

Peel Park 'For the enjoyment and recreation of the Public without charge or restriction'

Peel Park is thought to be one of the world's first public parks, opening in 1846. The building that is now Salford Museum and Art Gallery was the world's first public lending library. The park was for the body and soul, the library was for the mind.

Joseph Brotherton, whose statue will be returning to Peel Park in Spring 2018, was Salford's first MP and instrumental in establishing the park. As a vegetarian he promoted healthy eating and time spent in the open air. He was described as someone who 'endured to be lowly while assisting others to climb' and wore a fresh flower every day as a symbol of his belief in the potential of his fellow man, the beauty of nature and the swift passing of life.

The first two Park Keepers drowned, one in the Irwell trying to rescue someone, the other in the canal. The third park keeper, Henry Moore, designed the flower gardens you can see today.

Peel Park today

Salford City Council successfully bid for the Heritage Lottery Fund and Big Lottery Fund Parks for People grant to help restore the park and provide a programme of activities.

There will be an event to celebrate the reopening of the park, organised by the Friends of Peel Park (supported by Salford City Council and Walk the Plank) in **Spring 2018**. If you're interested in keeping in touch with what's happening in the park please visit www.peelparksalford.info or contact rangers@salford.gov.uk. There is also a meeting of the Friends of Peel Park on **Sunday 19 November 2-4pm** in the Park Keeper's office.

Performers

Joseph Brotherton
Gav Cross

The Spirit of the park keepers
Nuala Dorrity

University of Salford
Contemporary Music Ensemble
Directed by Phil Brissenden

MAPAS street band with University of Salford
Led by Patrick Noone

Individual music students from the University of Salford
Co-ordinated by Tim France

Dance students from University of Salford
Tutor: Lisa Cullen

Visual Arts students from University of Salford
Tutors: David Hancock and Brendan Fletcher

Artists
Fi Smith and Jo Foley

Writer
Louise Wallwein

Fire Garden producers
Walk the Plank

Thanks to students from Pendleton College for help on site, and also Sonia Bird and Tracy Scott. Poem recording by students from the University of Salford.

Bunting groups - Inspiring Communities Together, Pendleton Library / Gateway, Dosti Friendship Group, St James Church, Social Adventures, Salford Older People's day, Kersal Festival, Start in Salford.

Lantern groups - Sayo / Sparky youth club, people who came to the Cobden Works Fun Palaces day, University of Salford, Energise Centre Be Creative group, Start in Salford, Pendleton College and CC Skills, St Sebastian's Community Centre.

Writing groups - Broughton Trust, Working Class Movement Library, Energise Centre Friendship Group, Salford Lads Club, Achieve Salford Recovery Services, Salford Open Learning.



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Peel Park Fire Garden Friday 13 October 6-8pm

To celebrate the renovation of Peel Park, Salford City Council in partnership with Walk the Plank have been working together with different Salford groups and organisations to deliver art, writing and lantern making workshops in preparation for this evening's event. Explore the flame-lined paths of the park and discover the unique characters that helped shape this famous park.



Event Map

Key

- 1 Fire Garden and people's poem**
Breathe in the smoke
Breathe in the flames
Listen to the way the trees breath
Breathe in your stories
Breathe in your memories
- 2 Information Point**
Food and drink vendors
- 3 The play area and University of Salford dance performance**
With a one
With a two
Up we swing and away we go
- 4 University of Salford music performance**
Music makes you find your voice
- 5 Joseph Brotherton's statue**
"My riches consist not so much
in the largeness of my means as
in the fewness of my wants"
- 6 Fire Garden gas powered system and University of Salford Contemporary Music Ensemble**
Breathe in the smoke
Breathe in the flames
Listen to the way the trees breath
Breathe in your stories
Breathe in the cold blue moon
Breathe in its cold smudged sky
- Feestons of light and University of Salford visual arts installation (look out for the original flood marker nearby)**
The sun always sets here
The crescent burns orange
- 8 Bunting to celebrate**
We want parties
We want to raise our hands
and set fire to our hearts
- 9 Toilets**
- 10 Roaming throughout the park: the spirit of the park keepers**
She wasn't supposed to
jump off the green bridge
But she did
The man with the blue
eyes hears the splash
- 11 Museum and Art Gallery café and toilets**

