

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Creating stories and capturing relationships: 'Portrait of Britain' photographer Kate Abbey announced as Bradford Cathedral's new Photographer in Residence.**



Photographer and Director Kate Abbey is Bradford Cathedral's new Photographer in Residence.

She has been invited to be the artist in residence for a 12-month period, to come and photograph within the cathedral, to capture an idea of what the cathedral represents.

This opportunity forms part of the Artspace at Bradford Cathedral programme, which programmes a range of exhibitions, events and projects at the cathedral.

Kate Abbey on her residency:

"It's through my eyes, and through my gaze, and what I see in front of me. It's all about what engages me. I'm wanting to photograph the intimacy of the relationships. I'm wanting to capture the individuals that are there. I'm wanting to capture the fabric of the cathedral that isn't stones.

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Kate Abbey's 'Portrait of Britain' photo, shown on one of the digital screens in The Broadway Bradford.

“This role will engage me with the cathedral; it will engage me with Bradford; and it will give me an insight into that, but I’m also wanting to take that imagery and exhibit it, and display it, and show it, through relevant and appropriate channels; through competitions or awards; so that I am kind of the channel to get it out there as well.

“If you see me hanging around with a camera in the cathedral or in the grounds, please feel free to approach me and ask me what I’m doing!

“As we go on, and as the project evolves and the theme becomes stronger, it may be the case that I call out for people who'd like to get involved. I'd like to capture how far into the community, physically and geographically, the cathedral extends. It doesn't just have to be within the physical building, I want to extend my project out into the local community.”

You can also see an example of Kate’s work on the digital screens located around and inside the Broadway Bradford, as they display the 100 photos chosen for the ‘Portrait of Britain’ exhibition, run by British Journal of Photography in partnership with JCDecaux.

**To find out more about Kate Abbey, Bradford Cathedral’s Photographer in Residence, including a new interview with her on our blog, please visit <https://www.bradfordcathedral.org/whats-on/artspace/photographer-in-residence/>**

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## Notes for Editors

### **About Bradford Cathedral**

Bradford Cathedral has been a place of worship in Bradford since the first millennium. It is the oldest building in the city and, alongside being a place of worship, hosts events, arts projects and much more.

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### **About Kate Abbey**

Kate Abbey is a photographer and director who is after the real and authentic: those subtle, but powerful moments in life that we all strive after. "If it doesn't look believable, I'm not interested."

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