

Durham City of Culture BID - Shortlisted Video Transcript

[Text: Cllr Amanda Hopgood, Leader of Durham County Council]

[Cllr Amanda Hopgood] I am so excited that we have reached the final shortlist for the City of Culture.

[Video clips: Three people travelling toward the camera and waving on an old fashioned train carriage. Amanda Hopgood standing in front of an old steam train talking to Sarah Price and Tony Harrington.]

[Cllr Amanda Hopgood] This is truly a bid for the whole county and the impact it can have on our businesses, on our residents, I honestly think there is no limit to it.

[Video clip: An ariel shot of Durham Cathedral.]

[Cllr Amanda Hopgood] The whole ambition for this is to have aspiration and hope for our residents for the future.

[Video clips: A shot of a star filled sky with old mining equipment silhouetted in the foreground. An aerial shot moving along a coast line with the sun setting on the horizon.]

[Cllr Amanda Hopgood] We want County Durham to be a place where people can live long, healthy lives, where they can have good jobs, and where they can fulfil their ambitions.

[Text: Sarah Price, Head of Locomotion]

[Sarah Price] We are absolutely delighted that Durham has been shortlisted through to the next stage to be the City of Culture.

[Video clips: Sarah Price walking in slow motion between two trains. An aerial shot of ruined historic building. A waterfall surrounded by trees.]

[Sarah Price] Durham's bid is unique, it is the only one that is going to be county wide and as somebody, as an organisation, that is in the county, rather than in the city, it is absolutely amazing that we are included in this.

[Text: Liz Waller, Director of Library and Collections, Durham University]

[Liz Waller] I think Durham 2025 offers so much to the county of Durham and the university is very much part of that county. We are neighbours, we are friends, we are part of that community.

[Video clips: A parade of people, some carrying banners, crossing a bridge over a river in a town. A crowd of people on a city street, banners are visible in the background of the shot. Cllr Amanda Hopgood, Sarah Price, Liz Waller, Amy Harhoff, Alison Clark and Tony Harrington standing in front of a collection of old steam trains.]

[Liz Waller] So, it seems only a natural thing to get engaged with this whole enterprise and it's just amazing to get onto the short list everybody is so excited.

[Text: Amy Harhoff, Corporate Director – Regeneration Economy and Growth, Durham County Council]

[Amy Harhoff] We know what this is going to mean for our communities for our economy. The potential to bring in an extra fifteen million visitors from this event.

[Video clips: Amy Harhoff walking in slow motion between two trains. A band of musicians dressed in multi-coloured clothing performing, while a crowd of children dance in front of them. A person in an electric wheelchair, with a dog on a lead, entering a room with numerous pictures all the walls. A crowd of people, all dressed in white t-shirts at a Durham City Run event, a woman holding a small child's hand run through the centre of the screen.]

[Amy Harhoff] It's almost two thousand jobs and massive benefits to the economy from overnight stays. But, but most importantly for us the opportunity to have all of our communities across the county engaged with this project.

[Video clips: Cllr Amanda Hopgood, Sarah Price, Liz Waller, Amy Harhoff, Alison Clark and Tony Harrington being photographed in front of a collection of old steam trains.]

[Text: Alison Clark, Head of Culture Sport and Tourism, Durham County Council]

[Alison Clark] If we win what will that, what that would mean for the county? It would give us just this sense of pride of place, amazing events, amazing happenings, and it will shine a light on our county because it has just been hidden for far too long. It will be amazing.

[Video clips: Durham Cathedral illuminated by lights during Lumiere. A young boy looking up at an attraction at Lumiere. A group of people looking up at an attraction of a cloud made of lights at Lumiere.]

[Text: Tony Harrington, Chair, Culture Durham]

[Tony Harrington] We are very, very broad church of partners.

[Video clips: Tony Harrington looking at a steam train. A steam train with Durham 2025 flags draped around it. A band of musicians dressed in traditional Indian clothes performing in front of a crowd outdoors.]

[Tony Harrington] From large scale institutions like the local authority or the university to smaller locality based culture organisations and not everyone is coming from the same starting point but I think what we are doing now has found somewhere where we can all join together under the same heading to achieve something special for County Durham.

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