



Royston Arts Festival 2016 – Procession and Community Event

Royston Arts Festival 2016 will be the tenth consecutive annual festival since the festivals re-started in 2006. The theme this year will be '**Carnival**' due to the Olympics taking place in the carnival capital – Rio, in the summer and also the celebratory feel of the theme.

Creative Royston Management Committee are putting together plans for a community wide event on **Saturday 24th September** which will take place in Royston Priory Memorial Gardens from **1pm to 4pm**.

We'll have a carnival themed procession around the perimeter of Priory Memorial Gardens, led by [Garden City Samba](#). There will also be music and other activities for people to enjoy within the gardens such as a craft fair, painting with Glazed Creations and live music by Royston Town Band.

We'd like to involve community groups such as; school groups, dance schools, Brownies, Scouts, Guides etc in the procession. Groups who want to get involved will need to allocate some time before the festival to plan and create their carnival themed costumes to wear for the procession and organise how they will manage their group on the day (e.g. parent helpers, drop-off and pick up points etc). **Groups and individuals wanting to take part in the procession should arrive at the side of St John's Church at 12.30pm, so we're ready to start the procession at 1pm.**

We have **Carnival Resource Packs** to inspire your costume, music and dance making. It includes templates for masks and ideas for how to dress up for the procession. Email chair@creativeroyston.org to request a free copy.

[Royston & District Museum](#) is running costume making workshops on the **mornings of 17th and 24th Sept**, which is a great opportunity to make something to wear. You can come just as you are though!

To make planning a little easier, these are the details we'll need for each group that would like to take part:

- Name of group
- Leader's name, contact telephone number and email
- Approximate number of people in the group
- Age of participants
- What assistance you might require in order to take part (e.g. Resource Pack, financial support to make costumes etc)

Updates will be posted on Twitter @RoyArtsFest, Facebook.com/roystonartsfestival and www.createroyston.org