

imagine festival

Saturday 25 &
Sunday 26 April

11-5pm
Whitehaven Town Centre



Toilets



First Aid Point



Information Point
Lost and found



Quiet space



SATURDAY & SUNDAY

FLOAT

Janice Murray, Natasha Dawson, Lynda Buckland

West Cumbria's rich carnival history explored through costumes, archive materials, oral histories from local people, community co-creation, and a purpose-built replica of a carnival float.

In association with University of Lancashire

Location: St. Nicholas' Church

Exhibition open all day

Drop in Carnival Crafting Workshops :

11-1pm & 2-5pm

Create & Connect

Zoe Forster

Exhibition and workshops from residents in Aspatria and Mirehouse, that are deeply rooted in the area's complex histories, and featuring artworks expressing contemporary views and wisdom.

Location: United Reform Church

Exhibition open all day

Drop in workshops:

Saturday:

Make a Clay Pigeon: 12pm*

Making Paint from Whitehaven landscape: 2pm*

Sunday:

Making Paint from Aspatria landscape: 1pm *

Self-portraits from your pocket: 3pm *

Fingerboarding - Mini Skateboard

Jake Bragg

Design and paint a custom-made mini skateboard and ramp using your old shoeboxes.

Location: The Rum Story (upstairs)

Time: All day drop-in workshops 11-4pm

Trash to Treasure

Sophie Bass

Create your own cut-and-paste pin badges using repurposed paper and explore junk journaling techniques. Feel free to bring an old notebook and any clean materials from home to use in your creations.

Location: The Edge

Time: All day drop-in workshops 11-4pm

Outside In

Nanette Madan

A multi-sensory experience created with residents of Flimby, Mirehouse, Whitehaven and Cleator Moor inspired by the natural world, and using dormancy as a metaphor for mental health recovery. Including performances and drop-in workshops

Location: The Rum Story

Exhibition open 11-4pm

Performances:

Saturday: 11:30am* & 1:30pm*

Sunday: 2pm*

Saturday drop in workshops:

Marbling a Paper Slug: 1 2:30pm :*

Create Gelli-Plate Printed Leaves: 3pm*

Sunday drop in workshops:

Draw an Insect: 12pm*

Plant Tarot & Tea Ceremony: 2:30pm*

Here, West

Dave Bewick

Film documenting the complex intersection of art, culture and community in contemporary West Cumbria, challenging audiences to reconsider what constitutes a valuable cultural experience.

Location: Hope Haven (upstairs)*

Time: All day

Reflections

Jack McNeill

Jack's sound installation translates the shared emotions of community groups involved in Imagine Festival 2026 into an immersive sonic reflection on connection and place.

Location: Hope Haven (upstairs)

Time: All day*

Songwriting

Tiiva

Songwriting with Tiiva: Co-create a song from scratch in this fun, open workshop – no experience needed, just ideas and good vibes. Make friends, share creativity, and have a go at songwriting!

Location: Hope Haven

Time: Saturday 2.30pm*

SUNDAY

The Brightness In Us

The Knotted Project

Performance by children exploring themes of friendship, family and community, through film, poetry and dance.

Location: Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project

Time: Sunday 11am

Rhythms of Nicholson

Celia Burbush

Drop-in workshops creating visual forms inspired by Norman Nicholson's iconic poetry.

Location: Hope Haven

Sunday: 11am, 1pm, 3.30pm

IMAGINE FESTIVAL STAGE

ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH & GARDENS

SATURDAY 25 APRIL

Festival opening Imagine Choir: 11am

St Joseph's Primary School

Carnival Through the Ages Dance: 1pm

Carnival Dances

Cowpers Dance School : 3.45pm

SUNDAY 26 APRIL

Football Demo

Whitehaven AFC: 12.30pm

Community Takes The Stage: 1.30pm

Whitehaven Brass Band

Enjoy classic and popular tunes from a brilliant brass band of all ages. 4pm

Please note that Sunday from 11am–12pm is a designated quiet hour, offering a calmer experience across the festival.

* workshops have limited capacity and will work on a first come first served basis.