



AURA'S ODYSSEY

11 - 14 AUGUST

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WELCOME AURA TO CRAWLEY WITH A WAVE AND/OR SOME ART

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 inviting people in Crawley to get involved in the following ways:

- 1. Make a banner or flag to wave at Aura when she tours the town on an open top bus in Friday 12th August or in Crawley Town Centre on Sat 13th August.**

She'll visit Maidenbower Park, Bewbush West Playing Field, Manor Royal and Ifield on the bus on 12th August. The exact locations and times will be revealed in July. She'll be in the High Street, The Broadway, Queens Square, Memorial Gardens and County Mall on Sat 13th August.

You can bring a picnic to your chosen location and come and wave at her or make a banner or flag that has a message of welcome for her. What do you want to say to Aura to welcome her to our town?

- 2. Bring a picnic and/or share information about your community group on Sat 13th August in Memorial Gardens**

Around lunchtime on Sat 13th August Aura will rest in Memorial Gardens. We're inviting you to bring a picnic and share some of your favourite food. We want to show Aura how international the population of Crawley is.

Also, If you are a local community group and want to have a stall with information about the work you do in the community get in touch as we have 10 slots available.

DEADLINE

If you want a stall in Memorial Gardens on 13th August please get in touch by **Fri 22nd July**. If you want to bring a picnic, make a banner or flag or just turn up and wave to Aura please keep an eye on our website and socials for the exact route she'll take which will be revealed at the end of July.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Email hello@creativecrawley.com if you have any questions or want to register your interest.

