

About Us

Litfest aims to stimulate, promote and reflect the best in contemporary literature, illustration and ideas in the UK and beyond.

As one of the oldest literature festivals in the country, we have successfully created a wide variety of events for our audiences since 1978, always championing the local, the national and the international.

Currently a volunteer organisation, we now seek to build on this legacy to create the capacity to deliver projects and events all year round leading up to and away from the annual festival in March.



Mission

Litfest **strives** to encourage the enjoyment of and participation in **reading**, **writing**, **illustrating** and the **discussion** of ideas by placing them at the **heart** of Lancashire's **culture**.



Values

- Artistic excellence
 - Localism
- Internationalism
- Creative independence
 - Curiosity
 - Open-minded
 - Unafraid
 - Community
 - Collaboration
 - Partnership

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Goals

To encourage:

- a love of reading, writing and illustration
- a wider engagement with literature and ideas
- access to the best contemporary writing and ideas
- engagement with literature and ideas as a means of combating social isolation

And:

- to work in partnership with other organisations in order to meet our mutual aims
- to provide a platform for creative expression



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