tickets **£35pp.**

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Artist signings



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Charlie Adlard, Sean Phillips & Michael Lark

WHERE: Waterstones, Portland Walk

WHEN: Sean 10-11, Charlie 11-12 & Michael
1:30-2:30

Panellists



Keli Lark - Host

For over a decade, Keli was the manager of the Eisner Award winning **Zeus Comics** in Dallas, Texas, where she focused on being a "bibliotherapist," helping to bring the world of comics to more women, the LGBTQ community, and those with reading challenges, especially young people.

Mollie Ray

Ray is obsessed with all things Heartstopper. As well as creating comics, they work as a creative facilitator - notably in 2025, undertaking projects in prisons, with care-experienced young people, regular youth-led projects with Escape2Make, and visiting Palestine to help artists turn their stories into comics.



Lyndon White

"I love how Heartstopper is bridging readerships across publishing. It's one those books that makes it easy for readers to dive into the world of comics and fall in love with the medium."

Lyndon is an international-selling writer, illustrator and comic artist, published by Image Comics and Top Cow Production. He is a sought-after collaborator, who has worked for Twitch, Savvy Games and the Historic Royal Palaces.

Shannon Smyth

"There's nothing quite like watching a child grow into a lifelong reader. Lately, I've loved seeing how Heartstopper has sparked such excitement in our library; being able to guide those teens toward their next favorite book is the best part of my job. When I'm not at the library, you can usually find me wild swimming!"



Owen Stewart

Since the start of the decade, Owen has self-produced multiple creative projects, including work that has been published at GOSH! Comics in Soho, London. He practices in a range of mediums, striving to demonstrate that the world of Visual Storytelling can include neurodivergent creatives.

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SAT 18TH
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11am-12

The Bridge
Portland Walk
Barrow in
Furness

What next when you've read and watched Heartstopper? Young Comic Laureate **Mollie Ray**, artist and writer **Lyndon White**, Barrow Library's **Shannon Smyth**, and artist and animator **Owen Stewart** discuss what else is out there for Heartstopper fans.

Hosted by filmmaker and writer **Keli Lark**

The **FREE** comic all about local sportswoman Georgia Stanway will be available here in the Marketplace!



Comics & Merch Marketplace

10AM-4PM

The Bridge, Portland Walk

So what's here?

We have a carefully chosen range of local and national exhibitors, who will have comics, posters, badges and other merch for sale!

Amongst many others we will have: Comics Youth CIC, Koguchi Press, Zine Freak, Mollie Ray, Lyndon White and Ben Edwards. They are all super-friendly and happy to chat with you about all things comics, and other stuff too!

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Window Trail



- 1 The Albion
- 2 Baby Bitz
- 3 Base
- 4 Corrie & Co
- 5 Costa
- 6 Cumbria Sewing
- 7 Vision Support
- 8 Expressions
- 9 Flicker - Handmade by Lisa
- 10 Footwear & Fascinators
- 11 Halo Suite
- 12 Heaths
- 13 Heaven Scents
- 14 Holiday Inn Express
- 15 The Works
- 16 McDonald's
- 17 Mind in Furness
- 18 Pepperland Collect
- 19 Re:New
- 20 Richard Haynes Opticians
- 21 South Lakes Game Exchange
- 22 Specsavers

The Barrow Does Comics window trail will showcase artwork from local secondary school-aged students in the windows of businesses around the town centre. Students from various schools were asked to produce artwork based on films and TV shows which have been based on comics, or that are in a comic book style.

The artwork will appear in businesses in early April and will run until the Barrow Does Comics weekend!

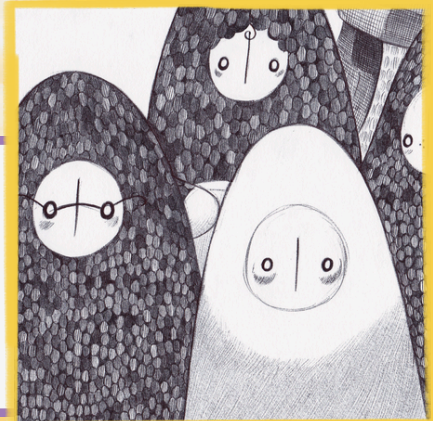
Exhibitions



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The Duke of Edinburgh Hotel - Mollie Ray

A selection of beautiful pieces of artwork by Young Comic Laureate Mollie Ray, taken from their first book, Giant. Each page meticulously drawn in biro!



Coffee D'Ash - Charlie Adlard

A career-spanning selection of work from Charlie. Ranging from his work for DC, through The Walking Dead, to Altamont, which has just been published in English for the first time.



Waterstones - Make Mine Manga

MMM has toured the country over the last few years. Explore the origins of Manga in Japan, the creative techniques behind the art and discover the wonder of Manga-Anime.

The Meeting Place - Bill Morrison: Stars of The Simpsons

"Now, you're all here for one reason... To rock!" - Keith Richards (in The Simpsons). An exhibition of UK (and Irish) music stars who have guested in the show, all drawn specially by the legendary Simpsons artist Bill Morrison.



The Townhouse.211 - Sean Phillips

Sean's Criminal series (with Ed Brubaker) is about to hit the big time with an Amazon Prime show! Here's a look at some of this work, along with other pieces from Star Wars, DC, and Marvel Zombies...

Costa - The University of Cumbria

With a vast array of creative courses, the University of Cumbria is here to show what its students get up to, from Wildlife Media to Game Design.



Furness Media - Lyndon White: Dragon Developments...

Lyndon created our exclusive, original and amazing artwork for this first edition of Barrow Does Comics. This exhibition lets you look at his creative process. It is kindly sponsored by The Duke of Edinburgh Hotel.



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The Derby Inn - Sarah Jane Docker

Barrow born and bred, Sarah is an illustrator whose work is inspired by nature, seeing life through new eyes each day, and jokes and memories from childhood. This exhibition looks at a variety of her work.

Tailors Bar and Lounge - Michael Lark

The fantastic, feudalistic, futuristic thriller Lazarus has kept Michael Lark (with Greg Rucka) busy for the last 13 years. Here's a look at some of the images along with more of Michael's work for Marvel and DC...

Holiday Inn Express - Lyndon White: After The Fire

Comic creator Lyndon recently worked with Barrow Library on the national Our Freedom: Then and Now campaign to mark 80 years since the end of World War 2. His comic After the Fire is the result. This exhibition shows the finished work.



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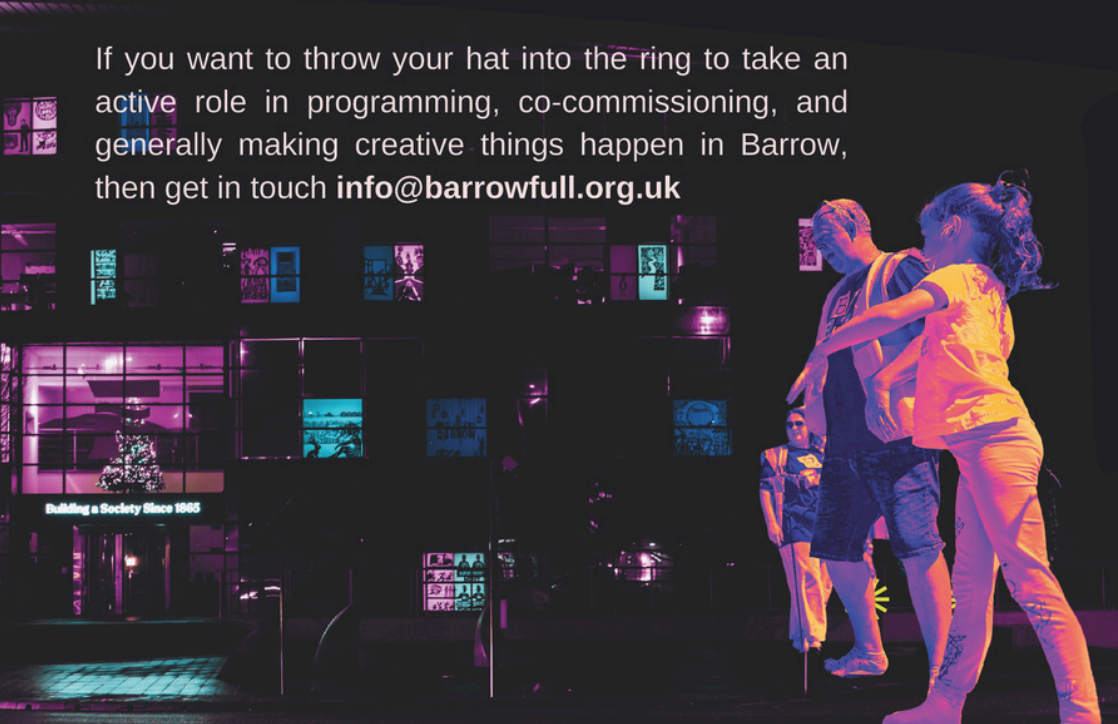
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Festival of Colours

Saturday
18 April
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11am-5pm

Town Hall &
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The logo for the 'Festival of Colours' features the words 'Festival of' in a black, cursive font above the word 'Colours' in a large, multi-colored, bubbly font. The background of the entire poster is a vibrant, abstract collage of colors including purple, blue, yellow, and orange, with various images of people in costumes and performing.

OUTSIDE programme includes:

Steel Drum Band / Spoken Word / Live DJ
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INSIDE programme includes:

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Multicultural Music / Ukrainian Egg Painting
Spring-Time Cartoon Character Drawing
Family-Friendly Theatre Performances
Carnival Wear Dress-Up

Town Hall & Square
11am-5pm

