

**York
June
2026**



SPACE


**Festival
York 2026**

**Free Events & Activities for
Teenage Girls in York Parks**

**13th & 14th June - Rowntree Park
20th & 21st June - Homestead Park**

**Try new things
Meet new people
Reclaim the space**

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MAKE SPACE FESTIVAL, YORK

JUNE 2026

Make Space Festival, York — June 2026

Welcome to the Make Space Festival.

Across two weekends in June, York's parks will come alive with a programme of free events and activities designed especially for teenage girls. The festival is all about creating space to try new things, meet new people, build confidence and have fun.

Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 June - Rowntree Park


Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 June - Homestead Park

The programme includes a wide mix of activities, from sports and movement sessions to arts, crafts, dance, photography, performing arts, nature connection, zine making, music, printing and more.

Events are primarily for girls aged 10 to 18, with some suitable for ages 8 and up. While many sessions are free and bookable, there will also be some drop in activities and stalls running throughout the day, so you can come along, spend time with friends and get involved at your own pace.

This is a festival in the loosest sense. It is not a big crowded event, it's more a collection of activities - it is a relaxed, welcoming space where you can hang out, explore and take part in whatever feels right for you. Bring a picnic or use one of the park cafes and stick around for a while.

Inside this programme you will find an overview of events along with detailed listings to help you plan your visit. Spaces are limited on sessions, so please only book onto events if you know you can attend. Your support with this is appreciated.

BOOKING:
<https://www.rowntreepark.org.uk/events/booking>
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Why do we need to make space for girls in parks?

The Make Space York project began in 2021 in Rowntree Park. It focuses on addressing a clear and consistent issue: girls use parks far less than boys as they enter their teenage years.

This matters. Parks play an important role in physical health, mental wellbeing and independence. They should feel welcoming to everyone, including teenage girls.

Many park spaces are not intentionally designed to exclude girls, but in practice they often do. Facilities aimed at teenagers tend to focus on sport and skill based activities such as skateparks, multi use games areas, basketball courts and bike tracks. While these spaces are open to everyone, research shows that around 90% of users are boys and men. Therefore facilities aren't gendered, patterns of use are.

We should address the barriers and encourage those who want to use the spaces to do so, but it's also about recognising that not all teenagers want the same things, and that girls' voices are often missing when parks are designed or improved.

For teenagers, *play* is still important. However many teenagers feel they are too old to be in play parks as they fear disapproval from parents/carers or the equipment is simply too small for them.

Teenage girls consistently tell us they want places where they can:

- be active without pressure or competition
- spend time with friends
- feel comfortable, visible and welcome

This often includes simple but thoughtful features such as swings, climbing structures, informal activity equipment and plenty of places to sit and gather.

Parks are one of the few free public spaces where young people can explore independence, connect with others and simply be. When we design with teenage girls in mind, many other groups benefit too.

If girls do not feel welcome in parks, what does that say about their place in public life?



The Project in York

Make Space York was founded in 2021 by Abigail Gaines, Charity Manager of Friends of Rowtree Park and Director of The Tiny Roar CIC. The project was inspired by the national Make Space for Girls campaign, and has since developed into a locally led initiative focused on real change in York.

The work centres on two key areas:

Co-creating better spaces

Working directly with girls to shape park areas that reflect what they actually want and need.

Creating opportunities to take part

Running regular events and activities that build confidence, encourage creativity and support girls to feel comfortable using public space.

Want to help make a difference?

You can support Make Space York by:

Sharing why this work matters

Donating

Offering sponsorship or funding

Together, we can create parks where teenage girls feel safe, seen and welcome, now and into adulthood.



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EVENT LIST - ROWNTREE PARK

FOR: ● Girls | ● Girls & parent/carer | ● Women welcome (without a child)

BOOK: **B** booking necessary | **D** drop in

TIME	BOOK	NAME	TYPE	FOR	PAGE
Saturday 6 June					
14.00-17.00	B	Skate Sanctuary - roller skating sessions	Sports & Exercise	●	7
Saturday 13 June					
10.00-11.00	B	Yoga & mindful pebble painting	Health & Wellbeing & Craft	●	7
10.00-11.30	B	Mini colour analysis session	Health & Wellbeing	●	7
11.00-12.30	B	Clay sculpting	Art & Crafts	●	8
12.00-13.00	B	Football - Make space for goals	Sports & Exercise	●	8
12.00-14.00	B	Needle felt a toadstool	Art & Crafts	● ●	8
13.00-14.00	B	Tik Tok dance	Sports & Exercise	●	8
14.00-15.00	B	Cyanotype printing	Art & Crafts	● ●	9
14.00-15.30	B	Positive selfies	Arts	●	9
15.00-16.00	B	Drama workshop	Performing Arts	●	9
15.00-16.30	B	Basketball session	Sports & Exercise	●	9
16.00-17.00	B	Mindful moment: self care	Health & Wellbeing	● ● ●	10
12.00-15.00	D	Live music with Emerging Talent	Performing Arts	●	10
11.00-15.00	D	Make Space information stall	Social Awareness	● ● ●	10
11.00-15.00	D	Flag and badge message making (stall)	Social Awareness	●	10
11.00-15.00	D	Happy Flow Lucky (stall)	Social Awareness	● ● ●	11
11.00-15.00	D	York Theatre Royal (stall)	Performing Arts	● ● ●	11
11.00-15.00	D	Letterpress postcards (stall)	Art & Crafts	● ● ●	11
11.00-15.00	D	Print party (stall)	Art & Crafts	●	11
11.00-15.00	D	Willow weaving (stall)	Art & Crafts	● ● ●	12
11.00-15.00	D	Waves of change (stall)	Art & Crafts	● ● ●	12
11.00-15.00	D	Zine time! (stall)	Art & Crafts	●	12
Sunday 14 June					
10.00-11.15	B	Herbal remedies	Health & Wellbeing & Craft	●	12
11.00-12.00	B	Block print your own set of fun postcards	Art & Crafts	●	13
11.30-12.45	B	Wild art	Art & Crafts	●	13
11.00-12.00	B	Dance in the park	Performing Arts	●	14
12.00-14.00	B	Collective Sand Experience	Health & Wellbeing	● ●	14
12.00-13.00	B	Give girls rugby a try!	Sports & Exercise	●	14
13.00-14.00	B	Panto dancing	Performing Arts	●	14
13.00-15.00	B	Jewellery making	Art & Crafts	●	15
14.00-15.00	B	Photography workshop	Arts	●	15
15.00-16.30	B	Basketball	Sports & Exercise	●	15
15.00-16.00	B	Musical theatre workshop	Performing Arts	●	15
10.00-16.00	D	Make Space information stall	Social Awareness	● ● ●	16
11.00-15.00	D	Design a tote bag (stall)	Art & Crafts	●	16

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Sunday 14 June - continued					
12.00-15.00	D	Live music with Emerging Talent	Performing Arts	●	16
12.00-15.00	D	Print your own poetry park map (stall)	Art & Crafts	● ● ●	16
from 13.00	D	Pop up dance performances	Performing Arts	● ● ●	17
Saturday 11 July					
14.00-17.00	B	Skate Sanctuary - roller skating sessions	Sports & Exercise	●	7

EVENT LIST - HOMESTEAD PARK

FOR: ● Girls | ● Girls & parent/carer | ● Women welcome (without a child)
BOOK: B booking necessary | D drop in

TIME	BOOK	NAME	TYPE	FOR	PAGE
Saturday 20 June					
10.00-12.00	B	Print making in the park	Art & Crafts	●	17
11.00-12.00	B	Sketch & picnic	Art & Crafts	● ● ●	17
12.00-14.00	B	Needle felt a cactus	Art & Crafts	● ●	17
13.00-14.00	B	All-star cheerleading	Sports & Exercise	●	18
14.00-15.00	B	Thread & weave	Art & Crafts	●	18
14.00-15.00	B	Give girls rugby a try!	Sports & Exercise	●	18
15.00-16.00	B	Nature jewellery	Art & Crafts	●	18
15.00-16.00	B	Panto dancing	Performing Arts	●	19
14.30-16.30	B	Orienteering	Sports & Exercise	● ● ●	19
11.00-15.00	D	Letterpress postcards (stall)	Art & Crafts	● ● ●	19
10.00-16.00	D	Make Space information stall	Social Awareness	● ● ●	19
11.00-16.00	D	Design a tote bag (stall)	Art & Crafts	●	20
12.00-15.00	D	Riso printing (stall)	Art & Crafts	● ● ●	20
12.00-15.00	D	Live music with Emerging Talent (stall)	Performing Arts	● ● ●	20
13.00-15.00	D	Golf session	Sports & Exercise	●	20
Sunday 21 June					
11.00-12.00	B	Drama workshop	Performing Arts	●	21
12.00-13.30	B	Bag charm workshop	Art & Crafts	●	21
12.00-13.00	B	All-star cheerleading	Sports & Exercise	●	21
13.00-14.00	B	Improvised comedy workshop	Performing Arts	●	22
13.00-14.00	B	Cupcake bath bomb workshop	Art & Crafts	●	22
14.00-15.00	B	Musical theatre workshop	Performing Arts	●	22
15.00-16.00	B	Derwent Dance session	Performing Arts	●	22
11.00-16.00	D	Make Space information stall	Social Awareness	● ● ●	23
11.00-15.00	D	Flag and badge messages (stall)	Art & Crafts	●	23
11.00-15.00	D	The creative art space (stall)	Art & Crafts	●	23
14.00-16.00	D	Dr Bike - basic bike maintenance (stall)	Sports & Exercise	● ●	23

The Skate Sanctuary

STUDIO & SHOP

ROLLER SKATING SESSIONS

Saturday 6th June & 11th July
Rowntree Park Amphitheatre



Fun, free, relaxed sessions. Whether you are a complete beginner or already confident on skates, these sessions are all about building skills, having fun and skating together.

Session times:

- 2-3.15pm – best suited for ages 8-12
- 3.30- 5pm – best suited for ages 13-18

You can book on and drop in at any time between 2-5pm.

Bring your own skates or hire a pair in advance. If hiring, simply add your skate size when booking.



Book via:
[rowntreepark.org.uk/events/booking](https://www.rowntreepark.org.uk/events/booking)

Instagram @SkateSanctuaryUK

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SATURDAY



TIME: 10.00-11.00
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: 8-18
BOOK ONLY: <https://www.rowntreepark.org.uk/events/booking>

YOGA & MINDFUL PEBBLE PAINTING (CHILDREN'S YOGA YORK)

A 35 minute yoga session which includes an uplifting yoga flow, breath-work and guided relaxation. Following the yoga, get your creativity on and enjoy some pebble painting. This is a fun and relaxing session that combines calming techniques with joy and creative self expression.

 @childrens_yoga_york



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TIME: 10.00-11.30
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: 8-18
BOOK ONLY: <https://www.rowntreepark.org.uk/events/booking>

MINI COLOUR ANALYSIS SESSION (LAURA FAWCETT - PERSONAL STYLIST & COLOUR ANALYST)

A fun, confidence-boosting session designed especially for girls. Discover the colours that suit you best based on your skin, hair and eyes, making getting dressed feel easier and more you. Great for building confidence and personal style. Leave feeling inspired, empowered, and excited about your wardrobe. Individual sessions last 15 minutes.

 @laurafawcett_style



13.6.26
SATURDAY



TIME: 11.00-12.30
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: 11-18
BOOK ONLY: <https://www.rowntreepark.org.uk/events/booking>

MADE IN THE OPEN: CLAY SCULPTING (SCHIEWE CERAMICS LTD)

Discover the joy of clay as you sculpt, add texture, and build something truly memorable. A hands-on, creative pop-up where imagination comes to life and every piece is uniquely yours.

@schieweceramics



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TIME: 12.00-13.00
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: 10-13 | 14-18
BOOK ONLY: <https://www.rowntreepark.org.uk/events/booking>

MAKE SPACE FOR GOALS (NORTH RIDING FA AND HONEYBALL UNITED WFC)

Come and join the football fun! Sign up now for our big kick about. Enjoy fitness, fun games, and a friendly match in a supportive, all-girls space with experienced coaches. No football experience needed – just bring your energy (and shin pads). Age groups together.

@honeyballunited_wfc



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TIME: 12.00-14.00
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: 12-18
BOOK ONLY: <https://www.rowntreepark.org.uk/events/booking>

NEEDLE FELT A TOADSTOOL (FELTY AND FABULOUS)

Come and learn to sculpt wool into a 3D shape using the art of needle felting. You will create your own toadstool using a few blobs of wool and a special needle. Creative, crafty and mindful too!

@felty_and_fabulous



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TIME: 13.00-14.00
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: 8-18
BOOK ONLY: <https://www.rowntreepark.org.uk/events/booking>

TIK TOK DANCE (MAMAS GOT MOVES)

A dance class that is lots of fun with a chance to learn some moves and create Tik Tok inspired dances. It's all about fun, music, and laughter. Don't miss the chance to join the ultimate dance party!

@mamas.got.moves




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TIME: 14.00-15.00
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: 10+
BOOK ONLY: <https://www.rowntreepark.org.uk/events/booking>

**CYANOTYPE PRINTING
(OMART OUT)**

A relaxed outdoor workshop using sunlight to create beautiful blue prints. Collect fallen leaves and flowers from the park, arrange them on light-sensitive paper, and watch your design develop. A simple, hands-on way to explore nature, creativity and early photographic techniques..

 @omart_workshops



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TIME: 14.00-15.30
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: 12-18
BOOK ONLY: <https://www.rowntreepark.org.uk/events/booking>

**POSITIVE SELFIES
(OLIVIA BRABBS PHOTOGRAPHY)**

Learn how to create selfies that feel real and true to you - craft and own your image, you become empowered to be more creative on your terms rather than following the herd on social media. Photographer Olivia Brabbs will share simple tips to build confidence and develop your own style, without filters or pressure. A relaxed, creative session exploring self-portraiture. All levels are welcome. Bring your own phone or camera.

 @oliviabphoto



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TIME: 15.00-16.00
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: 8-18
BOOK ONLY: <https://www.rowntreepark.org.uk/events/booking>

**GENERATE DRAMA WORKSHOP
(GENERATE THEATRE)**

Our drama workshops are designed to support everyone to develop important skills such as: social awareness, confidence, team work and building relationships. We also focus on working with a script, devising and improvisation, whilst having a lot of fun in the process!

 @generatetheatrecompany



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TIME: 15.00-16.30
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: 8-18
BOOK ONLY: <https://www.rowntreepark.org.uk/events/booking>

**BASKETBALL SESSION
(YORK EAGLES BASKETBALL)**

Join York Eagles for an exciting basketball session! Learn new skills and foster teamwork in a fun, friendly environment. Whether you're a beginner or experienced player, come shoot hoops and have a great time! Don't miss out!

 @york eagles basketball club



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TIME: 16.00-17.00
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: 10+
BOOK ONLY: <https://www.rowntreepark.org.uk/events/booking>

MINDFUL MOMENT: SELF CARE (TEAPOT COLLECTIVE)

After a day full of activities, it's time for some self-care. Grab your blankets and join us with your friends and family for a relaxing end to the day. We'll do some gentle movement, breathing practices, meditation and cosy relaxation. You can join us sitting on the floor, lying on the floor or sitting on a chair/wheelchair, it's your choice.

 @Teapotcollective



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TIME: 12.00-15.00
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: 10-18
DROP IN: No booking required

LIVE MUSIC WITH EMERGING TALENT (EMERGING TALENT)

Come and hear live music from local young musicians. If you play, sing or just want to give it a go, you are welcome to join in. Bring your own instrument or use what's there. No pressure, just music, creativity and a chance to be part of it. Drop in anytime between the times.

 @emergingtalentyork



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TIME: 11.00-15.00
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: 8+
DROP IN: No booking required

MAKE SPACE INFORMATION STALL (MAKE SPACE STALL)

Find out more about the Make Space York project, and the festival. Get involved in some of the activities on the stall and share your ideas on how to make parks more welcoming to teenage girls.

 @makespaceyork



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TIME: 11.00-15.00
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: 8+
DROP IN: No booking required

FLAG AND BADGE MESSAGE MAKING (MAKE SPACE STALL)

Drop by to create a flag with a message and a badge - get your views heard. Pens and print - and a chance to get creative! Stay as long or as little as you like.

 @makespaceyork




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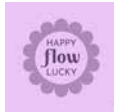


TIME: 11.00-15.00
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: 8+
DROP IN: No booking required

HAPPY FLOW LUCKY (HAPPY FLOW LUCKY)

Happy Flow Lucky is a student led charity fighting period poverty. At our stall we will be selling our uplifting lavender soap but we are also hosting friendship bracelet making (age 8+) and asking for help creating our period kits that we will then distribute to homeless shelters in York and Leeds (ages 11+).

 @happy_flow_lucky



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TIME: 11.00-15.00
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: All ages
DROP IN: No booking required

YORK THEATRE ROYAL STALL (YORK THEATRE ROYAL)

Pop by to the stall to find out more about everything York Theatre Royal including our Youth Theatre, Women's Group, and upcoming productions. A chance to get involved in some crafts and have a go at costume design.

 @yorktheatreroyal



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TIME: 11.00-15.00
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: 8+
DROP IN: No booking required

LETTERPRESS POSTCARDS: INK, PRINT, & POST. (THIN ICE PRESS: THE YORK CENTRE FOR PRINT)

Discover York's rich printing history by using our portable press to create a souvenir postcard. You'll learn what it means to lock up a forme and all about an innovative self-inking machine designed in 1918. Pull your print in seconds, then stay to chat, decorate your card, and write a message to a friend.

 @thinicepress




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TIME: 11.00-15.00
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: 10-18
DROP IN: No booking required

PRINT PARTY (YORK MUSEUM TRUST)

Join artists from York Art Gallery to learn basic printmaking techniques and make your own unique print to take home. Come along with your friends and have fun creating together!

 @yorkmuseumstrust



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TIME: 11.00-15.00
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: 8+
DROP IN: No booking required

WILLOW WEAVING
(HEATHER DAWES)

Twist it your way with willow - come and have a go at some basic willow weaving. See what you can shape and create with willow.

 @heatherbaskets



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TIME: 11.00-15.00
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: 8+
DROP IN: No booking required

WAVES OF CHANGE
(POPPY BURR)

Together we will build a collaborative seascape mural to celebrate the things we believe in and want to see changed in our local parks and community. Come and decorate a paper fish with your ideas, hopes and visions.

 @poppy.burr



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TIME: 11.00-15.00
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: 8-18
DROP IN: No booking required

ZINE TIME!
(AZALEA'S ILLUSTRATIONS)

Become the creator of your very own zine! A zine is a mini magazine and in this session you pick any theme you want and write and/or draw 8 pages of content with a variety of materials on offer: collage, watercolours, paint pens and more.

 @azaleas.illustrations



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TIME: 10.00-11.15
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: 11-18
BOOK ONLY: <https://www.rowntreepark.org.uk/events/booking>

HERBAL REMEDIES : MAKE YOUR OWN LIP BALM & BATH SALTS (CRAFT WITH CHRISTINE)

Discover how plants can be used in simple, everyday ways to care for yourself. In this relaxed session, you'll create your own herbal lip balm and soothing bath salts, while learning about the natural properties of different plants and how they can support wellbeing.

 @friendsrowntreepark





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BLOCK PRINT YOUR OWN SET OF FUN POSTCARDS (SUSAN BRADLEY DESIGN)

Join artist Susan Bradley and design and carve your own rubber stamp, then create a set of unique colorful postcards. Use your postcards as art for your walls, or send them to friends and family. Will you be inspired by nature, the park, your pet or perhaps food? What you create is up to you!

 @susanbradleydesign

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www.susanbradley.co.uk

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TIME: 11.30-12.45
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: 10-18
BOOK ONLY: <https://www.rowntreepark.org.uk/events/booking>

WILD ART: CREATE WITH NATURAL DYES & PLANT PRINTS (CRAFT WITH CHRISTINE)

Get creative with nature in this hands-on session using natural dyes and plant printing. Have a go at painting with natural dyes/inks and try Hapa Zome, a technique where you pound plants into fabric to create beautiful patterns, and design your own bunting to take home. A fun, expressive way to connect with nature.

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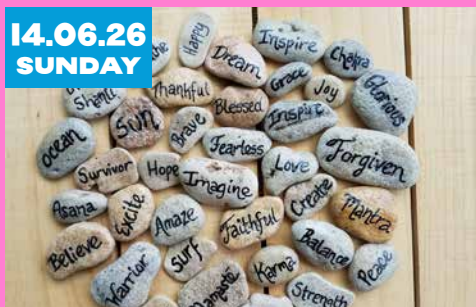
**DANCE IN THE PARK
(DANCE WITH JO)**

Join Dance with Jo for a contemporary dance workshop with upbeat movement and choreography. Designed to build confidence, coordination and stamina, offering you a fun and energetic way to express yourself. Expect dance games, choreography and creative play.

 @dancewithjoyork



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TIME: 12.00-14.00
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: 8-17
BOOK ONLY: <https://www.rowntreepark.org.uk/events/booking>

**“OUR WORLD OF GIRLS” - COLLECTIVE SAND EXPERIENCE
(CHARLOTTE HARPER: THE CARAVAN COUNSELLOR)**

Join us to create a shared world where girls can thrive. Using sand, miniatures and imagination, build landscapes of strength, safety, joy and freedom. Add a pebble with a positive word to a collective “Core of Strength”. A gentle, creative activity for girls (mums or mother figures) to express themselves and connect with others.

 @thecaravancounsellor




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TIME: 12.00-13.00
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: 8-18
BOOK ONLY: <https://www.rowntreepark.org.uk/events/booking>

**GIVE GIRLS RUGBY A TRY!
(YORK RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB - GIRLS SECTION)**

Girls, it's your time to shine! Try rugby in a fun, safe, non-contact taster session - no experience needed! Learn passes, dodges, and teamwork with girls aged 8-18. Build confidence, make new friends, and discover a sport you'll love. Come on, what are you waiting for? Join the team! Wear trainers and clothes you don't mind getting muddy.

 @yorkrufwomen



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TIME: 13.00-14.00
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: 8-18
BOOK ONLY: <https://www.rowntreepark.org.uk/events/booking>

**PANTO DANCING WITH DEVON
(BLUELIGHT THEATRE)**

Come and enjoy a fun and uplifting dance workshop with Choreographer Devon Wells. Move your body to uplifting tunes and learn some panto classic dance routines, suitable for all abilities and guaranteed to leave you smiling at the workshop. We dare you not to get the dancing bug!

 @bluelighttc



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TIME: 13.00-14.00 | 14.00-15.00
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: 10-18
BOOK ONLY: <https://www.rowntreepark.org.uk/events/booking>

TREASURED CHARM JEWELLERY (DAYDREAM COLLECTIVE)

Creating your own charmed jewellery. A fun hands-on session enabling you to use your imagination to express your own personal style and individuality. We will be using a wide range of colourful charms and beads to create something unique, either a bracelet or phone/bag charm or earrings for you to take home.

 @daydreamcollective1



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TIME: 14.00-15.00
LOCATION: ROWNTREE PARK
AGE RANGE: 10-18
BOOK ONLY: <https://www.rowntreepark.org.uk/events/booking>

SEE IT YOUR WAY - AN INTRODUCTION TO PHOTOGRAPHY (BEC HUDSON PHOTOGRAPHY)

A relaxed, creative photography session in the park where you can shoot, explore and experiment with your own style. We'll play with light, movement and portraits, capture your friends, and turn everyday moments into something cool. No experience needed, just bring your phone or camera and come hang out, create and see things differently.

 @bechudsonsmith



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BASKETBALL (YORK EAGLES)

Join York Eagles for an exciting basketball session! Learn new skills and foster teamwork in a fun friendly environment. Whether you're a beginner or experienced player, come shoot hoops and have a great time! Don't miss out!

 @yorkeaglesbasketballclub



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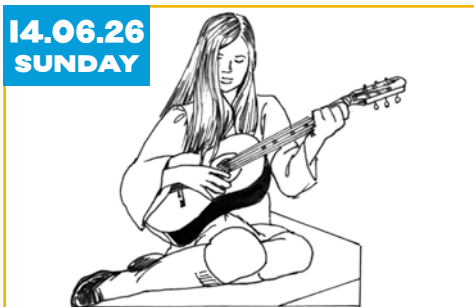
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PRINT YOUR OWN POETRY PARK MAP (LITTLE HIRUNDINE)

Have a go at printing your own map of Rowntree Park using a tabletop printing press. Can you use the map to find your way around the park? Turn your map over for some fun poetry prompts to start you on your own writing adventure as you explore the park.

 @littlehirundine



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DROP IN: No booking required

JUST US, EVERYWHERE!
(YORK DANCE SPACE)

A site specific dance performance in the park.

Come find us taking up space, where movement meets nature, everywhere. Dancers will be popping up around the park through the afternoon!

 @yorkdancespace



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LOCATION: HOMESTEAD PARK
AGE RANGE: 13-18
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PRINT MAKING IN THE PARK
(AZALEA'S ILLUSTRATIONS)

In this workshop you will design, cut and print your own A5 lino plate. At the end of the session you can take your plate home so you can make as many prints as you want in the future.

 @azaleas.illustrations



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SKETCH & PICNIC: RELAX, CREATE, AND CAPTURE NATURE TOGETHER (NO PLANT LEFT BEHIND CIC)

Join us for a relaxed Sketch & Picnic where we provide all the art materials-no experience needed. Take time to observe and connect with nature through simple sketching. Bring snacks to share if you wish, meet others, and take home your own notebook filled with creative ways of presenting nature.

 @noplantleftbehind_cic




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NEEDLE FELT A CACTUS
(FELTY AND FABULOUS)

Come and learn to sculpt wool into a 3D shape using the art of needle felting. You will create your own toad-stool using a few blobs of wool and a special needle. Creative, crafty and mindful too!

 @felty_and_fabulous



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 @vikingscheeryork



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THREAD & WEAVE: FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS AND CREATIVE CRAFTS (CRAFT WITH CHRISTINE)

Take a moment to slow down and get creative. Make friendship bracelets, try Nordic braiding, and create your own "God's eye" weaving. This relaxed, mindful session is all about enjoying the process, learning new skills, and making something meaningful to take home.

 @friendsrowntreepark



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GIVE GIRLS RUGBY A TRY!
(YORK RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB - GIRLS SECTION)

Girls, it's your time to shine! Try rugby in a fun, safe, non-contact taster session - no experience needed! Learn passes, dodges, and teamwork with girls aged 8-18. Build confidence, make new friends, and discover a sport you'll love. Come on, what are you waiting for? Join the team! Wear trainers and clothes you don't mind getting muddy.

 @yorkrufcwomen



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NATURE JEWELLERY: CREATE YOUR OWN WILD ACCESSORIES (CRAFT WITH CHRISTINE)

Get creative with natural materials to design your own jewellery. Make necklaces, bracelets and key rings using woods and also natural cordage and foraged elements. A relaxed, hands-on session where you can experiment, create and take home something uniquely yours inspired by nature.

 @friendsrowntreepark



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PANTO DANCING WITH DEVON (BLUELIGHT THEATRE)

Come and enjoy a fun and uplifting dance workshop with Choreographer Devon Wells. Move your body to uplifting tunes and learn some panto classic dance routines, suitable for all abilities and guaranteed to leave you smiling at the workshop. We dare you not to get the dancing bug!

 @bluelighttc



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TIME: 14.30-16.30
LOCATION: HOMESTEAD PARK
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BOOK ONLY: <https://www.rowntreepark.org.uk/events/booking>

ORIENTEERING (EBORIENTEERS)

Orienteering is a challenge for mind and body, a treasure hunt, a race! You will have a map with checkpoints to find and can do this on your own or with a friend. You check in digitally at each checkpoint and get your time at the end. Orienteering increases confidence, fitness and gives a sense of wellbeing.

 @eborienteers



20.6.26
SATURDAY



TIME: 11.00-15.00
LOCATION: HOMESTEAD PARK
AGE RANGE: 8+
DROP IN: No booking required

LETTERPRESS POSTCARDS: INK, PRINT, & POST! (THIN ICE PRESS: THE YORK CENTRE FOR PRINT)

Discover York's rich printing history by using our portable press to create a souvenir postcard. You'll learn what it means to lock up a forme and all about an innovative self-inking machine designed in 1918. Pull your print in seconds, then stay to chat, decorate your card, and write a message to a friend.

 @thinicepress



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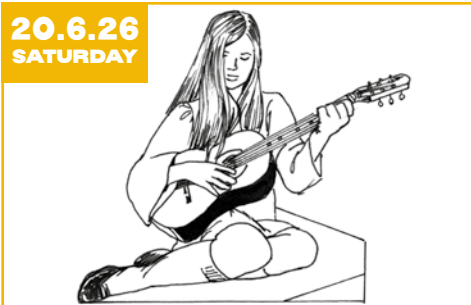
**RISO PRINTING
(YORK ZINE FEST/ABUNDANCE PRESS)**

Have a go with riso printing. Create a two colour layer a4 art work to take home! Riso is a Japanese machine that looks like a photocopier but acts a bit like a screen printer! It's super fun and playful!

 @yorkzinefest



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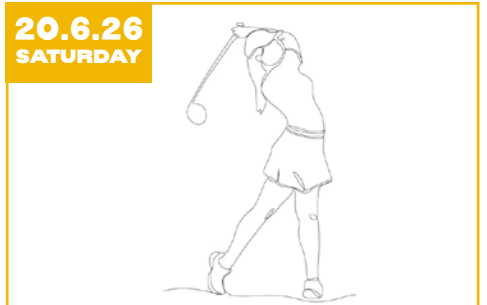
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**GIRLS WHO GOLF
(LET'S TRY GOLF)**

Ever thought golf with your friends could be fun? Join us at Let's Try Golf for a relaxed, drop-in session designed just for beginners. With easy to use equipment, you don't need to have any experience, just drop by, swing and enjoy trying something new!





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**DRAMA WORKSHOP
(GENERATE THEATRE)**

A fun and active drama session including games, devising, improvisation and performance! We will also be using props and costumes to help with the creative process. This session will help to develop important skills but most importantly to have lots of fun!

 @generatetheatrecompany



**21.6.26
SUNDAY**


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**SCRAP & YAP - BAG CHARM WORKSHOP
(THIS AINT MY FIRST RODEO)**

Get creative and design your own totally unique bag charm using upcycled materials! In this fun, hands-on workshop, you'll turn leftover fabrics, beads, chains and cute trinkets into a stylish accessory for your tote, backpack, or keys. Whether you love Y2K, soft girl, grunge, or something totally your own, you'll learn easy techniques to create your own design, so no experience needed! It's all about expressing your style, hanging out, and creating something cute and sustainable.

 @thisaintmyfirstrodeo_



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THINK FAST AND HAVE FUN! INTRO TO IMPROVISED COMEDY (LOUISE JONES)

Improv comedy is fun, fast and the perfect antidote to perfectionism- if things go wrong, that's all part of the show! Join this workshop for some quick improvised games to engage your funny bone and improve your confidence, spontaneity and silliness



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CUPCAKE BATH BOMB WORKSHOP (L&S CRAFTS/WILD HARVEST)

Learn how to make natural bath bombs and choose from a wide range of botanicals, minerals and oils to tailor them to your taste and mood. Fancy a herbal bath with rosemary and lavender? Maybe something with citrus oils for a bit of zing? There are hundreds of possible combinations!

 @Laurasamcrafts



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BE A LEGEND WITH DERWENT DANCE! (DERWENT DANCEWORKS)

An amazing display of Jazz and Freestyle Dance, followed by your chance to get involved! Derwent Dancers will be performing some of our newest routines to inspire young people to join our community. The display ends with a workshop for young people of all ages and abilities - from age 8-18!

 @derwendanceworks



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**MAKE SPACE INFORMATION STALL
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Information stalls with activities. Drop by to find out all about the project and get involved in sharing ideas on how to make parks more welcoming to teenage girls. Some interactive activities and a chance to chat

@makespaceyork



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**FLAG AND BADGE MESSAGES
(MAKE SPACE PROJECT)**

Drop by to create a flag and/or badge with a message - get your views heard. Pens and print - and a chance to get creative! Stay as long or as little as you like.

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**THE CREATIVE ART SPACE
(CRAFTY FOX KIDS CLUB)**

The Creative Art Space is a welcoming, relaxed drop-in for pre-teen and teenage girls who want to get creative and try something different. Explore collage, mixed media, and upcycled art with a fun '90s-inspired vibe. Drop in - it's your space to make, experiment, and express yourself. No pressure, no strict rules - just creativity.

@craftyfoxkidsclub



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DROP IN: No booking required

**DR BIKE - BASIC BIKE MAINTENANCE
(SPOKEY DOKEY)**

Free bike repairs and a chance to find out about bike basics. Fix a puncture, change a cable, or just get it checked. If we can't fix it on the spot, we'll show you what's going on and what to do next. No pressure, no experience needed.

@spokeydokeybikes



More about the Make Space York project

In addition to the June Festival of events, the Make Space project:

- Has helped create a new area in Rowntree Park with equipment girls asked for
- Runs other events through the year
- Continues to engage with York girls
- Supports and works with other groups and organisations on similar projects both in York and elsewhere.

Co Creating an area in Rowntree Park with teenage girls

In May 2024, a new and vibrant area opened in Rowntree Park - it was co-created with local girls. The space was shaped by girls' ideas gathered through engagement sessions over the last few years.

Through a range of patch work grant funding, we managed to get the first few pieces of equipment for the area, outlined below. We are thrilled that in 2026 that phase 2 of the area is taking place and more equipment added, due to some grant funding.

The 'Teenage Zone' co created with teenage girls

Phase 1 - May 2024

A basket swing – encouraging conversation, connection, and fun in a relaxed way.

A climbing and seating structure – a place to climb, sit, perch.

A picnic bench and log stump seating – places to sit, chat, eat snacks, or just be! Seating gives the permissions to 'stay'.

Phase 2 - June 2026

More challenging climbing log clamber stack – to move, sit and perch up high

Hammocks – to sit, swing and chat with friends

Roll bars – to sit up, hang up side down or pull up on.

What was once an overlooked patch of grass has been transformed into a welcoming, inclusive hub. The feedback from teenage girls has been especially powerful – many have shared that it's a space they know they are allowed to be, to play, to hang – a space where they belong.

Everyone is invited to use the space, but keep in mind the inclusive nature with which it was designed and funded - give teenagers priority use.



Engagement in West Bank Park



Make Space York is thrilled to be supporting the Friends of West Bank Park who are interested in knowing older girls' views on the park. This has recently started with gathering views via an online survey and also some engagement sessions in the park. The views will be used to decide if further actions should be taken. The survey takes just a few minutes and can be accessed using [the link here](#) or by scanning the QR code.

Events through the year

In addition to the 40+ free events in the June festival, some events and activities run through the year so do sign up to the mailing list to be the first to hear about these.

Thanks to some recent funding, we have a range of creative workshops coming up focused on topics linked to parks and:

Belonging and identity

Feeling safe in public space

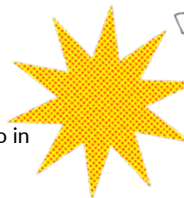
Power, voice and expression

Joy, play and friendship

Nature and connection

Future visions and design of parks

We are also involving local girls in creating some 'art installations' with local artists that will go in Rowntree Park.



Sign up to the mailing list and keep an eye on social media to get involved!



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Be the first to find out about news and events through the year!



Calling girls aged 10-18



Share your views on West Bank Park



Scan the QR code to complete the survey

Have your voice heard and help make a difference



RECOGNITION & THANKS

An Award-Winning Project

The Make Space Festival launched in 2023 and received national recognition through the Green Flag Award for Best Initiative to Engage and Increase the Use of Parks by Women and Girls.

This award highlights the growing recognition that parks must be inclusive, welcoming spaces for everyone, and that teenage girls in particular need to be actively considered, included and valued.

Supporters of Make Space Festival 2025

This year's festival has been made possible with the support of:

- The Movement, Activity and Sport Fund', supported by David Skaith, Mayor of York and North Yorkshire, and York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority
- The Co-op Community Fund
- The Mount School
- LNER Customer and Community Fund
- Two Ridings Community Foundation

Special Thanks

Programme design: Heni Sampson
Festival logo: Lazenby Brown
Make Space for Girls song: Holly Taymar

And to all the organisations, collaborators and volunteers who have contributed their time, energy and ideas. Thank you.

Let's Keep Making Space - Together

Every step towards more inclusive public space matters. This festival is part of a much bigger movement.

By taking part, supporting and sharing this work, you are helping to create lasting change.

Email makespaceyork@gmail.com

Find out more about the project:



<https://letsmakespace.org/make-space-york-project/>



SPACE

The Make Space Festival encourages teenage girls to get out into the public space and try new things, meet new people and have fun!

Teenage girls need spaces and events in parks where they can feel safe, confident and empowered to be themselves. Come join us at the festival and celebrate!



letsmakespace.org/festival

 [makespaceyork](https://www.instagram.com/makespaceyork)