



# Sangam Festival

A Celebration of  
South Asian Heritage

18 July – 17 August 2022

**1** festival  
**31** days  
**50+** events  
**7** special projects



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# Welcome to the 2nd Sangam Festival

**Sangam Festival** showcases the rich diversity of South Asian arts, culture and heritage – and you are all invited to join in the celebration.

Following the success of our inaugural Festival, we are delighted to return with a diverse range of events and projects. This year marks the 75th anniversary of Partition, and our special projects include a documentary film, *A Quest for Roti*, exploring the South Asian diaspora in Kirklees through traditions around food and cooking.

What else can you expect? Another great line-up of free family activities, fashion and film, music and dance, books and poetry, talks and workshops. With thanks to all of our supporters – we look forward to welcoming you back.

*“Sangam Festival is such a great celebration of South Asian heritage, arts and culture. I am so proud to represent a diverse region, and from attending the festival in the past I know just how important it is for our area, bringing people together and showcasing the very best we have to offer.”*



Qaisar Mahmood  
Sangam Festival Director



Tracy Brabin  
Mayor of West Yorkshire

# The Sangam Mela returns!

- 📅 Sunday 17 July
- 📍 Greenhead Park | Huddersfield

Rides, stalls, food – and music on the big stage – the Sangam Mela offers entertainment for all ages. Bring your friends and family for a great day out – and the best part is, there's no entry fee! Organised by Radio Sangam with the support of Kirklees Council.



**Sangam Festival** is brought to you by Communities Together and Radio Sangam, with thanks for the support of our many local partners.



**Communities Together** is a not-for profit social enterprise, which runs projects that support the local community in Kirklees and events that celebrate South Asian heritage, culture and language.

🌐 [www.communitiestogether.org.uk](http://www.communitiestogether.org.uk)



**Radio Sangam** is the only Ofcom-regulated licenced Asian community radio station in Kirklees. Broadcasting 24/7, 365 days a year in six languages, it's the most followed Asian radio station in the UK.

🌐 [www.radiosangam.co.uk](http://www.radiosangam.co.uk)



# Our Special Projects

## A Quest for Roti

A Quest for Roti is a timely and moving documentary film to tie-in with this year's 75th anniversary of Partition. The film explores the emotional and logistical backdrop to journeys made by families of South Asian heritage who came to Kirklees from the 1960s onwards.

Weaving through their stories is the importance of food for the South Asian diaspora, demonstrated by recreating recipes, investigating cooking implements and exploring the heritage and relevance of food in social and faith celebrations.

Visit our website for details of film screening dates and times.



## Our Biennale School Workshops and Parade

Our Biennale is a Kirklees festival of arts and culture made with children and young people.

Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival will work with Nisha Lall Dance to deliver a range of creative workshops in schools, including dance and costume-making. These will lead to a dance performance/parade during Our Biennale.

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## A Circle of Songs

A series of singing workshops to celebrate and explore wedding and celebration songs. From Punjabi language songs passed down from generation to generation, to popular South Asian and western celebration songs. The sessions will include open-to-all workshops and workshops designed for a care home setting.

The project will be delivered by British-Punjabi vocalist Satnam Galsian from Manasamitra and community musician/singer-songwriter Jess Baker from HOOT Creative Arts.





### Textile Fabrics of India

A partnership project with Woven Festival and the University of Huddersfield. In 1866, the Secretary of State for India presented Huddersfield Mechanics' Institution with a set of 18 volumes containing 700 working samples of cotton, silk and woollen textiles.

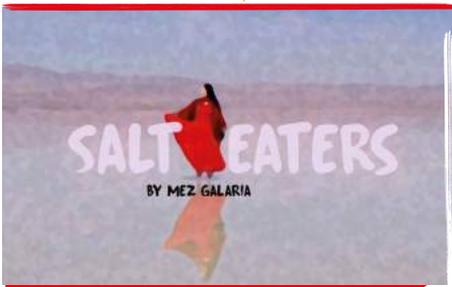
Taking inspiration from this Textile Fabrics of India Archive, now held at the University's Heritage Quay, a North Kirklees sewing group will design a creative output to be displayed in our Festival Hub.



### TOWNSOUNDS - podcast

TOWNSOUNDS is a Let's Go Yorkshire project to record the rich and diverse musical heritage of the region. A podcast will be created for Sangam Festival, featuring interviews with musical artists of South Asian heritage, from traditional folk to classical and contemporary.

Let's Go Yorkshire will also mark the 75th anniversary of Partition with ARRIVALS: THE WHITE LINE: a cultural event of outdoor live music, dance and theatre in St George's Square, Huddersfield, 12 noon-4pm, Sunday 21 August.



### Salt Eaters - short film

The Salt Eaters short film will give a taste of a multi-sensory virtual-reality project being created by dance artist Mez Galaria with Theatre in the Mill.

Interviews with creatives and filmed sequences will show how the experience will transport participants into the world, smells and sounds of Umda, a dancer drawn out of the history books of Sambhar salt lake of Rajasthan.



### Intergenerational Project

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of Partition, we have commissioned the Partition Education Group Partnership to create an intergenerational project. Young British South Asians will learn about Partition through discussion with older, migrant or first-generation-born South Asians.

They will then produce short films to be shown in schools and community venues, to explore Partition and its impact on our understanding of British history.

# Our events

The full programme is available to view at  
[www.sangamfestival.co.uk](http://www.sangamfestival.co.uk)

Most of our events are free, but some require booking. Visit our website for full details.



## Children's eco-craft workshops

- ▣ Various dates | 11am-3pm
- MakerWorld | Piazza | Huddersfield



The Children's Art School present a series of craft workshops with an environmental theme, culminating in the creation of a fantastic installation on the Piazza.



## Craft workshops - get creative

- ▣ Various dates and times
- Festival Hub | Tolson Museum & Bagshaw Museum

Silk card painting, batik wall hangings, sun catchers and silk scarves – get creative with our free craft workshops, inspired by South Asian designs and run by Louise Grassby.



## WORKSHOP: Asian Anime Drawing, Comic Con

- ▣ Saturday 23 July | 2pm-3.30pm
- Huddersfield Library

Join Hardeep Sahota and Zara Hussain for an exciting drawing workshop taking inspiration from South Asian superheroes/heroines and anime characters.



## Inclusive Sensory Station Session

- ▣ Saturday 23 July | 2pm-4pm
- Festival Hub

A free afternoon of activities specially designed for children and young adults with additional needs, physical and mental disabilities (self-soothing calming areas available). Led by dance and drama teacher and SEN specialist Salma Zaman.



### Norman Park Family Day

- 📅 Saturday 13 August | 1pm-3pm
- 📍 Norman Park

An afternoon of free family activities in Birkby, Huddersfield. From music and dance to children's entertainers, stalls and workshops.



### Family Day - Meet Elmer

- 📅 Saturday 16 July
- 📍 Festival Hub | Piazza

Join us for our official Hub opening, meet Elmer the patchwork elephant and find out all about Indian elephants, their habits and habitats.



### Heritage Storytelling Walks

- 📅 Various dates | 1pm-3pm
- 📍 Kirklees Parks

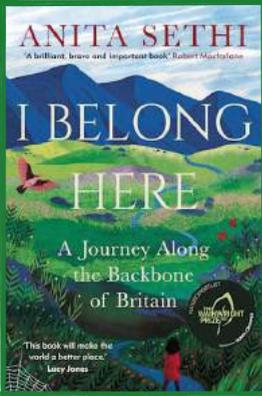
Join Balbir Singh Dance Company for a series of free Storytelling Walks in Kirklees parks, focusing on South Asian stories and heritage.



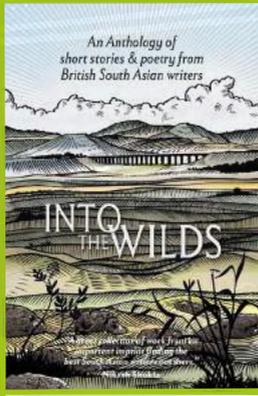
### Qawal Party

- 📅 Various dates
- 📍 Batley and Huddersfield

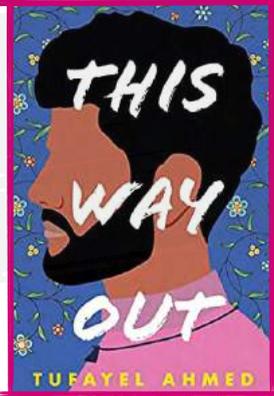
Don't miss these moving performances of classical Qawalli music and song, in a style dating back to the 13th century and inspired by Sufi traditions.



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author talks



Sharena Lee Satti presents poetry workshops and Open Mic Nights - in person and online

We are:  
**Kirklees  
Libraries.**

From family storytelling sessions and illustrating graphic novels, to calligraphy workshops, travel writing and discussions on empowering South Asian women, Kirklees Libraries are planning a fabulous array of South Asian Heritage Month activities. Find out more on our What's On calendar or visit

<http://www.kirkleeslibraries.co.uk>



## Bhangra Demonstration with Hardeep Sahota

- 31 July
- Bagshaw Museum



A major music act will headline Sangam Festival this summer - follow us on social media to find out more and secure tickets for this exciting event.

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### Our Schools Projects

Working closely with schools across Kirklees, we will be raising awareness of South Asian Heritage Month in the run up to Sangam Festival.

This will include sending artists and cultural practitioners into schools, offering assemblies and providing resources designed to help individual educational establishments engage with students and encourage participation in the Festival over the summer.

Any schools wishing to take part should contact our Schools Co-ordinator Louise Grassby on: email [info@louiseartworkshops.co.uk](mailto:info@louiseartworkshops.co.uk)

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-  01484 549947



## Come and say hello!

Find us at the Sangam Festival Hub Piazza, Princess Alexandra Walk, HD1 2RS (from 16 July, opening times vary). Our Hub is a welcoming information point and event space for the Festival. Located on the Piazza, in between Toyland and MakerWorld, our Hub is part of the Temporary Contemporary initiative, a catalyst for culture in the town.

-  @sangamfestival
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- #SangamFestival

## South Asian Heritage Month (SAHM)

Sangam Festival takes place during South Asian Heritage Month (SAHM), 18 July – 17 August. SAHM “seeks to raise the profile of British South Asian heritage and history in the UK through education, arts, culture and commemoration, with the goal of helping people to better understand the diversity of present-day Britain and improve social cohesion across the country”.

Please note: while we aim to present events as detailed in this brochure and on our website, the Festival reserves the right to make changes to the programme when necessary. For the latest updates, sign up to our mailing list, follow us on social media, check on our website or call us on **01484 549947**.



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