**Draw Durham is coming!**

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**JPEG images are available**

This Bank Holiday weekend Draw Durham will be inspiring creativity across Durham City with a range of fun artist-led drawing activities on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th August 2017.

Draw Durham is a Live InDurham initiative developed by Durham BID and Durham University, and supported by Durham County Council. The event is part of a North-East led programme exploring the role drawing plays in our lives through in art, architecture, design, illustration, education, science and engineering.

Visitors will have the chance to pick up an artist-designed map and follow a trail of ‘Drawing Stations’ around Durham City. Each Drawing Station will feature a different activity hosted by an artist, encouraging visitors to enjoy and experiment with drawing. Drawing Stations will be located at venues including Durham Market Place, Palace Green, Prince Bishops Shopping Centre, the Oriental Museum, and more. A photography exhibition in The Caravan Gallery will be located in Millennium Square. The internationally renowned gallery in a yellow caravan, will inspire visitors to see the world in a whole new light!

Going beyond pencils and paper,Draw Durhamwill take a sideways look at what drawing can be, and how we use it.

Alix Collingwood-Swinburn, Curator of Western Art at Durham University, and project leader said “Drawing is something we all do, from doodling to draughtsmanship, and we’ve put together an event we hope people of all ages will enjoy. Our artists were selected through an open call, and we were impressed with their innovative ideas. We hope Draw Durham will get visitors thinking about the possibilities of drawing, as well as having a fun, creative day in the city.”

Adam Deathe, Business Engagement Manager at Durham BID, said:

“The region is home to some amazing artistic talent, whether that’s music, street performance or indeed art, and Live InDurham is all about showcasing this to people living locally.

“It’s about encouraging them to come into the City, spend time in the many shops and other businesses we have here while being entertained. And what better way to be part of the action and explore your creative side than with the stunning back drop of the Cathedral, Castle and Mediaeval cobbled streets as your source of inspiration!”

Draw Durham is a free, family-friendly event. Visitors can pick up their free map from our event hub at the Gala in Millennium Place, or from one of our Draw Durham Stewards, who will be around the city and on hand to help.

For more information see: www.durhambid.co.uk/events/draw-durham-0

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**MORE INFORMATION**

For more information on Draw Durham please contact Alix Collingwood-Swinburn on 0191 334 5691 or email artcollection@durham.ac.uk

**PHOTOGRAPH AVAILABLE**

JPEG images of children taking drawing activities at Durham Oriental Museum are available from Alix Collingwood-Swinburn on 0191 334 5691 or email artcollection@durham.ac.uk

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