



## Southampton can take you to the Moon and back

A galaxy of young nightlife artists, musicians, writers and scientists are set to launch a festival of live shows, night-time events and digital experiences inspired by the Moon as part a nationwide celebration of creativity in summer 2022.

*Unboxed: Creativity in the UK 2022* will be the UK's most ambitious showcase of creative collaboration staged right across the country, from the Outer Hebrides to Dover.

And one of the new experiences will be a chance to join a mission to our 'universal satellite' – with Southampton one of only three UK cities to host *Tour de Moon* next summer.

While full details of the Southampton event are still to be revealed, *Tour de Moon* - a two-month festival of performances, installations, interactive experiments, and immersive experiences - will be coming to Hampshire from 11 to 14 June 2022.

Put together by creative pioneers aged 18-25, the innovative festival will be staged on a site in Southampton, which is in the running to become the UK's City of Culture 2025, with the final shortlist set to be revealed this spring.

Promising a magical, lunar experience, *Tour de Moon*, which is aimed at young people and their families, is described as a far-reaching collection of live shows, nightlife events, digital experiences and public activities that will connect us with 'our lunar satellite'.

There will be eight 'missions' to the moon, with each strand having a focus on night-time culture.

In Southampton, *Moon Experiences* will offer a series of live immersive events, while *Moon Music* will launch a new type of music, created through collaboration between two generations - those aged 18-25 and those aged over 70 – which will mix Earthbound sounds with galactic recordings made by space telescopes.

*Unboxed* is funded and supported by the four governments of the UK and is commissioned and delivered in partnership with Belfast City Council, Creative Wales and EventScotland.

For more details about the project see <https://unboxed2022.uk>

For tourist information about Hampshire see [www.visit-hampshire.co.uk](http://www.visit-hampshire.co.uk).