

Welcome to Yorkshire

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Yorkshire gets ready for its biggest night out!

Excitement is building ahead of the biggest night in the UK tourism industry calendar with just 50 days to go until this year's White Rose Awards. (*from Saturday 9th September*)

The event which celebrates the very best of tourism in the biggest county in the UK is being hosted by the BBC's Harry Gration and Amy Garcia at the first direct Arena in Leeds on Monday 30th October.

This year's awards are promising to be the biggest and best yet after being branded Yorkshire's Big Night Out.

Guests will be treated to entertainment from the finest Yorkshire talent from the worlds of music, song and dance, and world class cuisine which is being overseen by Michelin-starred chef and restaurant owner Simon Gueller from The Box Tree in Ilkley.

A thousand people will watch the very best in the business battle it out in 17 categories which cover everything from hotels to holiday parks, pubs to producers and arts to attractions.

Sir Gary Verity Chief Executive of Welcome to Yorkshire said:

"The White Rose Awards are the highlight of the year for the tourism industry in Yorkshire and the standard of finalists for 2017 is higher than ever. We can't wait to celebrate with the crème de la crème of the industry from right across the county in what promises to be the biggest, best and most immersive show yet."

Tickets are now on sale at £75+VAT and are available at www.whiteroseawards.com

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Images: attached WRA "Yorkshire's Big Night Out" artwork

Editors' Notes:

- **Welcome to Yorkshire** is the official destination management organisation for Yorkshire, working to grow the county's visitor economy.
- **Welcome to Yorkshire** is a not-for-profit membership organisation, funded in part by grants, sponsorship and Welcome to Yorkshire members. All money raised is reinvested directly back into promoting Yorkshire.
- Key facts include:
 - Tourism in Yorkshire is worth £7 billion annually
 - The county's industry employs almost a quarter of a million people

CGC Event Caterers are a subsidiary company of SMG Europe who manage the fd Arena.

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The full list of finalists is:

Arts & Culture Award

Hull Truck Theatre

Impressions Gallery, Bradford

Kunsthuis Gallery, Crayke

Spear at Semerwater - Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes

The Craft Centre & Design Gallery, Leeds

West Yorkshire Playhouse, Leeds

Yorkshire Young Sinfonia, Scarborough

Business Tourism Award

National Railway Museum, York
The Camp Hill Estate, Bedale
The Country Park, Hessle
The English Institute of Sport Sheffield
York Conferences Limited
Yorkshire Event Centre, Harrogate

Guest Accommodation of the Year

Cambridge House, Richmond
Carr House Farm Bed & Breakfast, York
Grassfield Hall, Pateley Bridge
Low Mill Guesthouse, Bainbridge
No. 21 York
The Wold Cottage, Driffield

Holiday Park of the Year

Akebar Park, Leyburn
Camp Katur, Bedale
Forest Holidays, Keldy, Pickering
Harrogate Caravan Park
Humble Bee Leisure, Scarborough
Vale of Pickering Caravan Park

Inns & Restaurants with Rooms Award

Ellerby Country Inn
Estbek House, Whitby
The Plough Scalby, near Scarborough
The Saddle Room Restaurant, Leyburn
The Three Acres, near Huddersfield

Large Attraction of the Year

Brontë Parsonage Museum, Keighley
Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal, Ripon
National Science and Media Museum, Bradford
Newby Hall & Gardens, Ripon
Stockeld Park, Wetherby
The Forbidden Corner, Leyburn
The Wensleydale Creamery

Large Hotel of the Year

Devonshire Arms Hotel & Spa, Skipton
Holdsworth House Hotel & Restaurant, Halifax
Rudding Park, Harrogate
The Black Swan Hotel, Helmsley
The Coniston Hotel, Country Estate & Spa, near Skipton
The Principal York
Wentbridge House Hotel, Pontefract

Outstanding Customer Service Award

Pennine Cycles, Bradford
Team York Maze
The Grand Hotel & Spa, York
Tong Garden Centre, Bradford
Wentbridge House Hotel, Pontefract
Yorebridge House, Leyburn
York Racecourse

Producers and Makers Award

DeliVita Limited,
Masons Yorkshire Gin, Bedale
The Little Red Berry Co. Ripon
Tipple Tails, Sheffield
Yorkshire Dama Cheese, Sowerby Bridge
Yorkshire Heart Vineyard & Brewery, York

Pub of the Year

The Bay Tree, York
The Bruce Arms, Ripon
The Chequers Inn, York
The Duke of York Inn, York
The Swan & Talbot, Wetherby
The White Swan, York

Restaurant of the Year

Lanterna Restaurant, Scarborough
Prashad, Drighlington
The Hare Restaurant, near Thirsk
The Pheasant Hotel, Helmsley
The Westwood Restaurant, Beverley
Wentworth Restaurant, Malton

Self-Catering Accommodation of the Year

Broadgate Farm Cottages, Beverley
Cottage in the Dales, Leyburn
Dalesend Cottages, Bedale
Lendal Tower, York

Smallshaw Cottages & Spa, Sheffield
Thief Hole Cottages, Northallerton
Tunstall Road Farm, Catterick

Small Attraction of the Year

Burton Constable Hall & Grounds, Skirlaugh
Kilnsey Park, Skipton
National Emergency Services Museum, Sheffield
Scampston Hall & Walled Garden, Malton
Stillingfleet Lodge Gardens, York
The Georgian Theatre Experience, Richmond

Small Hotel of the Year

Feversham Arms Hotel & Verbena Spa, Helmsley
Goldsborough Hall, Goldsborough
The Victoria Hotel, Robin Hoods Bay
The West Park Hotel, Harrogate
Tickton Grange Country Hotel, near Beverley
Yorebridge House, Leyburn

Taste of Yorkshire Award

Cannon Hall Farm, Barnsley
Cedarbarn Farm Shop, Pickering
Fodder, Harrogate
Miller's Fish and Chips, York
The Firebox Café @ Stage1cycles, Hawes
Wold Top Brewery, Driffield

Tourism Event of the Year

Great Yorkshire Show, Harrogate
HallowScream at York Maze
Huddersfield Literature Festival 2017
The North York Moors Chamber Music Festival
Wakefield Festival of Food Drink & Rhubarb
York St.Nicholas Fair

Visitor Information Award

Bradford Visitor Information Centre
Bridlington Tourist Information Centre
Doncaster TIC
Harrogate Tourist Information Centre
Humber Bridge TIC, Hessle
Visit York Information Centre

