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Leeds International Festival is back for its second year, with an unforgettable fortnight of events to excite, entertain and inspire.

The eclectic programme boasts an array of original performances, world firsts, premieres and debates with big names from across the worlds of music, technology, moving image and fashion, popping up in venues across the city.

[View the festival programme here](#)

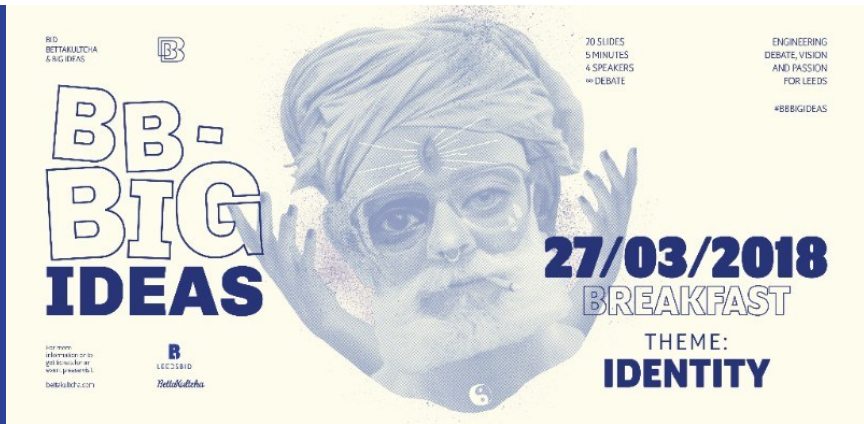


Leeds Indie Food festival returns for its 4th year with a 19-day celebration of Leeds' thriving independent food and drink scene from 10th – 28th May.

Funded by Leeds Business Improvement District (LeedsBID) and Leeds City Council, the annual food and drink festival is an important showcase of Leeds' ever-growing community of independent businesses.

The 2018 programme of events will be spread across three festival strands: Eat, Drink and Do, and the Festival Passport scheme returns with a new purpose; alongside priority access to events, discounts on tickets and special discounts at participating independent businesses, this year, Festival Passport holders will get access to free 'passport holder only' events.

[Leeds Indie Food Website](#)

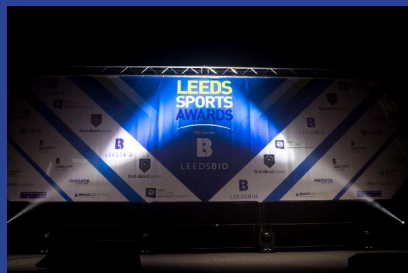


BBBIG IDEAS is more than an event, it's a community of change makers, of visionaries, of people who believe in the power and potential of extraordinary ideas.

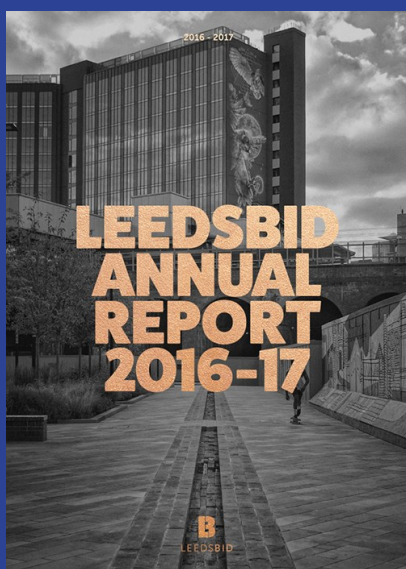
Events feature four speakers, each with five minutes to discuss their ideas on a significant contemporary subject. Presentations are lively, obscure and always interesting.

[Tickets are free and available to book here](#)

Due to poor weather conditions, the Leeds Sports Awards have been rearranged for Wednesday, 14th March.



[Sports Awards Website](#)



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Leeds Boost is a LeedsBID initiative available to all levy paying businesses, giving access to the most up-to-date training and insights to boost your digital knowledge, confidence and skills.

Get your business involved!



A new commercial waste and recycling collection service introduced by LeedsBID in partnership with Leeds-based Forge Recycling aims to help save businesses money while enhancing street aesthetics.

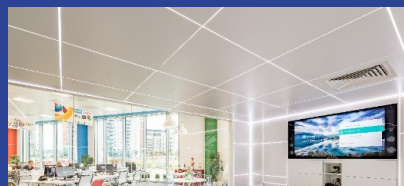
The new exclusive bespoke collection service available to city centre businesses which pay a BID levy (mandatory or voluntary) offers a total waste management package and excellent customer service with preferential rates, 7-day service, a wider range of waste recycling plus the opportunity to use the Confidential Shredding service. Typical savings are in the region of 10-20%.

When businesses sign up, they will receive a free waste audit to check how they could save money and will be able to receive a free collection of waste cardboard each week. The contract has been designed so that the more businesses who opt into the service, the more money they will all save.

Contact Forge Recycling direct on t: 0345 5050 905 or e: leedsbid@forgerecycling.co.uk to find out more.

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with presentations on both of these topics as well as an opportunity for smaller workshops.



Info & booking



Join Northern Ballet and aql to celebrate International Women's Day with an afternoon of networking and discussion at Northern Ballet's Quarry Hill studios.

More info

Leeds will again play host to the PopUp Business School, the UK's leading start-up training team for providing vital business, marketing and social media skills to people in local communities.



Tickets



The Guardian Business Made Simple events series, to guide you and your business, is coming to Leeds with an expert masterclass and keynote address from Kavita Oberoi OBE on Wednesday 21 March, 6-9pm.

Find out more





Working in partnership, **Leeds City Council** and **LeedsBID**, with support from **Land Securities**, are keen to capitalise and build on the significant retail and hospitality sectors that exist in the city by appointing a manager to lead the implementation of the **Centre of Retail and Hospitality Excellence (CORHE)** which has been an aspiration of partners over a number of years.

[See more about the position](#)

WHAT'S ON IN LEEDS?

[Click this text to view our in-depth local events calendar, showcasing a wide range of things to do in Leeds.](#)



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