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EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO KNOW:

- What: Open Doors Innovation Festival
- When: Tuesday 20 October 2026, 9:30am – 4:30pm
- Admission: Free, open to all
- Action: Download the official **Spine Guide app to unlock Open Doors**
- Tap to win: Tap stickers inside venues for a chance to win a £100 gift card

Much like a classic 'Open Studios' or 'Open Gardens' event, Open Doors invites people with curious minds to step inside seven landmark venues in the city centre.

Visitors will be guided along **Sheffield Innovation Spine** by an interactive app, meeting the space operators, the scientists, student entrepreneurs, technical experts, and founders, along the way.

We are one of seven venues in Sheffield's urban innovation district, opening its doors to curious people. Once inside, visitors will unlock exclusive stories, meet with Business Sheffield and their entrepreneurial community, and collect leader board points by using the helter-skelter. Digital points can be picked up at all seven venues, and with a £100 city centre gift card up for grabs, there is more than one reason to get involved in Open Doors this year. The full route is expected to take 2 hours, but could also be done more quickly for those of you popping out on your lunch break to take part.

WHAT WILL I SEE & DO?

Sheffield Hallam University (Strines Building): Step inside the 360-degree 'Igloo' immersive environment to experience place-inspired films, and tour the 144-camera photogrammetry suite used to create 3D models for gaming, fashion, and biomechanics.

Electric Works: Meet local tech entrepreneurs and business advisers—and experience the venue's famous three-storey helter-skelter slide.

Sheffield Technology Parks (Cooper Building): Try out live inventions in the tech incubator and explore labs housing early-stage startups.

Royal Academy of Engineering (UKSE Innovation Centre): Meet Dr Rachel Smith, Senior Enterprise Manager, to learn how national engineering networks support local innovators building global, green and growing businesses.

University of Sheffield (Ella Armitage & Engineering Heartspace): Explore the Emerge Startup Studio product showcase, step inside the Siemens Digital Innovation Zone "living lab," and help test next-generation products spinning out of the university.

Pennine Five: Tour deep-tech labs, get live product demos from scale-ups like Exciting Instruments and FourJaw, record a Vox Pop in the podcast studio, and take in panoramic city views from the top of Block One.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN SHEFFIELD BUSINESS RUNNERS

THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 7AM - 8AM

Sheffield Business Runners are hosting an early morning run through Sheffield city centre on 22 October and you are all invited! This all-running-ability 5km group run will start at 7am from Sheffield Technology Parks, Arundel Street, and end with complimentary refreshments sponsored by Business Sheffield at Sheffield Hallam University's Langsett Building Cafe, from 7.45am.

The social-paced morning run is open to **Northern Tech Summit** delegates and the local business community, and offers an active networking opportunity before the main Northern Tech Summit day two programme re-opens at the Crucible Theatre at 9am.

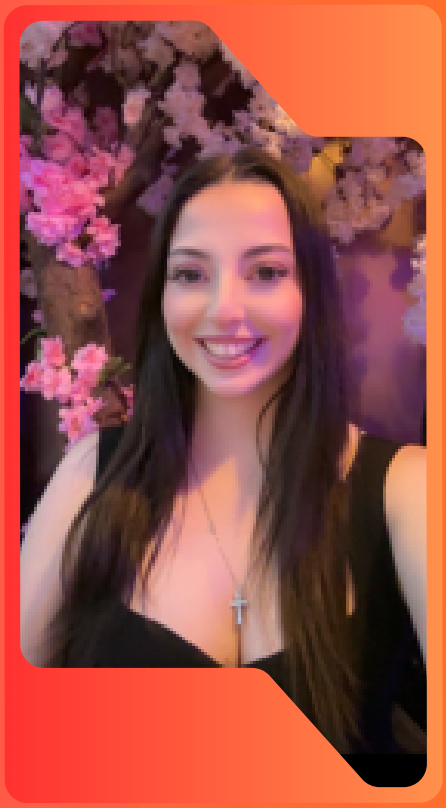
REGISTER YOUR INTEREST HERE

AN ELECTRIC BIRTHDAY

October is always an exciting month - autumn is in full swing, Halloween is just around the corner, and Christmas is getting closer. But most importantly, we're celebrating the birthdays of two absolute legends!

A very happy birthday to Georgia, celebrating on 6 October, and Amie, celebrating on 18 October. We hope you both have wonderful days filled with happiness, laughter, and plenty of well-deserved celebrations.

We're incredibly lucky to have you both as part of the team, and we hope the year ahead brings you lots of exciting opportunities and special memories. Please join us in wishing Georgia and Amie a very happy birthday when you see them next!



LOOKING TO OWN A PIECE OF PRIDE OF YORKSHIRE?

Following the successful Pride of Yorkshire Trail that ran over the summer, there are two auctions coming up this October and a chance to bid for your very own Lion.

Sunday 11 October, 2pm – late @ Hilton Garden Inn, Doncaster Racecourse
Sunday 18 October, 2pm – late @ Crucible Theatre, Sheffield

Money raised during the auctions will contribute towards a £20m transformation of the Emergency Department at Sheffield Children's .You can now register to bid on the Pride of Yorkshire website, where you'll also find the Auction Catalogues for both events.

OFF THE SHELF 2026 FESTIVAL OF WORDS

Sheffield's annual festival celebrating books, words and ideas! Off the Shelf is one of the largest literary festivals in the UK.

Every October the festival brings the biggest names in local, regional, and international literary talent, media and the arts to South Yorkshire.

The festival covers the whole literary spectrum, showcasing work across fiction and nonfiction, poetry, politics, journalism, music, history and science.
Now in its 35th year, the 2026 edition of the festival is set to take place 9 - 25 October, with another varied programme of hundreds of events, including talks, Q&As, readings, screenings and live performances for all ages.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Wondering what to do to celebrate Halloween this year? Look no further, below are different events been held in Sheffield this year for Halloween🕸

Halloween Bingo

Get ready for a wickedly funny night of laughs, games, and fabulous entertainment at our Halloween Comedy Drag Bingo!
30th October 2026

Halloween 80s Party

Come along for a spooktacular evening of dining and dancing at an 80s Halloween Ball, where ghoulish delights and nostalgic vibes await!
31st October 2026

Cook Stars Halloween Cheese Cake Cooking Activity @ Sheffield plate

Ready to level up your baking skills? Join Sheffield Plate for their Cook Stars Halloween activity and whip up some delicious, creamy cheesecakes in person.
27th October 2026

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WHAT'S ON IN SHEFFIELD?

Sip Festival

Sip Festival is a welcoming and inclusive festival celebrating and championing the coffee and hospitality scene in Sheffield. Showcasing the best this city has to offer alongside the biggest brands in the world and new innovation.

02nd Oct 2026 - 03 Oct 2026

The Saboteurs - A Game of Dinner and Deception

A game of dinner and deception where you must find those working against you before it's too late! This October, DoubleTree by Hilton Sheffield City invites you to an evening of strategy, suspicion and suspense.

03rd Oct 2026

No Bounds 2026

No Bounds Festival returns to Sheffield from 9 -11 October 2026 for its ninth edition, transforming the city with another forward-thinking weekend of music, art, technology and dance. Experience high-energy performances, immersive installations and boundary-pushing creativity across multiple unique venues.

09th Oct 2026 - 11th Oct 2026

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Dear Evan Hansen

Step into the spotlight for Dear Evan Hansen; the ground breaking, heart-stirring musical that has captivated audiences around the world. Follow Evan, a lonely teenager whose small lie becomes a soaring phenomenon, pulling him into a story bigger than he ever imagined.

20th Oct 2026 - 24 Oct 2026

Steel City Beer and Cider Festival 2026

Sheffield's original beer festival, celebrating its 50th year! Steel City Beer and Cider Festival is back at Kelham Island Museum 21 -24 October, with another massive selection of the best beer, cider and perry, plus live music and street food

21st Oct 2026 - 24th Oct 2026

All Rise For Halloween:A Spooky, Kooky Courtroom Musical

All Rise for Halloween: A Spooky Kooky Courtroom Musical is the must-see family-friendly comedy event of the season! This high-energy musical throws all your favourite spooky icons into the witness stand for a hilarious night in the Supreme Court of the Eternal Rest.

29th Oct 2026 - 31st Oct 2026

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