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EVENT**

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**Rotherham**

Winter  
Light  
Festival

24th - 26th January 2025  
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Rotherham Town Centre



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## About the artists behind the projections

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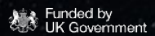
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**imitating the dog** makes ground-breaking work for theatres and other spaces. For 25 years, their work has been seen across the world, at venues, and also at outdoor festivals and events, seen by hundreds of thousands of people. Recent projection works include *Arrivals and Departures* (City of Culture, Hull) and *Follow Me Into* (Bartholomew Fair, London).

## Children's Capital of Culture 2025

2025 is the year Rotherham, South Yorkshire, becomes the world's first Children's Capital of Culture, with the children and young people of Rotherham bringing fun, energy and unique events to the borough, for everyone to enjoy, all year round.

Come and join us! To find out more, visit [www.childrenscapitalofculture.co.uk](http://www.childrenscapitalofculture.co.uk)



## Drop-in workshops

Take part in free creative workshops at Forge Island, Rotherham Minster and Grimm & Co.

**Become a lamplighter!** - Create and illuminate a lantern with **Sara Blackburn**, to be added to the Wild Lights display brightening the festival.

**Connector scientists** - Learn the science behind electricity with **Amazelab**, light up a village scene and take a card of your creation home!

**Wild features** - Use natural materials to create your own mask with **Evelyn Albrow**, referencing Rotherham's history and local wildlife.

**Written in the stars** - Work with **Grimm & Co** staff to write your very own wishes and create your own guiding stars, using crafting materials to take with you as you explore the *Otherham* Winter Light Festival!

**Watery wonders** - Join artist **Chris Teal** to create your own artwork using Brusho Watercolour.

**Hot Chocolate and marshmallow clouds?** - Have you ever wondered what would happen if you combined the weather and food? Meet **Love Azaria** to find out and create your very own weather menu and get ordering!



## Imagining Otherham: Stories and films by Rotherham's young people

### Storytelling at Grimm & Co

**Grimm & Co**, in partnership with **imitating the dog**, ran a 6-week writing programme for young people aged 12-16. Participants reimagined Rotherham as an otherworldly place, with their stories inspiring the projection designs.



### Young filmmakers

To celebrate Rotherham's young filmmaking talent, we partnered with **Children's Capital of Culture**, **imitating the dog**, and **Studio Bokehgo**. Together, we worked with schools and young creators to produce original, imaginative short films, showcased in the 'Cinema of Future Films' (High Street) across all three nights.

### Otherham song

A new song written by young people at **Grimm & Co** and recorded by **Rotherham Youth Choir** will be featured as part of the event.



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# Welcome to Otherham

## 5 Main Sites



**1** 'The Ministry for Weather and Good Will'  
Projection 1  
Rotherham Minster



**2** 'The Bright Ideas Mining Company'  
Projection 2  
Rise House



**3** 'Otherham Chronicle'  
Projection 3  
Holy Ghost Tattoo



**4** 'Cinema of Future Films'  
Projection 4  
32 High Street



**5** 'Centre for Coming and Going'  
Projection 5  
The Town Hall

## Plan Your Visit

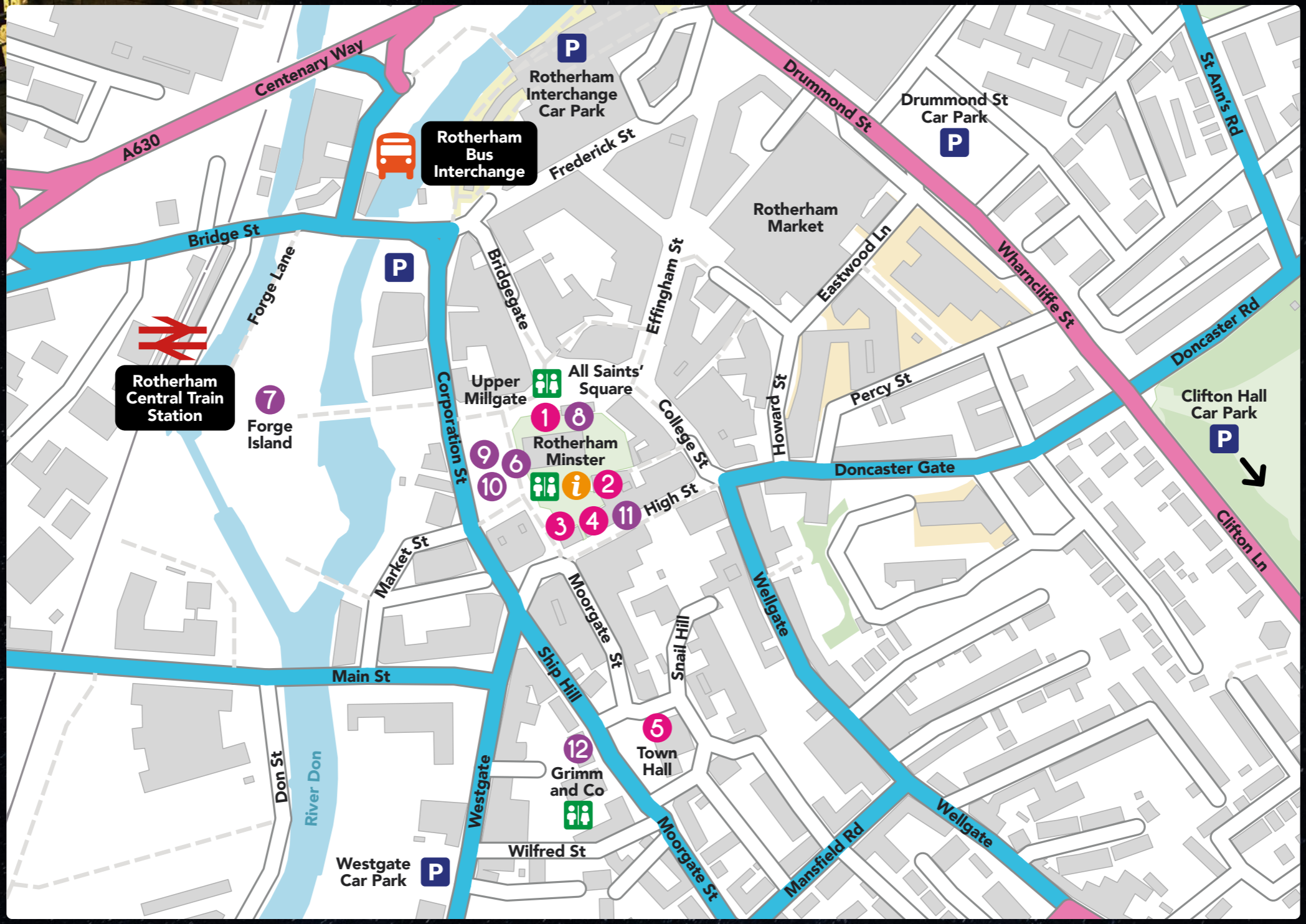
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- Drummond Street, S65 1EZ
  - Westgate Car Park, S60 1BJ
  - Clifton Hall Car Park, S60 1ED
  - Rotherham Interchange Car Park, S60 1QB

- Toilets, Disabled Toilets and Baby Change**
- **Portaloos - Upper Millgate** (Just off Corporation Street): Toilets, Disabled Toilets
  - **Grimm and Co:** Toilets, Disabled Toilets, Changing Places Toilet, Baby Change
  - **Rotherham Minster:** Toilets, Disabled Toilets, Baby Change

**Rotherham Bus Interchange**  
Frederick Street, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S60 1QB

**Rotherham Central Train Station**  
Central Road, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S60 1QH

**Festival Info Point**  
Outside Rotherham Minster



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**12 Workshops**  
**Grimm & Co**  
Join the fantastic workshops at Grimm & Co.

**11 Neon Ladies (Friday and Saturday only)**  
**High Street**  
Wear your finest neon outfits and face paint and look out for the Neon Ladies who will reward outlandish outfits with free neon accessories!

**Join in the fun!**

**6 Ghost Caribou by Thingumajig Theatre**  
**Church Street**  
With music, song and shadow puppets, Thingumajig Theatre tell stories of lost homes, impossible migrations and seeds of hope before continuing the journey into their hauntingly beautiful dream-world of the night.

**7 LED Circus Workshops with Yorkshire Circus**  
**Forge Island**  
Join professional circus performers to spin, catch and play in this fun, interactive drop-in session on Forge Island.

**8 Workshops**  
**Rotherham Minster**  
Join the fantastic workshops at Rotherham Minster.

**9 Light Painting Booth with Tim Simpson**  
**Minster Gardens (Near the Steel Heart)**  
Tim Simpson will be bringing his Light Painting Photo Booth for a free family fun take-away activity.

**10 Wild Light Lanterns with RSPB Old Moor**  
**Minster Gardens**  
Minster Gardens will be beautifully lit with wildlife sculptures, puppets, and lanterns made in community and schools' workshops.

## Volunteering

Volunteer with us and help bring the *Otherham* Winter Light Festival to life! Whether helping behind the scenes or welcoming guests, your support will make this event unforgettable. Email us at [hello@fluxrotherham.org.uk](mailto:hello@fluxrotherham.org.uk) to get involved.

## Access and food

*Otherham* takes place in Rotherham Town Centre, both indoors and outdoors. There is level or ramped access across the outdoor parts of the site, but some indoor venues have stepped access. Some of the indoor buildings are old and have some limitations. For any information about access at the festival, including parking, toilets, programming, etc, please visit the **Flux Rotherham** website or speak to a member of staff at the event.

Local cafes and bars will be staying open over the festival days. Find a full list of the businesses on our website.


## Have your say


Let us know what you thought of the festival for the chance to win a **£100 voucher!**



## Follow us

Stay in touch with **Flux Rotherham** over the festival for the latest news and updates. Share your photos and experiences by using the hashtag **#Otherham**.

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