

## City Park - Educational Resources for Teachers

The educational resources are designed to engage schools and community groups in the exciting changes that are happening in the city centre and to explore creative learning and links to the curriculum. Throughout the development of the City Park we are offering teachers the opportunity to submit lesson plans and project ideas that capture the dynamic changes that occur in the city centre so that we can further develop the educational resources for the benefit of all.

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There is a wealth of information about the City Park project – films, images, webcam, background and rationale – available online at the regularly updated project website – [www.bradford.gov.uk/citypark](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/citypark)

### Available information:

- Background information: Bradford - Past, Present and Future (below)
- Educational Involvement Ideas Overview Key Stages 1 and 2 Primary
- Educational Involvement Ideas Overview Key Stages 3 and 4 Secondary
- Diplomas Educational Involvement Ideas
- Cross – curriculum Dimensions
- Curriculum Links Key Stage 1 and 2
- Curriculum Links Key Stage 3 and 4
- Lesson Plan – Citizenship Key Stages 3 and 4
- Regeneration Journey
- City Park School Presentation – a presentation for teachers to deliver which introduces the regeneration of Bradford city centre and the City Park
- Professional Presentations:
  - Constructing the City Park
  - Designing the City Park
  - Engineering the City Park
  - Architecture in City Park
- Engaging Places – Teacher's resources, Glossary of Terms, Useful Web links
- Case Studies of current projects – Primary & Secondary
- Resources and Web links



## Bradford - Past, Present and Future

Around the time of the Norman Conquest, the original village of Bradford sprang up around the "Broad Ford" crossing Bradford Beck at church bank, by the site of [Bradford Cathedral](#) on the edge of what is now known as [Little Germany](#). The stream now passes through underground tunnels on its way to meet the River Aire near [Shipley](#) en route to [Leeds](#) and beyond. However, it was not until the industrial revolution, in the late eighteenth and nineteenth century that Bradford grew and gained importance as a major producer of textiles and became known as the woollen centre of the world.

To support the textiles mills and machinery a large manufacturing base grew up in the city, leading to diversification with different industries thriving side-by-side. Today most of the older textile mills and some of the heavier industries have closed, but Bradford remains one of the north's most important cities, with modern engineering, chemicals, digital media, I.T. and financial services (especially building societies) replacing the "dark satanic mills" of the industrial revolution.



### Did you know?

- Bradford District covers 143 sq miles, with a population of almost 501,000 – predicted to be the fastest growing major city in the UK
- The district is forecast to be one of the fastest growing economies in the Yorkshire & Humber region
- It is home to the headquarters of some of the largest companies in the North of England, including Morrisons, Kelda, Hallmark UK, Yorkshire Building Society, Provident Financial, Pace, and Filtronic
- The district includes 6,500 listed buildings, more per head than Manchester and Liverpool
- 60% rural and bordering the Yorkshire Dales, Bradford is one of the UK's top residential hotspots. The district has many picturesque villages including Haworth - the home of the Brontës, Saltaire - a World Heritage Site, and Ilkley
- Bradford has recently become the world's first UNESCO City of Film and already is home to the most visited museum outside London – the National Media Museum
- "Bradford has a lot to be proud of: nine million visitors a year, the most visited museum outside London, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and award-winning schools and university. It was birthplace to world-famous artists, authors and playwrights, it has unrivalled cultural diversity and was recently named as one of the top six cities in the UK for potential economic growth by OMIS. Not many cities can claim all that." Kirstie Allsopp – Location, Location, Location

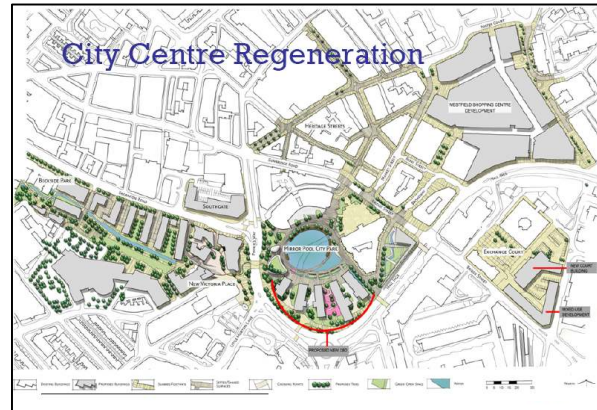
### Masterplan

Bradford city centre is undergoing a radical transformation. The Masterplan is a 20-year city regeneration project. It is both radical and far reaching. Its aim is to reposition and reveal Bradford, by opening up its hidden views, historic architecture and buried watercourses. Based on a unique 'park in the city' concept, this vision for Bradford will change people's perceptions of

living, working and playing in the city centre. Land value will be raised, infrastructure improved and inward investment attracted.

### Vision for the Future:

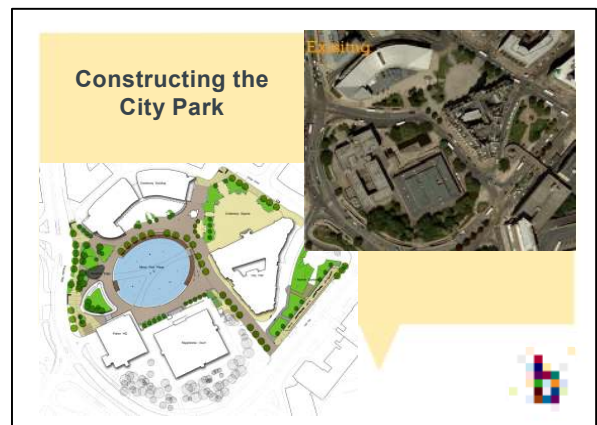
- Repositioning Bradford - seeking to differentiate the city both regionally and nationally
- Revealing Bradford - discovering the city's hidden assets and making the most of them
- Reshaping Bradford - detailing possible interventions and inspirations.
- Rebuilding Bradford - delivering the future city landscape over time.



The City Park is the focal point of the city centre masterplan – making that vision a reality. The large lake around City Hall from the masterplan has been shaped into a flexible and usable mirror pool. Keeping the ambition of the 'park in the city' concept and re-introducing water into the city - the six-acre City Park features the largest city centre water feature in the UK – the mirror pool.

### What is the mirror pool?

The 4,200sqm mirror pool features causeways, innovative special effects and a series of fountains with the tallest reaching 30m high. It can be used both filled with water, but also drained and used for public events such as concerts, markets and sporting events. It will be able to hold a range of large scale events - an important addition for the district's economy - hosting up to 10,000 people.



The City Park will create a vibrant space in the heart of Bradford city centre. It will be a meeting place, an events space and a stimulus to the economy - bringing more people to Bradford to live and work. It is a critical part of Bradford's regeneration. City Park will attract visitors and investors, raise land and property values and help create the landscape for investment in the city centre. It is an exciting opportunity to change the face of Bradford. The park will have a transformational effect on Bradford city centre and far wider economic, social and environmental benefits for the District.

