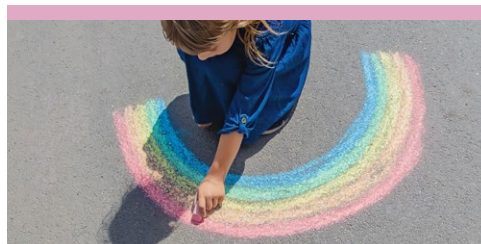


# Discover Blackburn this Half Term

Events & activities guide





## Chalk garden

*Molly Bland*

**SATURDAY 24 MAY** **FREE**

**Blackburn Town Centre**  
**11am to 3pm**

Grab a piece of chalk and help Molly create a fantastical chalk garden on Blackburn's King William Street.



## Big Doodle Drop In

*Scratch Built Theatre*

**FRIDAY 30 MAY** **FREE**

**Blackburn Market**  
**Performance/workshop – 11am, 12pm, 1pm 2pm**

Join us for a FREE, hilarious art session where you'll draw a life model fully clothed (thankfully!) in the silliest of outfits. Plus, we'll have a comedy critic to give you constructive feedback on your creations! Whether you're a seasoned Picasso or a doodling newbie, all are welcome. Take your masterpiece home or display it for all to see.



## Penny and the Far-Thing

*Lempen Puppet Theatre*

**SATURDAY, 31 MAY** **FREE**

**Blackburn Market**  
**A 20-minute show at 11am, 12.30pm, 2pm**

Visual puppet theatre with beautiful music, set on a penny-farthing. Join Penny for a charming nature story about growing up and becoming ready to find your path and live your best life.



## Circus skills workshops

*Blackburn Festival of Light with The Travelling Light Circus*

**SATURDAY 24 & 31 MAY / 7 & 14 JUNE**

**The Bureau Centre for the Arts**  
**Booking required — 1.30pm to 3pm** **FREE**

Come and learn how to juggle, dance with hoops, poi and fans with Dan and Shona from The Travelling Light Circus! Have fun, meet new friends and try new skills, and if you love it, you be part of the Blackburn Festival of Light Event!

Scan QR code to book



## Paper Cup Puppets

*Alice Rowbottom*

**WEDNESDAY 28 MAY** **FREE**

**Blackburn Market**  
**Drop in Workshop – 11am to 3pm**

Come and make your very own paper cup puppet. Design, craft and build a puppet in this family-friendly workshop.

You can construct your puppet character to take home using paper cups, wooden sticks, and assorted bits and bobs.



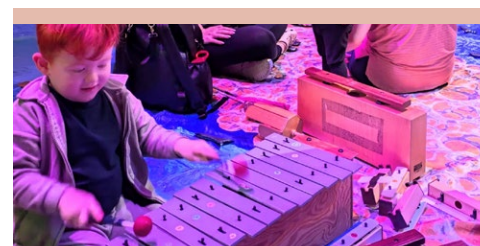
## The made-up historical tour of Blackburn

*Rubbish Shakespeare Company*

**SATURDAY 31 MAY** **FREE**

**Blackburn Town Centre**  
**This guided tour lasts about 45 minutes, starting at the clock tower on King William Street. The tour departs at 11.30am and 2pm.**

Join Professor Lee Hithersay and his trusty assistant as they take you on a fantastical heritage tour of Blackburn Town Centre. Learn some (dodgy) historical facts and contribute your ideas of what might have happened on the second floor of Marks and Spencer or what lies beneath the bus station.



## Shared Sounds

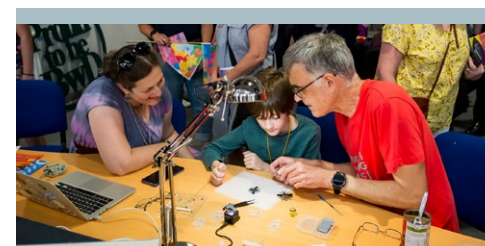
*Imaginarium*

**SATURDAY 24 & 31 MAY**

**The Bureau Centre for the Arts**  
**9.30am–11am : recommended for ages 2-4 years (younger children welcome)**  
**10.30am–12pm : Baby Session recommended for ages 0-2.5 years (older children welcome)**

The programme incorporates elements of music, art, and craft, along with opportunities for sensory play and stories, allowing children from 0-4 to explore new creative worlds. Come and explore with us!

Scan QR code for tickets



## Fab Lab

*The Making Rooms*

**EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY** **FREE**

**The Making Rooms**  
**Drop in — 10am to 6pm**

Open-access Fab Lab, inspiring, encouraging and supporting people of all ages and backgrounds to learn to use our wide range of digital and traditional making equipment, such as 3d printing, laser cutting, CNC machining, electronics and wheel-thrown ceramics.



## The Giant Wheel

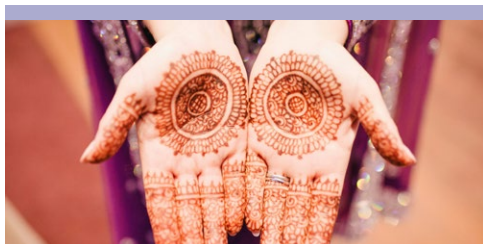
**TILL SUNDAY 8 JUNE**

**Cathedral Square**

**Open daily 12pm to 10pm (Saturday from 11am)**

Don't miss the UK's tallest transportable wheel in Cathedral Square to Sunday 8th June! Soaring 50 metres high with stunning panoramic views, the Giant Wheel features 36 enclosed gondolas (including wheelchair access) and is perfectly placed near Blackburn Cathedral.

**Tickets: Adults £8, Children (under 1.4m) £6, Family (2+2) £23**



## Workshops

**Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery**

**TUESDAY 27 MAY**

**Arabic Calligraphy with Farzana – Book Online**

**WEDNESDAY 28 MAY FREE**

**Textile totes inspired by Islamic tile art' with Fawziyah**

**THURSDAY 29TH MAY FREE**

**Mandala Painting — Saima**

**SATURDAY 31ST MAY FREE**

**Henna Drop In — Samina**

The programme links to the Muslim Arts and Culture Festival 2025

**TUESDAY—SATURDAY 11am to 4pm FREE**

A range of free, family-friendly activities including: "Get Crafty sessions", still life drawing, trails, and quizzes. Inspired by our collections and the ROVERS 150 exhibition.



## Tell Tale Twit

**Gav Cross**

**SATURDAY 14 JUNE**

**Blackburn Central Library**

**A 45-minute show at 11am & 2pm**

**Part of the Children's Literature Festival**

Join Gav for laughter and surprises, in a storytelling show designed to make you laugh, think carefully and approach that children's library with caution!

Nominated for 'Best Kids Show' at the Leicester Comedy Festival 2023.

**Book seats at:**

**spotonlancashire.co.uk**

**or scan the QR code**



# Discover Blackburn

To discover more in Blackburn  
this Half Term visit  
**discoverblackburn.co.uk**



scan the code  
or follow



**BLACKBURN  
BID**

**Culturapedia**

**ARTS COUNCIL  
ENGLAND**

**BM&AG  
Blackburn Museum  
& Art Gallery**

**THE  
MAKING  
ROOMS**

**Lis  
Library and  
Information  
Services**

**The BUREAU**

**BLACKBURN  
&  
DARWEN  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

recycled paper - please recycle