

## HELP US TO CELEBRATE FURTHER UNSUNG HEROES OF LEEDS!

Following on from the hugely popular public art instalment on Leeds Waterfront we are looking to add and celebrate further Leeds Heroes.



Leeds has produced many great people. There have been innovators who have shaped our way of life, sporting heroes who have made us proud and stars of stage and screen who have entertained the whole nation. But there have also been many unsung heroes. Through this creative project funded by Leeds City Council and Canal & River Trust we want to put a spotlight on more people who may not been given the credit or attention they deserve.

We want to ask Leeds residents who they think should be celebrated in these additional pieces of artwork, the piece is on permanent display on the waterfront near Royal Armouries. Unsung heroes do not need to have had an impact on the whole world – they can be someone who has made a real change on a very local level. We are especially interested in making sure that we celebrate people who haven't traditionally been in the spotlight (including women and people from ethnic minority communities).

[Click here to view Leeds Heroes public artwork](#)



Some of the people we celebrate may be long gone, but others may be making their mark today, so you really can nominate anyone you feel deserves to be.

The three categories for which we are seeking nominations are:

- Community
- Enterprise
- Equality

Some of the heroes that we have had put forward include:

## COMMUNITY

- Arthur France MBE – *Founding member of Leeds West Indian Carnival*
- Pat Regan – *Anti-violence campaigner and founder of Mothers Against Violence (Leeds)*

## ENTERPRISE

- Jeremy Poynting – *Founder of Peepal Tree Press, based in Burley, Leeds. Founded in 1985, it is a wholly independent publisher of Black, Caribbean and diaspora literature*
- Pablo Fanque – *First recorded black circus owner*

## EQUALITY

- Prof. Cyril Ransome – *Former lecturer at the Yorkshire College Leeds, provided, and supported, platform for black speakers*
- Ruth Bunday – *An internationally renowned lawyer, who is passionate about the needs and rights of her community. She specialises in inquest law.*

Support the above nominations and/or email further suggestions, and reasons for voting to: [info@artworkscreative.org.uk](mailto:info@artworkscreative.org.uk)

**Deadline for nominations: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021**

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