



## Visitors help launch Thackray in LEGO® Bricks

Thackray Medical Museum's big LEGO build is underway. For a donation of just £1, visitors and supporters can place a brick into the scaled down model of the museum, which when completed, will contain over 150,000 bricks.

Thackray in LEGO Bricks is raising money towards the museum's £4 million campaign *A Healthy Future*, which is due for completion in Spring 2020. With new and updated exhibitions, new visitor experiences and vital repairs to the fabric of the Grade II listed building, the redevelopment will see the museum transformed.

Katie Clark, the museum's official LEGO master builder said:

*"This is an amazing opportunity for people to come down and place a brick into the model and chat to us about the museum's exciting plans for the future. The museum is housed in what was once the Leeds Union Workhouse and I can't wait to see that recreated in LEGO"*

The museum has already received support from, amongst others, the Heritage Lottery Fund, Wellcome Trust and the Thackray Medical Research Trust, but it needs help to raise the remaining £300,000.

Rachel Emmott, CEO added:

*"The museum is over 20 years old and is need of some TLC. This redevelopment project will allow us to make some major repairs to the building, as well as allowing us to create a museum that is fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> century visitor. Every £1 that is donated will take us one brick closer to our target."*

To get involved in the big build, head over to the museum or, if you can't get down in person, donate online through the website [thackraymedicalmuseum.co.uk](http://thackraymedicalmuseum.co.uk).

In addition to the LEGO build, the museum is running family workshops throughout the summer. *The Science of Frankenstein* celebrates 200 years since the publication of Mary Shelley's famous novel and explores the links between electricity and the body. Activities run weekdays from 10am-3pm and include stop motion animation, an electronics workshop, a giant Frankenstein operation game and themed crafts.

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## **About the Thackray Medical Museum**

Formerly the Leeds Union Workhouse, Thackray Medical Museum is now one of the UK's largest medical museums. Through nine interactive galleries, the museum will take you on a journey of discovery to explore the incredible world of medicine. Travel from the Victorian age to the present day to explore the fascinating world of surgery and find out how breakthroughs in science have changed all our lives for the better. Admission tickets allow unlimited return for 12 months.

As a registered charity, the museum's continued success relies on the generosity and support of trusts, individuals and corporate sponsors, Friends and Members, fundraising activities, admission fees, and the support of the Thackray Medical Research Trust.

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