

# Preston Event Programme 2024

From festivals to celebrations,  
there's something for everyone to enjoy!



## **4 & 5 May // Flag Market**

# **The Preston Bank Holiday Weekender**

The Preston Weekender is a huge outdoor party featuring a Ministry of Sound Takeover show and performances from Graeme Park, Freemasons, Julie McKnight, JX, Livin' Joy, 2 Funky 2, and regional bands.

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## **20 May – 7 June // Various locations in Preston**

# **Preston Jazz and Improvisational Festival**

Preston Jazz and Improvisation Festival offers a range of events and activities including concerts with top global talent, and some of the region's finest music makers. There's something for everyone including participatory workshops and performance opportunities for music makers of all levels.

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## **25 & 26 May // Moor Park & Parade**

# **Caribbean Carnival - 50th Anniversary**

Preston's annual Caribbean Carnival celebrates the flamboyant and creative Caribbean culture within the city. The Carnival features a procession where people of all ages and communities join together, bringing the city to life with an array of colours, fantastic costumes, live music and dancing.

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## **1 June // Winckley Square**

# **Young Jazz in the Square**

Step into the vibrant atmosphere as talented young jazz musicians showcase their exceptional skills. Hear their passion, energy, and talent as they take to the stage. It's an afternoon of young jazz brilliance that you won't want to miss!

## **6 June // Flag Market**

# **D-Day 80 - Beacon Lighting Event**

Join us for a poignant D-Day 80th anniversary civic event, centred around a symbolic beacon lighting ceremony with a tribute from cadets and veterans.

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## **8 June // Flag Market**

# **D-Day 80th Anniversary Celebration**

Join us for an unforgettable D-Day 80th anniversary in Preston, where history comes to life through a range of events and performances. Including a parade, dance performances from Preston College, military vehicles, a historical exhibition and creative workshops.

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## **8 June // Moor Park**

# **Race for Life**

Race for Life is a series of runs taking place around the country that give people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities the chance to come together and help beat cancer. They're strictly non-competitive, and you can take it at your own pace.

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## **16, 20 & 25 June // Flag Market**

# **Euro 2024 Fanzone**

The countdown to the Euros has begun as the Three Lions prepare to kick off in Germany this summer. Preston is set to become a football festival in June. Tickets for the event are available now at [PrestonFanZone.com](https://www.PrestonFanZone.com), additional tickets will be available for knockout games.

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## **23 June // Avenham & Miller Park**

# **Windrush 76 Festival**

Join us as we commemorate the extraordinary contributions and cultural heritage of the Windrush generation. Immerse yourself in a day filled with music, dance, art and inspiring stories.

**29 – 30 June // Moor Park**

## **Rockprest**

Rockprest is back at Moor Park with a line-up featuring some of the UK's top rock and indie tribute acts, food and beer stalls, and funfair attractions. It's a guaranteed rockin' event for both festival revellers and families.

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**6 July // Moor Park**

## **Preston City Mela**

The Preston City Mela is a vibrant celebration of South Asian arts, culture, tradition, and heritage. Bursting with performances music, dancing, stalls, food and workshops.

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**6 July – 4 August // Ribbleton**

## **The MET**

The Mobile Event Tent will make a triumphant return in 2024. Expect performances, workshops, community get-togethers, and much more. More information will be released on the Visit Preston website.

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**17 August // Flag Market**

## **Preston City Wrestling**

PCW is coming back to Preston Flag Market with a spectacular show that you don't want to miss. Dive headfirst into this free event and get involved in the singing and cheering.

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**6 – 15 September // Various locations in Preston**

## **Heritage Open Days**

Explore Preston's historic buildings and places with the FREE annual national festival.

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**21 – 22 September // Various locations in Preston**

## **Encounter Festival**

Discover a creative extravaganza at Encounter Festival, including top-notch performances, vibrant installations, and exciting activities. Celebrating the arts, culture, and heritage of Preston.

**28 September // Flag Market**

## **Preston Pride**

Everyone is welcome as the city celebrates Preston's LGBTQ+ communities with live music, guest appearances, and a variety of information stands and stalls.

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**10 November // Flag Market**

## **Remembrance Sunday**

Show your respect and remember the service and sacrifice of those who have defended our freedoms. There will be a short service followed by an opportunity for the public to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph.

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**11 November // Flag Market**

## **Armistice Day**

Take time to remember on Monday, 11 November. There will be a two minute silence at 11am - on the eleventh day of the eleventh month at Preston Cenotaph.

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**23 November // Flag Market**

## **Christmas Light Switch On**

Join the city and a host of famous faces as we light up Preston for Christmas. There'll be performances for all the family, and some very special guests.

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**7 & 8 December // Avenham and Miller Park**

## **Fire Garden**

Walk the Plank's hugely popular fire and light show returns to Preston this winter. Whether you're wandering through the Fire Garden or standing in awe, you'll always be close enough to feel the heat.

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