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Leeds 2023 bid continues as six-year cultural programme announced featuring Yorkshire Sculpture International

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The four world-class art galleries which form the Yorkshire Sculpture Triangle will be a key part of the [Leeds 2023](#) celebrations, it has been announced.

Having recently secured the initial investment of £750,000 for a ground-breaking new project – Yorkshire Sculpture International – thanks to the Arts Council England’s ‘Ambition for Excellence’ programme, the Triangle is building on this firm financial base to attract new funding partnerships to deliver the UK-first event in 2019 and again four years later, as part of the Leeds 2023 celebrations.

Yorkshire Sculpture Triangle, which brings together the Henry Moore Institute, Leeds Art Gallery, The Hepworth Wakefield and Yorkshire Sculpture Park, will deliver Yorkshire Sculpture International (YSI) – its most ambitious, collaborative project to date – from June to September 2019 across Leeds and Wakefield. An exhibition of international artists staged across the four venues and public spaces, Yorkshire Sculpture International will include new outdoor commissions and an extensive events and community programme.

The Leeds and Wakefield-based organisations will now begin phase one of their planning to bring the project to reality with an engagement programme beginning in September 2018. Godfrey Worsdale, Director of the Henry Moore Foundation, said:

“Since the early twentieth century, Yorkshire has been associated with the development of sculpture. Over recent years, Leeds Art Gallery, Yorkshire Sculpture Park, the Henry Moore Institute and The Hepworth Wakefield have brought collective energy and expertise to the subject through exhibitions, commissions, collections, archiving, and academic research.

“The Yorkshire Sculpture Triangle is now regarded as an unrivalled British centre for sculpture and this new international sculpture project will enable our collaboration to take a major step forward and make an increasingly significant contribution to the UK. It was always our ambition for YSI to develop beyond 2019 so we are delighted that Leeds has the confidence to continue its commitment to deliver its cultural celebration into 2023 with YSI at its heart”.

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