

THE EVENT
Start to finish...



A Street Art Installation in Support of York Mind

EXUCATED VANHOALS

15TH-16TH
21ST-22ND-23RD
28TH-29TH-30TH
10-6PM

2 Low Ousegate, York, YO1 9QU
Rowdy, Mighty Mo, James Jessop, Listen04,
Dan Cimmermann, Mul, Prefab & Guests

Local Artists
Lincoln Lightfoot, Sharon McDonagh, BOXXHEAD,
SOLA, Michael Dawson, Steve Bottrill

THE BIG CLEAN...

The offer to hold the 2023 charity event in a disused office block came about over a pint in the local. After a few more pints it was all systems go!!

Behind the scenes planning for the event took months. **Bombsquad** & the **York Crew** worked together to make the 2 floors habitable. Years worth of dead pigeons, old furniture, a million radiators and rubbish had to be removed. . The owner of the building provided a top team to assist us. A plumber & an electrician also came onboard to get the building usable.



Top Floor before we started



Top Floor after cleaning the place & painting the walls



The top floor became The Gallery - a serene space with THE most amazing views across the City, not to mention some of THE most iconic street artists in the Country.

THE GRAFT CONTINUED

The second floor had THE biggest transformation. A gallery, a DJ booth, a shop and a reception area were created. Every wall, the floor and even the ceiling were utilised by the artists on this floor.



Vast amounts of
spray paint
was ordered

KEEPING THE EVENT A SECRET...

city centre overnight - here's what we know so far

Maxine Gordon

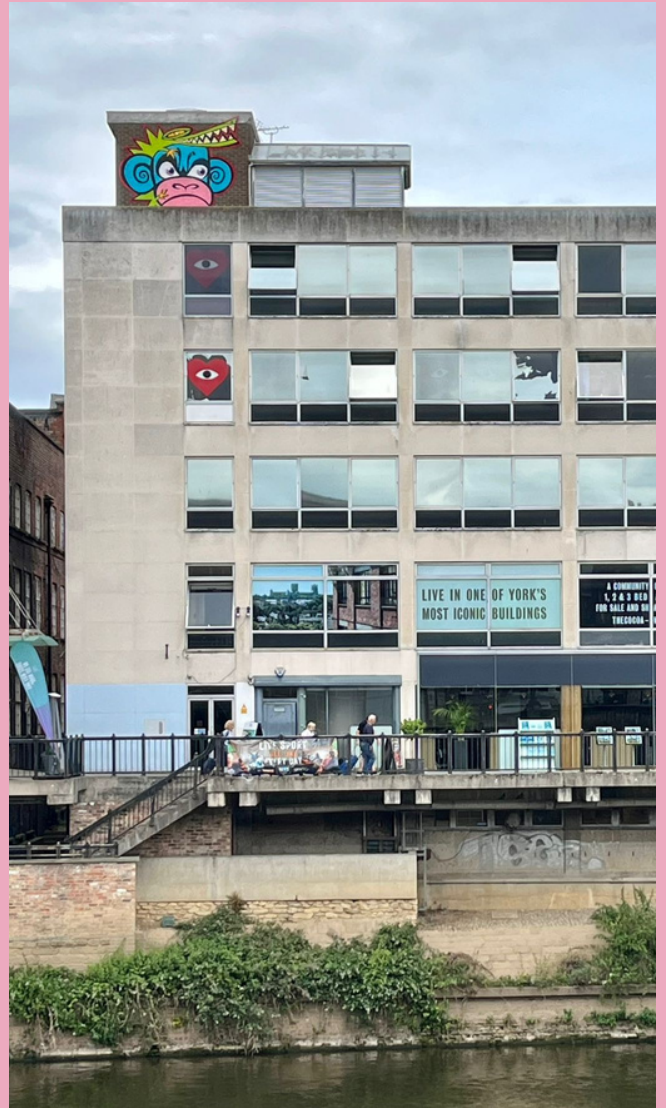
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Giant mural being painted on gable end of building in Low Ousegate, York. Photo by Michael Neal (*Image: Supplied*)

A GIANT mural has appeared in [York City Centre](#) - sparking a debate about street art in York.

Reactions



That went
really well
then



While the artists were secretly transforming the inside - the monkey & crocodile appeared on the roof by ROWDY & MIGHTY MO...

THE SECRET WAS OUT & THE PRESS WERE ALL OVER IT!!

THE ARTISTS....

EDUCATED VANDALS

2 floors of a disused office block transformed into THE biggest STREET ART show in York. All in aid of YORK MIND to raise funds and awareness of mental health.

Some of THE most iconic street artists across the country gave their time to create art on the walls, stairways, roof as well as exhibiting work for sale & for the auction.

GALLERIES - WALL ART - SHOP

LIVE DJ

AN ONLINE ART AUCTION by TENNANTS AUCTION HOUSE

HEADLINERS

**ROWDY - JAMES JESSOP - MIGHTY MO - MUL
PREFAB - LISTEN04 - COLOQUIX - LOSTHILLS - YERP**

The YORK CREW

**SHARON McDONAGH - LINCOLN LIGHTFOOT -
BOXXHEAD - SOLA - MICHAEL DAWSON
STEVE BOTTRILL - FINN GREENHOUSE**

Just one of the many press features...



The works are spread across two floors. Image: Newsquest



The street art exhibit is raising money for York Mind mental health charity. Image: Newsquest



On of the artists at the art exhibition. Image: Newsquest

Exhibition of street art opens

BY EMILY HORNER

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A STREET art exhibition created by artists from across the country has opened to the public in York to raise money for a local mental health charity.

On June 20, a mural of a monkey with a crocodile mohawk mysteriously appeared on a Low Ousegate building, next to Yates. It was created by members of local street artist group Bombsquad, who were given permission by the owners to create a whole street art exhibition, under the name Educated Vandals, on the walls across the top two floors. Bombsquad uses art to bring communities together to help people in York, and every penny raised from Educated Vandals will go to York Mind. Last year the group raised £20,000 for York Food Bank.

The exhibit includes pieces from

Mighty Mo, Listen04, James Jessop, Rowdy, Dan Cimmerman, Mul, and Prefab, who have travelled from all over, from Scotland to London, to contribute their original art to the exhibit.

The event also has an online auction with Tennants Auction House, including a print donated by Banksy, two art galleries, and a shop.

A spokesperson for Bombsquad described the whole exhibition as "full of emotion".

She said: "We chose York Mind because especially after the pandemic, people have struggled with their mental health, and we all either have or know someone who has struggled with theirs."

"People find it hard to vocalise how they're feeling, and art gives them an outlet and a voice for their emotions."

"It's irrelevant who we artists are. We're helping the community and charities, our ethos is to focus on the art."

"I get goosebumps in here, it's

been really nice to work together, it's the best thing I've ever done."

James, from York Mind, said: "It's amazing! We actually wanted to hold an art auction to help raise funds, so we were blown away when they contacted us about this!"

Across the two floors is a mural with a portrait dedicated to York man Robert Finnegan, who died two weeks ago.

Robert worked in purchasing for Browns department store in London, and his love for jazz and fashion is depicted in his portrait.

Local artist BOXXHEAD created an image depicting the isolating feeling that struggling with anxiety can bring.

Another local artist created a tribute piece for her dad who passed away seven years ago with a dish that reminds her of him.

And Lincoln Lightfoot has created an art piece of a large aquatic animal.

The event runs for the next two weekends from 10am to 6pm.



The exhibition is at a building next to Yates. Image: Newsquest



The monkey and crocodile mural at 2 Ousegate. Image: supplied



The exhibition features works by artists from around the country. Image: Newsquest

TOP FLOOR GALLERY





James Jessop & Rowdy





Listen04 & Rowdy





MUL





SECOND FLOOR



Sharon McDonagh



SOLA & Coloquix





BOXXHEAD - Yerp - MUL







Dan Cimmermann





Prefab & Losthills



Lincoln Lightfoot





Mighty Monkey



SOLA
Artist & Event DJ







The event had SOLA playing live every day of the event in the DJ booth he made





So what's next?

**The 2024 event will be in aid of SASH York
(homeless charity for young people)**

“RISE OF THE VANDALS”

Opens Saturday 22nd June

**Sunday 23rd, Friday 28th, Saturday 29th, Sunday
30th, Friday 5th July, Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th**

4 floors of street art

A retrospective look at the history of York Graffiti

Top floor gallery & shop

Live DJ

Cinema room

Wall art & exhibitions

Top street artists