

Manifesto :

We believe in the genius in everyone,
that everyone is an artist and everyone a scientist,
and that arts and sciences can change the world for the
better.

We believe we can do this together, locally, with radical fun,
and that anyone, anywhere, can make a Fun Palace.

Everyone an artist, everyone a scientist.



Over **2 weekends in 2014 and 2015** there were **280 Fun Palaces** across **11 nations** made by **5262** local people with over **90,000** people joining in.

☆ We support anyone and everyone to make Fun Palaces – free, local events using sciences and arts as a catalyst to celebrate their own community. The first weekend of October every year is Fun Palaces weekend.

We believe the process of a community working towards its own Fun Palace is as important as the event they create, this has contributed to our success in bringing in people who have not previously engaged with science or arts.

Fun Palaces 2015 - what happened?

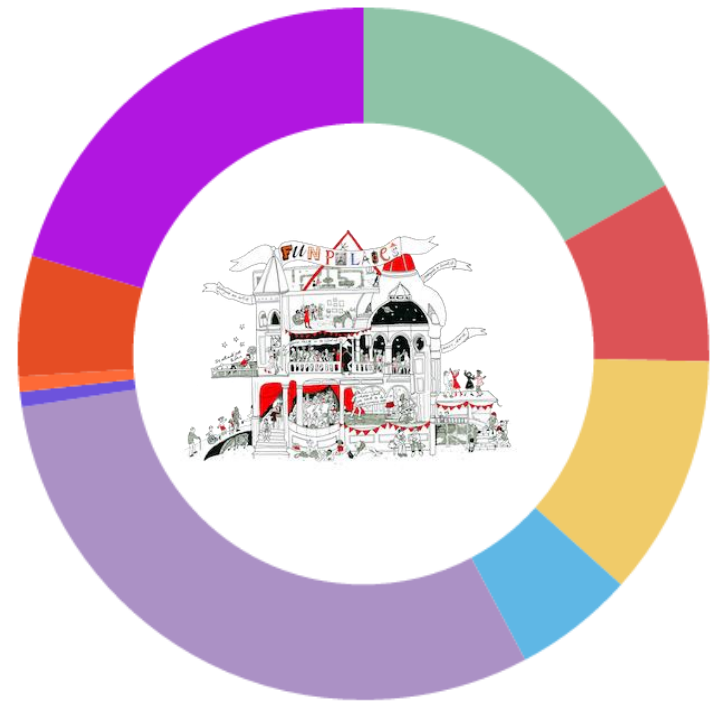
142 Fun Palaces across 8 nations

Over 2000 people made them happen

50,000 people took part

“They bring art and science into the heart of the community and show us anything is possible”

2015 Fun Palace Maker



North 16.90% Midlands 8.45% South East 11.27%

South West 5.63% London 30.28% Wales 0.70%

Northern Ireland 0.70% Scotland 5.63% Rest of World 20.42%

Who made Fun Palaces happen?

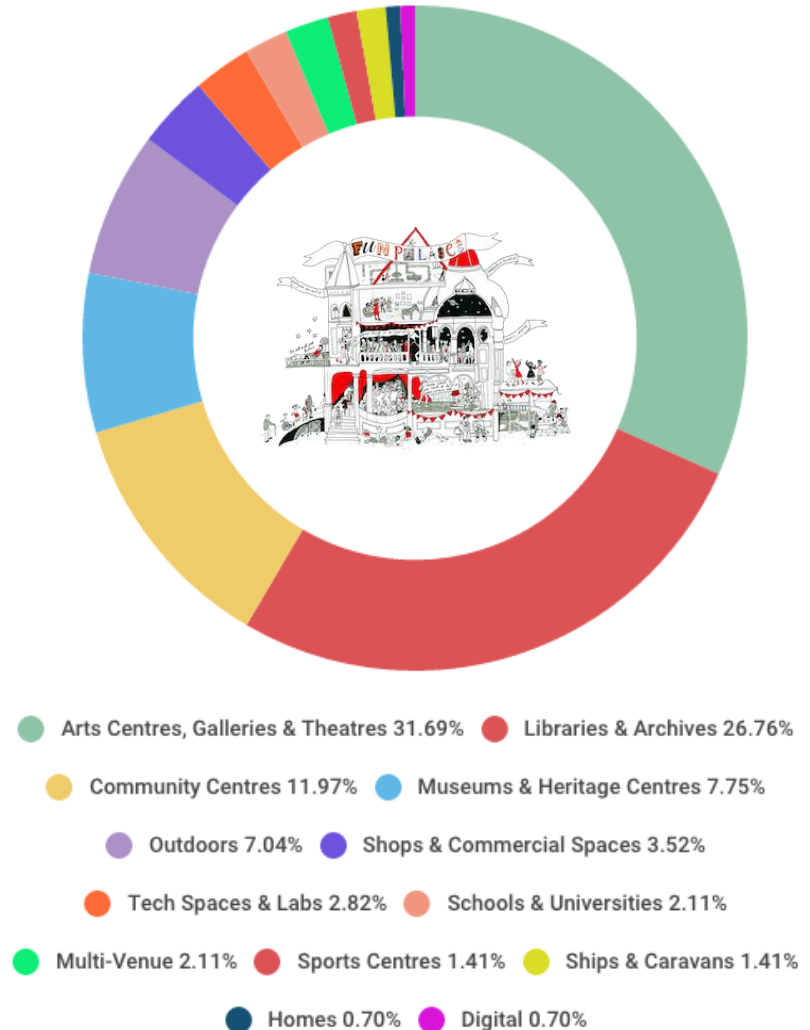
49% of Fun Palaces were created by community members, 51% were created by organisations.

The ethnic background of Fun Palace Makers is within 1.5% of the national distribution for all groups.

Participants come from all deciles of the Index of Multiple Deprivation, with most deciles within 3% of the national distribution.

“(We made our Fun Palace) to bring some community spirit back to our town.”

The Heathen’s Fun Palace Makers, Cradley Heath, West Midlands



1st & 2nd October 2016

292 Fun Palaces

9 nations

124,000 people taking

part



and 1 in France
and 1 in Norway

2016

59% libraries
90% out of London

ethnic minority participants
are reflected in line with the
UK population



multiply-deprived communities are
fully represented among Fun
Palaces participants

COMMUNITY

Northfield Fun Palace, Birmingham

“In an area regularly labeled as economically, culturally and educationally deprived, a Fun Palace says you can learn, you can have fun, you are welcome and you are worth celebrating. These things are vital if we, and the community we're part of, is to flourish.”



Brockwell Lido Fun Palace

“Fun Palaces bring out the best in a community, whether as a maker or a participant. And because it is free, it’s highly unlikely anyone will say NO. Everyone goes away without realising that they have said YES and learned something new.”

CONNECTION



Muriwai Fun Palace (NZ)

“It was our hope to grow, strengthen and draw our community closer together through a hands-on celebration of the arts and sciences. Over the two months leading up to the event we experienced an incredible display of community-mindedness and generosity. We had in excess of 1000 people attend our Fun Palace, they were people of all shapes and sizes, ages, all backgrounds and all abilities. Fun Palaces promote connection on a very human level.”

Tameside Library Fun Palace

“Fun Palaces has opened up new partnerships - people who would never meet - all working together.”



CREATIVITY FOR ALL

More Music Fun Palace, Morecambe

“An ideal context to work together and engage with people who generally do not generally participate in cultural activity . Fun Palaces brings together people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities, and contributes to a genuine sense of community.”

Longsight Library Fun Palace

“A lot of people aren’t so likely to go into the centre of Manchester, but they will go to their local library to participate in culture. Fun Palaces has given us licence to work at a really grassroots level.”



Streatham Library Fun Palace

“For the community, it means exposure to new experiences - and access for those who may be less culturally enriched - to the arts and sciences. It forges new bonds, new partnerships for other projects. It offers the new and unexpected.”

CAMPAIGN



Gateshead Library Fun Palace

“Being part of Fun Palaces added an extra excitement to our event as we were part of a national campaign to involve our local community, extend our engagement with the local community and introduce them to new technology, science and art which is accessible free and engaging.”

Campeltown Museum Fun Palace

“It was important to our community to be part of something bigger, happening across the country and to feel connected to that.”



Made in Corby Fun Palace

“Fun Palaces is a great national initiative to get involved with that shows arts at a grassroots and accessible level, open to everyone, and that is important in our community in Corby.”

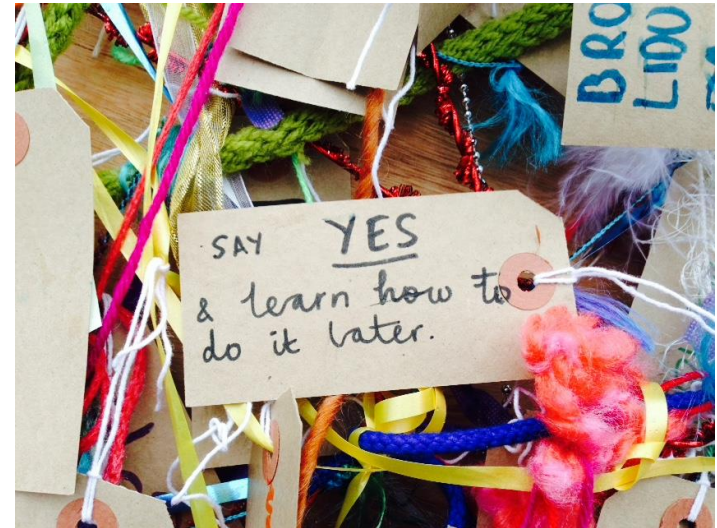
ARTS AND SCIENCES – BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER



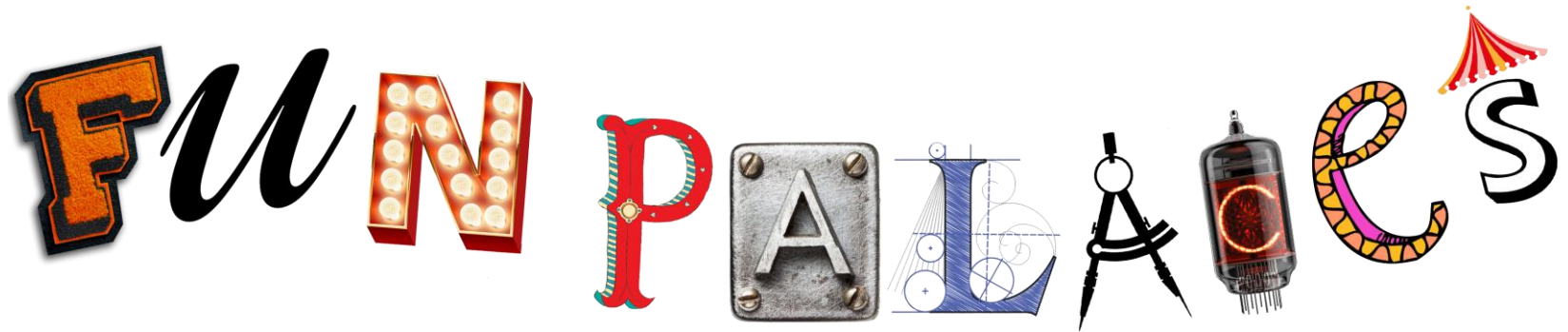
- **Fun Palaces are all about arts and sciences, crafts and technologies, community and culture.**
- Fun Palaces have included astronomy, telescope and pin-hole camera making, a permaculture exhibition, dance-science demonstrations, two brains to build and discuss with neuroscientists, flying machines, 3-D printers, space pods and digital games (LOTS of minecraft!), a swimming physicist, maths games, and a natural science room where snakes, massive spiders and bearded dragons were up for grabs.
- We have support from Wellcome and partner with the British Science Association who have local branches with keen volunteers looking to engage. Likewise we can help connect you with arts organisations if you want too.

TOP TIPS FOR MAKING A FUN PALACE

- **Fun Palaces can happen ANYWHERE** – be bold and think laterally about where you would to hold yours – brilliant Fun Palaces for all the family and community have happened in pubs, shops, homes or in-between spaces in like foyers, car parks and forecourts.
- **Ask people what THEY want to do – a simple action of** putting up posters on pub / café / library notice boards asking two simple questions with room to write answers below: ‘What would you like to do or learn?’ and ‘What can you offer to share or teach?’



- **A Fun Palace can be as big or as small as you like** – and it can last as long as you want it to
- **Start where you are, with who you are.** Invite other people to join you. Don't feel you have to do it all alone (you can't!), welcome others to make your local Fun Palace with you.
- **There is no right way to make a Fun Palace**, but we think that perhaps the best way is to say “Yes and ...”



**THE CAMPAIGN CONTINUES –
CULTURE FOR, BY, WITH ALL
THE WEEKEND OF ACTION RETURNS**

7TH & 8TH OCT 2017