



# AURA'S ODYSSEY

## 11 - 14 AUGUST

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### HELP US MAKE A BLANKET TO WELCOME AURA

Aura is a 5 metre high puppet who is visiting Crawley in August as part of her odyssey in the UK. Crawley will welcome her with open arms, sharing stories, music, dance and art with her as she travels around Crawley from 11 - 14 August 2022 as part of the *Enliven: You're Welcome* season funded by Crawley Town Centre BID, Arts Council England and Crawley Borough Council.

We are celebrating the welcoming and diverse nature of Crawley and it's residents with this new art project.

Aura arrives at Gatwick Airport on Thurs 11th August. On Friday 12th she travels to neighbourhoods in Crawley on an open top bus. On Sat 13th August she'll explore the town centre and on Sun 14th we'll say goodbye to her at Tilgate Park.

*Aura's Odyssey* is an epic reinvention of the story of the Trojan Wars made by Yorkshire based Animated Objects Theatre Company. It was originally commissioned by The Yorkshire Coast Business Improvement District and Aura first arrived as a survivor of the Trojan Wars on the Yorkshire Coast in April and May this year. The next chapter in her odyssey sees her visit Crawley, the only other place outside Yorkshire that she is visiting this year.

**We're looking for people in Crawley to get involved by producing textile squares at home that will form part of a giant blanket to offer the puppet warmth when she arrives.**

These squares will be assembled into the giant blanket. The pieces will be 30cm squares plus a 5cm border for attaching to main blanket.

We're inviting people in Crawley to make (and then help us sew together) around 250 squares to make a blanket big enough for Aura to snuggle under. It will be presented to her at County Mall on Sat 13th August.

We provide the calico, you provide the design and then with help, we'll sew them into one giant blanket.

### THE BRIEF

We're inviting you to design a square that tells Aura something about Crawley or about what home means to you. This might be something about where you live, your favourite Crawley person, a Crawley landmark, building or park that is important to you or you can simply share words or images of welcome to Aura.

**We'd like you to share something about your experience of Crawley to welcome Aura to our town.**

Your design can be: painted, sewn, knitted, patchwork, crochet, felt, cross stitch, embroidered or drawn with fabric pens but must be securely attached to a square of calico, so we can add it to the larger blanket.

We encourage the use of recycled materials where possible.

Here are some examples from the blanket that the people of Yorkshire made in May when Aura visited them:



## DEADLINE

Please make sure you have finished your design by **30<sup>th</sup> July** and that you have delivered it or someone from Creative Crawley has collected it by then.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Email [hello@creativecrawley.com](mailto:hello@creativecrawley.com) and let us know how many squares you want and we will post or deliver them to you.