



Castleford Roman Festival

Creative Commission 2026

Entertainment/Workshops

Background information

2026 will see the return of Castleford's Roman festival. The festival was originally devised in response to the Heritage Trust's national Heritage Weekend programme but was moved to be a standalone event in 2019. The Roman Festival aims to showcase the heritage of the town and encourage residents and the wider public to learn more about the historic Roman town. The festival will feature street entertainment, an archaeology dig site, a theatre show, guided tours and encampment stalls demonstrating Roman activities such as metal work, toys, games and more, as well as local partners hosting a range of Roman-themed activities.

Creative Commissions

We are seeking responses to a Roman-inspired Creative Commission to support the 2026 Roman Festival on **Saturday 30th May**. We are keen to involve artists, producers, makers, and creatives in the delivery of this event and want to showcase the creativity and ingenuity of the people of Wakefield and wider West Yorkshire creative sector.

We are looking for a proposal that includes all the workshop elements below.

Workshop

- A FREE inclusive activity to be delivered on site at the event
- The community will be invited to take part in the activities, with the opportunity to take home something that they have created where possible.
- The activity should deliver a fun, accessible and high-quality workshop that is able to be delivered to approximately 200-300. Due to these numbers being approximate, we require the facilitator to provide extra materials and a back-up activity such as colouring in sheets in case the event is considerably busy.
- The workshop sessions should help families understand Castleford's Roman heritage and offer a fun, accessible and high-quality workshop within the festival.

Fees

Up to £2000 inclusive of all materials for the activity required to produce and deliver the activity as well as staff hours and other expenses.

Please note that we may select more than one creative from applications to deliver the workshop, however, should none of the applications be suitable we hold the right to withdraw the commission.

Commissions will be selected based on the quality of the concept, cost and a clear understanding of the infrastructure required to successfully deliver the interventions.

How to apply

Please send an expression of interest with an outline of:

- Your ideas for this Creative Commission including a quote with full cost breakdown.
- Why you are interested in this opportunity.
- Details of your creative practice and relevant experience.
- Evidence you will be able to provide an activity specific risk assessment.
- Evidence of your Public Liability Insurance [Minimum £5 million]

Expressions of Interest should be no longer than two sides of A4. Please submit this to sbromwich@wakefield.gov.uk by **Friday 13th March 2026**

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Creative Commission Application

What are your ideas/proposal for the commission?

Why are you interested in this opportunity?

Please give us details of your company and any relevant experience working within the creative & performance industry.

Please confirm that you can provide us with an activity specific risk assessment, if possible, please attach an example to your application.

Proposed timings & breaks (If relevant)

Cost Breakdown & Final Quote

Ensure you also attach the following to your application email –

- Evidence of PLI 5 million minimum.
- Any images/drawings to support your application