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Count down begins to Angel Canal Festival on 1 September

The Canal & River Trust, the charity that cares for the Regent's Canal, is calling on Londoners and visitors to the capital join the fun at the 2019 Angel Canal Festival on Sunday, 1 September.

The annual event is a mainstay of the local calendar, having been run for over 30 years. Held around City Road Basin on the Regent's Canal in Islington, it will feature boat trips, craft stalls, food and live music, as well as kayaking and paddleboarding taster sessions, among a host of activities. There will also be a street food market provided by Urban Street Fest.

The Trust will also be holding activities around some of its key campaigns including plastic pollution, the health and well-being benefits of being by water and sharing the towpath space.

Last year saw more than 10,000 people visit the festival, which is supported by dozens of community groups and local organisations.

Ros Daniels, Canal & River Trust regional director, says: "We can't wait for the festival and hope thousands of people come and join the fun. There should be something for everyone and it's a great day out for families, with loads of activities on and off the water. The Regent's Canal in Islington is one of the most popular canals anywhere in the country. It's a great place to escape the busy streets, slow down and relax. The festival will showcase all it has to offer."

The Angel Canal Festival began in the 1980s, thanks to the tireless work of local volunteers led by Crystal Hale and Jim Langdon. In later years the organising committee was led by Beryl Windsor and Sasha Kier, before the Trust took over organising duties for the first time in 2018.

For more information, including how you can get involved in the event, visit <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/angel-canal-festival>

For more information about the Canal & River Trust, including how to volunteer or donate to the charity, visit canalrivertrust.org.uk

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