**Uk city of culture 2025**

On the one show from the BBC in may 2022 it was announced that Bradford is the Uk's city of culture for 2025. This is a title eligible for 12 months. Run by the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), UK City of Culture is a competition that is organised every four years. The award brings a number of high-profile cultural events and financial investment.

The purpose of city of culture is to celebrate local culture with a programme of events that are ambitious, inclusive and inspiring. It is also to help significantly regenerate a city, town or area.

The Guardian described it as a “**creative powerhouse – building on our existing cultural assets and heritage; attracting significant investment, jobs, and new opportunities for everyone who lives and works here**”

**What does this mean?**

With Bradford being announced city of culture, Bradford will be reciving an initial seed funding of £275,000 intended to help begin preparations for a year of cultural activities. Bradford is going to be getting 300m and over a thousand jobs as a result. In 2019 hull was reported to have benefited by having attracted 5 million people, £220 million in investments and 800 new jobs. Derry/Londonderry were the previous winner in 2013. In 2016 there were more than 600 new jobs and counting. They claimed that it greatly improved poverty in most areas.

So, what should be expected to change and benefit from city of culture?

I am hoping for a mass amount of funding towards housing. 29% of Bradfords population is aged under 20 and nearly a quarter is under 16. It is way too difficult to get a house or they are jumping into unwanted jobs and not careers just to get by and are stuck as a result. I believe this plays a big part in the homelessness problem. More houses will obviously provide more homes, careers and less homeless. I believe this benefit's everyone by keeping homeless off the street by either helping to prevent it or make young people a little more hopeful about their future.