

?Barnsley Boundary Walk raising money to restore the much loved Civic building

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Chief Executive of The Civic in Barnsley, Helen Ball, is joined by friends, family and supporters to walk 72 miles in 3 days to raise money for The Civic Capital Appeal.

Ryan Eastwood, Managing Director of Copier Systems, is joining Helen and The Civic team on the walk. Ryan said, "Copier Systems are proud to be business champions of The Civic and I would like to encourage other businesses in Barnsley to back The Civics' 'Connect' fundraising campaign. Having a vibrant arts centre at the heart of the town can only help to boost jobs, the visitor economy and help inspire our children and future generations of art lovers, by establishing a first class cultural scene."

The Civic is an independent arts charity and relies on ticket sales, grants and donations. This year it launched an ambitious £5m fundraising appeal to restore and open up new theatre, gallery and café spaces, restoring its old front entrance on Eldon Street and connecting The Civic to the new town market square. The work is set to be complete by 2023.

Helen Said, "I'm walking to raise money for The Civic Appeal and to raise awareness with the general public and the business community to ask them to back our appeal to help restore our iconic building. Every penny counts."

The epic circular walk around the South Yorkshire town will include a series of picturesque reservoirs, the beautiful Peak District, the splendid Bretton and Yorkshire Sculpture Park, the conservation village of Elsecar, [Cannon Hall Country Park](#) and ending at The Civic in the heart of the town.

The Civic, has been part of the town since 1877. While, part of The Civic building has benefited from modernisation, it plans to expand and develop the dilapidated front doors on Eldon Street and open up and utilise the unfinished floors at the centre of the listed building.

"Our vision is to create a world-class destination for the arts by 2023. We want The Civic to be the pride of Barnsley's town Centre and help us put it back as Barnsley's heart."

To donate: <https://localgiving.org/72milesforthecivic>

Editors Notes

#Connect Appeal

The £5m #connect fundraising appeal is to complete building renovations and return The Civic to its former glory.

The Civic is a leading arts charity; Registered charity no. 1129765. <http://www.barnsleycivic.co.uk/>

Engage in the campaign on Twitter: @BarnsleyCivic #connect

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