

Lancaster Carnival of Culture

For a lively and vibrant city

From Centros Miller to the NorthernLink road, Lancaster has been subject to a barrage of proposed developments designed to benefit large companies, yet threaten to destroy the fabric and liveliness of our communities. We are tired of the lack of any say for the residents of the city as to the direction that the planners are taking us.

The Carnival of Culture is both a celebration of Lancaster's amazing melting pot of culture as well as an outspoken protest against inappropriate development. It's about giving Centros, the Council and any other developers a taste of the strength of our communities and of our opposition. It's also about making links and creating lots of exciting and fun events!

What's the Carnival of Culture doing?

We want to inspire everyone who is against the Centros proposals and similar corporate led development to join together in a colourful and loud **Day of Carnival on Saturday 1 March**. There will be a colourful procession around the city centre, street performances, a buskers' congregation, gigs and a party in the evening. All will be fun, safe, and inclusive. The date was chosen as it is shortly before a new planning application from Centros Miller is expected.

Several events will take place in the run-up to the 1 March, also under the Carnival of Culture banner: a photo competition, a street performance and benefit gigs. **More events and ideas welcome.**

We hope that the Carnival will create an ongoing platform that brings people together who share the love of our city, our communities and cultural life and who also oppose developments such as Centros Miller's that threaten to destroy just these things. So if you have ideas for future events get in touch.

Who's involved?

So far there are around 40 people involved in organising and preparing for the Carnival. They range from local musicians and artists, concerned residents, students, office workers and local shop owners. We are not associated with any political party. We have close links with It's Our City, who have been spearheading the campaign against the Centros Miller plans for the past two years.

What you can do:

- Write it in your diary: 1 March Carnival of Culture!
- Tell everyone about the Carnival. We can provide you with leaflets and posters.
- Help make the Carnival colourful and exciting: make banners and placards, costumes, props, masks, colourful things to bring.
- Get involved in street theatre and performance.
- Workshops: help organise or run workshops for adults and kids in the run-up: mask making, singing, costume making, dance and whatever else can think off.
- Put on a fundraising event
- Help us with publicity: making leaflets and posters, press
- Write poems, stories, straplines for poster and leaflets

Be part of it!

So, if you are concerned about what's happening in Lancaster and want to get involved – please get in touch! There is something to do for everyone! Remember, the Carnival is not just a one day event, but an ongoing project to see our city developed in the way the community wants.

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Come to our next meeting and bring your ideas.
Wed 9 January, 7.30pm, Meetings Room upstairs in the Gregson, Moor Lane.

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