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Hull Museums announces multi-million investment to expand the work of the Humber Museums Partnership

The Arts Council England (ACE), through its National Portfolio Programme, has awarded Hull Museums a mighty £3.3 million in order to support and broaden the work of the Humber Museums Partnership. The allocated funding will enable the three museum services of Hull, East Riding of Yorkshire, and North Lincolnshire to build on their working relationship while introducing more creative and cultural opportunities to the Humber region.

In total, ACE received 1,730 applications requesting just over £2 billion across the proposed three-year investment period, marking this investment opportunity the most popular to

date and Hull's success even more significant. In order to support the government's priorities for levelling up, ACE has committed to providing organisations that open up access to underserved communities outside of London with a boost. As such, a real impact is set to be made in the Hull and Humber area, with the allocated funding working to attract world-class art and talent.

Local audiences will be provided with free access to all manner of events and exhibitions, and students from primary school up to secondary school will be given the opportunity to build and broaden their own creative skills. Moreover, as Hull City Council News reports, "A

focus on developing local talent will provide artist residences and internships, keeping creative talent in the region". The monetary uplift additionally allows Hull Museums to welcome North East Lincolnshire Museums into the Humber Museums Partnership (HMP), expanding its overall reach.

Hull Culture and Leisure Lead, Councillor Rob Pritchard, commented: "This funding will help ensure we can continue to grow our cultural offer so that people who live here can be proud of our city, and more visitors come to see what Hull has to offer".



The Ivy Asia

The Ivy Asia opens its doors in Leeds' Victoria Quarter

The Ivy Asia – a glitzy chain best known for its fusion flavours and dazzling interiors – debuted in Leeds just last month (October) in the city's Victoria Quarter. Open seven days a week, the glamorous restaurant serves up exquisitely presented eats spanning refreshing salads, sushi and sashimi platters, flavour-oozing dumplings, crispy tempura, and fresh fish.

Alongside a la carte offerings, The Ivy Asia Leeds provides diners with specially curated set menus for four and six people at £58 and £68 per person, respectively. Each comprises sushi rolls, aromatic duck with pancakes, and a mighty dessert platter.

Whether you're out for lunch with friends, on a romantic dinner with that someone special, or celebrating a birthday, The Ivy Asia Leeds provides much more than just incredible plates of food. There's also a tempting menu of Asian-inspired cocktails as well as live DJ sets that run late into the night. Plus, private dining is on the cards in the stunning Buddha Room.

Sheffield's new flagship Radisson Blu hotel to debut in H2-2023

Set to breathe new life into the city centre as part of the multi-million-pound Heart of the City programme led by Sheffield City Council, Radisson Blu Sheffield will be opening its doors to visitors towards the end of 2023.

The £51 million project saw works begin last year when the footbridge over Burgess Street was removed, with construction steadily continuing ever since. Designed by HLM Architects, the hotel scheme incorporates a ground-floor retail and restaurant space, a luxury lifestyle hotel boasting 154 bedrooms, and a rooftop bar and restaurant overlooking the picturesque Peace Gardens.

Catering to both leisure and business travellers, the hotel is further committed to preserving Sheffield's Victorian heritage, which will mainly be achieved by the retention of Pinstone Street's historic facades and the incorporation of complementary materials and colours that reflect the period. Plus, the overall offering is set to position the community to thrive for years to come.



Doncaster Council awarded more than £140,000 for Tiny Forests projects

The Forestry Commission – whose mission is to increase the value of woodlands to society and the environment – has awarded more than £140,000 funding to Doncaster Council as part of the Local Authorities Treescape Fund. This will be used to deliver a number of Tiny Forests projects, which see fast-growing woodland planted in urban areas in need of more access to nature, across seven local primary school sites.



Working with the international environmental charity, Earthwatch, Doncaster Council will further use the opportunity to educate children on the effects of climate change and allow them to help "the plants, birds and insects threatened by our changing environment", as highlighted by Cabinet Member for Sustainability and Waste, Mark Houlbrook.

Every year, the tree planting season runs from October to March, when the ground is undisturbed by dormant trees. During this season, Doncaster Council is encouraging the entire community and its businesses to get involved.