

# #durham19

An unmissable year of festivals, events and openings



## Events Guide

January – April 2019

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# Events Guide

## January – April 2019

### January

#### Breaking Ground – Women of the Northern Coalfields

An enthralling exhibition that focuses on women of the 19th Century and their untold role in the coal industry and mining communities.

**When:** now until 24 March

**Where:** The Mining Art Gallery, Bishop Auckland

#### Zog Activity Trail

Head out on an exciting forest journey with Zog and his friends as you follow the trail markers through the woods to find familiar characters from the story, collect stars and complete interesting challenges.

**When:** every day throughout 2019

**Where:** Hamsterley Forest

#### Catch Your Breath

Breathing isn't just a bodily function. It allows us to speak, laugh and sing. It connects us to the outside world. Discover new ways of thinking about breath at this fascinating exhibition.

**When:** now until 17 March

**Where:** Palace Green Library, Durham City

#### Discovery Club

Wild times for young adventurers, nature based activities for ages 4 to 11.

**When:** Last Saturday of every month from 26 January

**Where:** Bowlees Visitor Centre, Barnard Castle

#### Durham Vocal Festival

The third annual festival returns to celebrate all things music and song, promising world-famous artists and performers.

**When:** 26 January – 9 February

**Where:** Various venues across Durham City



#### SOLD! The Great British Antiques Story

An in-depth look at the history of antique dealers, their eye for objects, their shops and practices.

**When:** 26 January – 5 May

**Where:** The Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle

### February

#### Barnard Castle Farmers Market

Enjoy delicious food and fresh local produce at one of the North's longest running farmers markets, on the first Saturday of every month.

**When:** 2 February

**Where:** Barnard Castle Market Place



## Fairy Tale Adventures

Themed fairy tale adventure with treasure trail, games, stories and more.

**When:** 17 – 18 February

**Where:** Crook Hall and Gardens, Durham City

## Half Term at Hall Hill Farm

Feed, see and stroke the animals, enjoy outdoor play, arts and crafts and farm yard rides.

**When:** 16 – 24 February

**Where:** Hall Hill Farm, Lanchester



## Fire and Ice InDurham

Ice sculptures and flaming beacons will bring your favourite heroes and villains to life, alongside live demonstrations, interactive sculptures and a spectacular grand finale.

**When:** 22 – 23 February

**Where:** Durham City

# March

## British Science Week

A celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths all ages can enjoy.

**When:** 8 – 17 March

**Where:** Locomotion, Shildon

## Farmers and Producers Market

Sample regional produce, handmade crafts, gifts and much more on the third Thursday of every month.

**When:** 21 March

**Where:** Market Place, Durham City

## St Cuthbert's Day Festival

Durham Cathedral is the shrine of St Cuthbert, and the festival of this favourite saint of the North is celebrated with a day of events and special activities.

**When:** 23 March

**Where:** Durham Cathedral, Durham City



## Pulse

Presented by TIN Arts, a celebration of children and young people's dance from across the North East.

**When:** 24 March

**Where:** Gala Theatre, Durham City



## April

### Black is the Colour of my Voice

Inspired by the life of Nina Simone 'Black is the Colour of my Voice' reflects on her journey from young prodigy to renowned jazz vocalist, at the forefront of the civil rights movement. Starring Apphia Campbell.

**When:** 4 April

**Where:** The Witham, Barnard Castle

### Great North Steam Fair

See an array of steam and motor transport, from locomotives to cars and motorbikes, in action across Beamish Museum.

**When:** 11 – 14 April

**Where:** Beamish Museum

### Bishop Auckland Food Festival

The region's biggest food festival returns to Durham with top chefs, fabulous traders and producers, live cookery theatre and tasty demonstrations to get the taste buds tingling.



**When:** 13 – 14 April

**Where:** Bishop Auckland Market Place

### Easter Hunt and Crafts

Visit Raby Castle and Gardens for three days of Easter family fun – treasure trail, crafts, face painting and more! Or join Raby's friendly footman for a special interactive children's tour of the castle.

**When:** 19 – 23 April

**Where:** Raby Castle, Barnard Castle

### Durham Adventure Festival

A three-day festival celebrating adventure and wilderness through film screenings, talks and interactive sessions.

**When:** 26 – 28 April

**Where:** Gala Theatre, Durham City

To find out about these events and more,  
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# Looking ahead...

An eventful spring will be followed by a sizzling summer of sport, music, food and family fun.

**Festival of Steam:** experience the awe-inspiring power of steam at Locomotion's celebration of magnificent engines.  
4 – 6 May

**Seaham Food Festival:** the first seaside food festival will bring a host of culinary delights to Durham's heritage coast.  
8 – 9 June

**Durham Regatta:** a spectacular weekend of racing and riverside entertainment at the 186th Durham Regatta.  
8 – 9 June

**ICC Cricket World Cup:** The Riverside ground will play host to three Cricket World Cup matches, including England's final group game against New Zealand.

28 June: Sri Lanka vs South Africa

1 July: Sri Lanka vs West Indies

3 July: England vs New Zealand

**Kynren – An Epic Tale of England:** time travel through 2000 years of history at the UK's 'must see' spectacular outdoor live action show.  
29 June – 14 September

**Durham Brass Festival:** a county-wide celebration of brass music making, with brilliant bands and musicians.  
12 – 21 July

**135th Durham Miners' Gala:** join the traditional mining heritage celebrations at this annual Durham City event.  
13 July



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