

Lincolnshire Heritage Open Days 2021

September 10th-19th Ideas and Information for the Theme

What is the theme? : Our theme for 2021 is the exploring the many voices of Lincolnshire.

Remember that you don't have to meet the theme to take part in the festival, however to maintain a healthy level of audience interest, we like to see organisers doing something different every year, and the theme can help with this.

What will the title be? : **“Voices of Lincolnshire – Stories Unheard”**

What can I centre the event around? : The theme focusses on the idea of celebrating the many voices of the county that have contributed to its heritage and culture. We'd particularly like organisers to consider the 'unheard voices' that don't usually get a lot of attention. Stories from women, children, the working class and agricultural workers, minority groups and even animals that have somehow contributed to the history of Lincolnshire would be ideal.

Do you have any suggestions? :

- Highlighting your site's connection to local stories and perspectives that aren't often heard.
- An exhibition told from the viewpoint of one person or a group of people who deserve to have their stories told.
- Collaborative partnerships with minority groups in your area to tell their stories.
- Storytelling or performances which use many different perspectives to highlight cultural heritage.
- Walks or trails exploring poetry about the countryside, especially Lincolnshire's beautiful landscapes.
- A celebration event in tribute to a well-known Lincolnshire voice such as Joseph Banks or Isaac Newton.

And much, much more. These suggestions are just the tip of the iceberg so if you have other ideas, we'd love to hear it. Just get in touch with our Heritage Open Days Team and we'd be happy to chat them through with you.

Are you targeting any particular audiences this year? : Our aim is to get as many people involved in heritage as we can, so we don't have a specific audience we target. We would still like to grow some less developed segments though:

- **Families and children:** They are the key to insuring the future of our fantastic sites, so it would be lovely to see more events with family friendly activities included in the programme, if the sites are suitable for it.
- **Visitors with disabilities:** The festival is all about making heritage accessible for as many people as possible, so if you have a disability-friendly site, or can offer alternative options for those who are living with an impairment or with complex needs then please think about how you could include this in your event. Even something as small as providing copies of information sheets in large print can make a huge difference to someone with a visual impairment or providing pictures of the upstairs floors to visitors unable to access the upper floors of your site.

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