



PROJECT PACK

FIND YOUR CENTRE



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FIND YOUR CENTRE

We're asking you to "find your centre" by showing us the city centre or your local centre through your eyes. We want to know what's great about your centre, what could be improved, and your hopes for the future of it.



Some questions to help you with ideas:

- What "counts" as the city centre for you? What "counts" as your local centre?
- What attracts you to the city centre or your local centre? What would make the city centre and local centres better for you?
- What do you see as your space? What spaces are there for young people?
- What other spaces would you and other young people want or need in your centre?
- What barriers are there to your centre?
- What do you want and need from travelling? (for example: safer travel? Easier walking and cycling?)
- What could make your centre safer?
- What could make your centre more fun?



WHO CAN TAKE PART?



Any young person **aged 11 – 18** who lives in Leeds.

WHAT CAN I WIN?



A shortlist of winning entrants will be selected by Leeds City Council and invited to **an exclusive youth voice event**.

This is where you'll be able to express your views on the future of Leeds' local and city centres. Members of Leeds City Council will be there to listen to what you have to say and include your ideas in their strategy for the future of Leeds.

HOW DO I ENTER?



Submit your entries to findyourcentre@aheadpartnership.org.uk by **September 17th 2021**.

All entries will be considered closely by Leeds City Council.

Please complete the entry form (the final page of this booklet) and submit this with your entry. **Under 16s will need to a parent or guardian to sign their form.**

WHERE DO I FIND MY CENTRE?



Finding your centre is all about exploring the “centre” of your community, what it means to you and others, and how you’d like to see it grow in future.

You could focus on Leeds City Centre, or use our A – Z directory for inspo:

Alwoodley King Lane	Halton	Local Centre
Armley	Harehills Corner	Moor Allerton
Beeston Hill Local Centre	Harehills Lane	Moortown Corner
Beeston Local Centre	Hawksworth Estate Local Centre	Morley
Boston Spa	Headingley	Oakwood
Bramhope	Holbeck Local Centre	Otley
Bramley	Hollins Park (Easterley Road) Local Centre	Pudsey
Burley Lodge (Woodsley Road) Local Centre	Holt Park	Rawdon, Leeds Road
Butcher Hill Local Centre	Horsforth New Road Side	Richmond Hill
Chapel Allerton	Horsforth Station Road	Rothwell
Chapeltown (Pudsey) Local Centre	Horsforth, Town Street	Royal Parks Local Centre
Chapeltown Road Local Centre	Hunslet	Seacroft
Collingham Local Centre	Hyde Park Corner	Slaid Hill Local Centre
Cross Gates	Kippax	Stanningley Botton Local Centre
Dewsbury Road	Kirkstall	Street Lane Local Centre
Drighlington Local Centre	Kirkstall Road Local Centre	Tommy Wass (Dewsbury Road) Local Centre
East Ardsley Local Centre	Lincoln Green Local Centre	Weetwood (Far Headingley) Local Centre
Farsley	Lower Wortley (Granny Lane) Local Centre	Wetherby
Garforth	Meanwood	Yeadon
Guiseley Oxford Road/Town Gate Town Centre	Middleton Park Circus Local Centre	
Guiseley, Otley Road	Middleton Ring Road	
	Montreal (Harrogate Road)	



WHY TAKE PART?



Covid-19 changed everything, including how we travel, study and shop. Lots of us now rely on technology and are less likely to visit places in person. Our centres are being impacted by a reduction in office workers and shoppers; Leeds City Centre has seen a 66% reduction in visitors, and our local centres will also be affected by the shift to online shopping. Though many are also benefiting from an increased desire to support smaller local businesses.

This poses big questions for cities like ours. We want to understand how places across Leeds are changing, and put you at the centre of the conversation about what's next.

This project is part of a big conversation we're starting, to explore the future of Leeds over the next 10 years. We've launched an online survey where members of the public and businesses can tell us what they think about the centres they use. But our centres are yours too, and we want you to help shape their future – making our centres great places to live, work and visit.

HOW DO I FIND MY CENTRE?



Your entry will be unique to you, so we're giving you an open invitation to respond creatively.

Here's a few examples of what that could involve:



Photos



Artwork



Podcast



Interviews



Videos



Music & Poetry

As long as your entry shows or tells us something about your centre, what it means to you, and your hopes for its future – count us in!

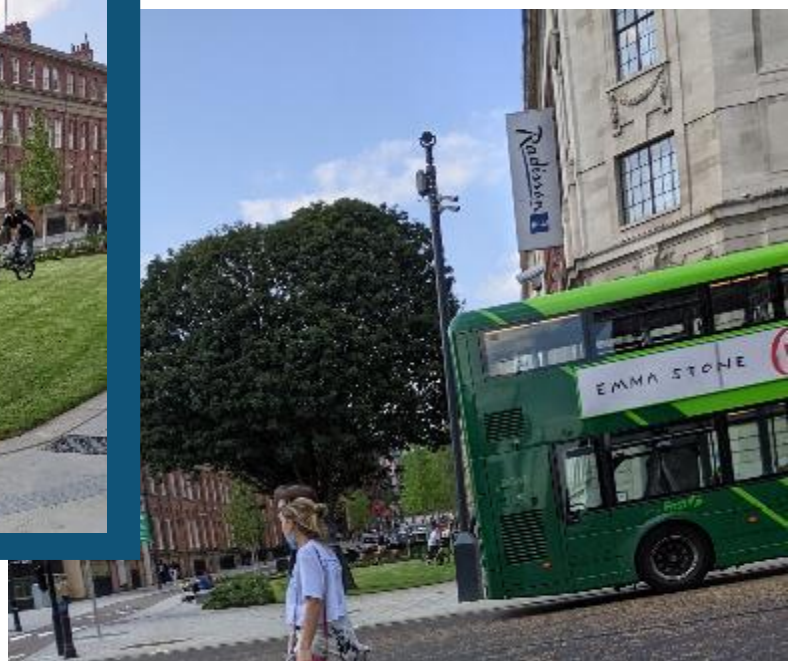
For more ideas, have a look at the next two pages, where we've been having a go at finding our centres.

ANNA, LEEDS CITY CENTRE



My centre is Leeds City Centre, and I wanted to focus on open, green spaces for people to enjoy the outdoors. Living and working in the city during the Covid-19 pandemic really showed me the importance of outdoor spaces that are calming and open.

When I first started visiting the city centre more than 8 years ago, I didn't see as much green as I wanted to and there was so much traffic. Now I'm seeing more spaces where people are the focus, not cars. To find my centre, I photographed a new one that's one of my favourites – more of this please!



LOLA, ARMLEY TOWN STREET




My centre is focused on Town Street. Armley was once a thriving mill town that boomed through the Industrial Revolution, with Town Street its commercial centre. Today it is suffering with issues of antisocial behaviour and littering.

One great thing about Town Street is that it has so many independent businesses owned by migrant families. I love that Armley is a welcoming place for people to start businesses, but I wish all of the units were full and that the streets were looked after. There are volunteers like Armley in Bloom that keep the planters full of flowers in the summer, but the pavements need more cleaning and enforcement so people don't drop litter.

One of the other things that makes Town Street special is that it has common land on it. This is called Armley Moor and it is a big open meadow for people to enjoy. It is owned by the people of Armley and one of the neighbours keeps her horse, Fudge, on there. He is very friendly and I think people enjoy seeing him in such a public place.

I decided to make a poll on Armley Good Stuff, a Facebook page where over 5,000 people in my community share positive stories and things they love about our community. They agreed with me that Town Street is the thing they want to see most improved. The top things they said they wanted were 1. a clean and safe Town Street and 2. Town Street to be full of small businesses.



 **Lola Wilson** created a poll in **Armley Good Stuff**.
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😊💕 WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES FOR ARMLEY TOWN CENTRE?

✓ **A clean and safe Town St**
Added by you ✕

 131 votes

✓ **A busy Town St full of small businesses**
Added by you ✕

 85 votes

TERMS OF ENTRY



Please read this section carefully. By completing the entry form on the next page and submitting your entry to findyourcentre@aheadpartnership.org.uk you agree to the terms laid out on this page.

How we store your data:

Your data (this includes any images, videos, artwork, or text you submit as part of your entry, as well as the information you provide through your entry form, and the email address you use to submit these items) will be stored according to our privacy policy, which you can find here

<https://www.aheadpartnership.org.uk/privacy-policy/student-privacy-policy/>

How we use your entry:

Leeds City Council will review all entries, and they will be used to inform decision making about the future of Leeds' centres. Your entry may also be featured in promotional material and shared between Leeds City Council and Ahead Partnership.

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Age: _____

Name of school or college: _____

Up to 150 words about your entry, to help us understand your centre:

PARENT/ GUARDIAN CONSENT

This section must be completed by the parent or guardian of anyone under 16. If this section is not completed, we can not keep your entry and you will need to re-submit with parent or guardian consent.

Name of Parent/ Guardian: _____

Parent/ Guardian email : _____

Signature: _____

Date of signature: _____

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