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# WELCOME TO NOTTINGHAM LIVE . WORK . PLAY .

**Thousands of graduates per year are discovering life in Nottingham, a city of innovative business, vibrant culture and great quality of life. A place to base ambitious careers, lead active lifestyles and enjoy life to the full.**

With international sport, top-class retail, affordable housing, great transport links, a major city and tranquil countryside all on the doorstep for a fraction of the cost of living and working in the South East, more are choosing to start their professional careers here in Nottingham.

We're home to top-class companies, from blue-chip HQs like Boots, Experian

and Capital One, to waves of upcoming innovative creative and technology firms at BioCity and in the Creative Quarter that offer real opportunities for career progression.

Combine that with a bustling city, affordable living and a great atmosphere, and it all adds up to a lifestyle you'll love – just ask the real graduates whose stories are featured inside. Discover what Nottingham has to offer you after your studies over the next few pages.



Cllr Nick McDonald  
*Portfolio holder for jobs,  
Growth and Transport,  
Nottingham City Council*



HOME TO  
**OVER 50**  
REGIONAL AND  
UK BUSINESS  
HEADQUARTERS



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From large multi-nationals to up and coming firms offering fast-track progression, Nottingham wants to support its graduates to begin careers in the city. There is a range of grants and support to help you secure the job you want through our Nottingham Jobs Graduate service.

Find out more at  
[www.nottinghamjobs.com](http://www.nottinghamjobs.com)

*"The best thing about Nottingham is the start-up culture; there's so many people who want to create and shape the city. Moving here for work meant I secured a career and live in a city where no two days are the same."- Computer Science Graduate, Teeside University*

**NOW...**  
TECHNICAL ANALYST – BOOTS

**59%** OF THE JOBS IN  
**NOTTINGHAM**

ARE IN **KNOWLEDGE INTENSIVE** INDUSTRIES, WELL ABOVE THE UK AVERAGE

ONE OF THE  
**YOUNGEST**  
POPULATIONS IN THE UK



**£21,400**

**AVERAGE SALARY  
FOR GRADUATES  
WORKING IN NOTTINGHAM  
6 MONTHS AFTER UNI**

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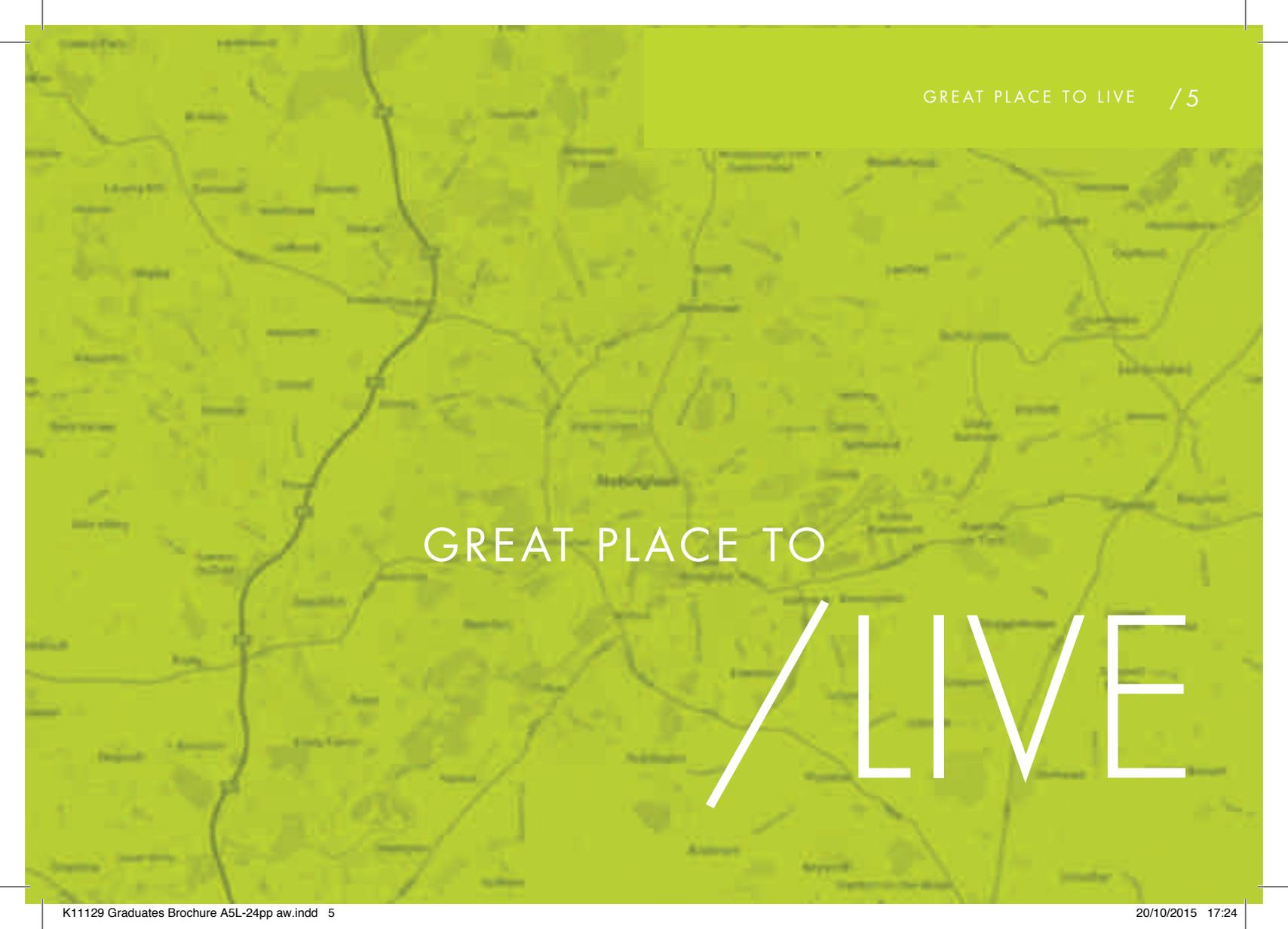
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GREAT PLACE TO  
/ LIVE

# GREAT LOCATION

**Getting around is easy in Nottingham.** We have an award winning public transport network, miles of cycle paths and are at the centre of the UK with excellent road and rail connections to the rest of the country – meaning you're never more than a couple of hours away from most locations. Our transport network has seen massive investment over the past few years and makes the city the ideal base for busy modern lives. And of course, if you need to jet off, East Midlands airport offers domestic and international flights to over 70 destinations, from Brussels to New York.



## ? DID YOU KNOW

**OUR TRAM NETWORK** SERVES 30 OF THE LARGEST NOTTINGHAM EMPLOYERS, AND OUR TRAVEL TO WORK TIMES ARE AMONG THE SHORTEST IN THE UK.



**BEST CONNECTED**  
**ROAD & RAIL NETWORKS**  
MOST UK CITIES ARE **UNDER 2 HOURS** AWAY

# GREAT CITY

**We're the cleanest and also one of the safest cities to live in.** Last year, Nottingham was named the cleanest city in the UK. We're also safe, with records of crime and anti-social behaviour at their lowest since 1981. Last year's 'Respect' survey found that our residents feel safer than ever, and we're proud to have been awarded Purple Flag status, recognising our city as a safe and enjoyable night out. Nottingham continues to be a great place to live - with friendly neighbours and 87% of residents reporting they think a great job is being done to keep the city safe and clean.



## ? DID YOU KNOW

**NOTTINGHAM WAS FEATURED**  
IN THE SUNDAY TIMES AS ONE  
OF THEIR 'BEST CITIES TO LIVE'  
FOR 2015.



**NOTTINGHAM  
THE UK'S  
CLEANEST  
CITY**

CLEAN BRITAIN AWARDS 2014

# GREAT HOMES

**It's a fact you can do more with your graduate salary in Nottingham, with a lower cost of living, travelling and housing.** Young professionals rent and buy flats and houses in the smartest areas, with Lace Market and canalside properties popular, alongside the buzzing café culture of West Bridgford and serene Mapperley Park. Great prices and great connectivity to the city and beyond give you time to enjoy work and life, with one of the shortest travel to work times in the UK.

*"I work with multi-national corporations and well known global brands from our office here in Nottingham. These opportunities have taken me to exciting places but with a base in Nottingham I can call home. By working from one of our regional offices, I get to enjoy all the benefits of working for a large firm, alongside the advantages of being part of a smaller office – it really is the best of both worlds!" - Economics Graduate, The University of Nottingham*

**NOW...** AUDIT MANAGER,  
KPMG, NOTTINGHAM



**AWARD WINNING  
PUBLIC TRANSPORT  
NETWORK**



NOTTINGHAM ENJOYS A  
**LOWER COST OF  
LIVING**

THE AVERAGE SEMI-DETACHED  
HOUSE PRICE  
IN NOTTINGHAM IS  
**£141,497** COMPARED  
TO **£552,746** IN LONDON

GREAT PLACE TO

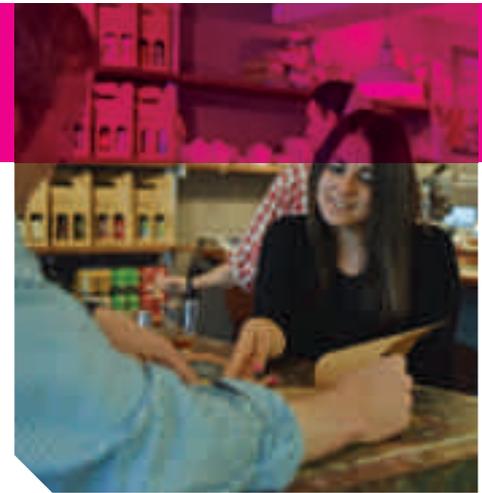
WORK

# GREAT CAREERS

**There are many routes to start your career in Nottingham. Join a high quality graduate scheme with competitive pay, progression and career development with national employers like KPMG, Boots and Experian.** Graduate jobs in marketing, advertising and PR are found in large and small firms across the City's thriving economy, offering a great environment to get stuck into the real business world.

Discover a city of entrepreneurs and innovation. Nottingham has a long history of blazing a trail, from HP Sauce to the discovery of Ibuprofen, the MRI scanner and the Speedo RZR swimsuit. Get support to create your own business through our start up and business incubator support such as The Hive, Broadway Media Centre and via the D2N2 Growth Hub.

Meet people like you through local networks  
[www.nottinghammeansbusiness.com](http://www.nottinghammeansbusiness.com)



*"Making the decision to stay in the Midlands has meant that I've been able to kick-start my career in an international business that supports and invests in my development goals. I've been able to save up a deposit for my first home and have easy connections to my friends and family in the rest of the country." – Biology Graduate, The University of Nottingham*

**NOW...** DIGITAL MARCOMMS  
EXECUTIVE – E.ON UK

# NOTTINGHAM IS... INNOVATIVE

## LIFE SCIENCE, DIGITAL AND CLEAN TECH

**The fastest growing Life Science community in the UK, over 38,000 people in Nottingham work in Life Sciences, and we're home to the country's first and only Enterprise Zone for the sector.**

We're also home to one of Europe's largest life science business incubators, BioCity. Companies like Walgreens Alliance Boots and Reckitt Benckiser sit alongside up and coming renowned companies like Novozymes and Molecular Profiles.

**Who's here:** Boots, Aesica, Novozymes

Our digital companies are a hotbed of creative talent transforming the city. Over 2,500 companies blaze a trail in digital, publishing, film, programming and games

development. The city's Creative Quarter plays host to the UK's only videogames archive, one of the few Dolby Digital studios outside London, and the city's own television channel, alongside design agencies, apps developers and digital production houses.

**Who's here:** Notts TV, Siemens, TDX Group, Deep Silver

Nottingham is pioneering a clean tech landscape. From waste to energy to wind turbine software and dual fuel technology, there's a landscape of businesses finding the energy solutions of tomorrow. The first publicly-owned commercial energy company has sprung up in the city, and almost every form of business in clean energy design and research can be found here.

**Who's here:** Changan Automotive, Alkane Energy, Chinook Sciences



ONE OF THE  
**FASTEST  
GROWING**

CITIES FOR **BUSINESS** IN THE UK



UK'S ONLY ENTERPRISE ZONE  
**FOR LIFE SCIENCE**

EMPLOYING  
**OVER 38,000**



# NOTTINGHAM IS... PROFESSIONAL CAREERS IN FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND LOGISTICS

**Nottingham is the financial centre of the East Midlands.** Over 86,000 people work in financial and business services, law, technology and banking. Law careers start here with major firms offering training contracts and Chambers offering Pupillages. We're home to a fast growing niche Financial technology sector of businesses using data analytics to drive new insight for business and win new clients across the world.

**Who's here:** Capital One, Experian, Ikano Bank, TDx, Geldards LLP, Eversheds LLP, KPMG, Browne Jacobson

Nottingham has a track record of highly engineered advanced products exported globally across a range of industries, such as aerospace, defence, automotive and nuclear.

Over 76,000 people work in fields such as 3D printing, power electronics and polymer composites.

**Who's here:** Romax Technology, Avingtrans, SMS Electronics

Big business chooses Nottingham as its centrally located distribution hub. A specialist logistics sector thrives on our location and transport networks to forge national and global connections on a massive scale, with over 28,000 people employed in logistics firms within the area.

**Who's here:** Cooperative Food, Asda / Walmart, UDG



## FASTEST GROWING

FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY SECTOR

OVER **86,000**  
PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN  
FINANCIAL SECTOR



# NOTTINGHAM IS... ADVANCED

## CAREERS IN HEALTHCARE, LEISURE & RETAIL AND FOOD & DRINK

**From manufacturers to growers, through to product development and distribution, Nottingham has opportunities in the food and drink sector for talented employees.**

Both universities provide specific food and drink innovation to major food producers and manufacturing firms.

**Who's here:** Premier Foods, Pork Farms, Bakavor

Retail and leisure is changing in Nottingham. Two large intu shopping centres are currently being regenerated leading to better retail opportunities. Our city has a strong independent retail sector, designer names,

upmarket Restaurants like Carluccio's and Jamie's Italian to fine dining like Hart's, World Service and the Michelin-starred Sat Bains. With a 23 million shopper catchment, opportunities in the sector abound.

**Who's Here:** Paul Smith global headquarters, Urban Outfitters, Boss

Health and Social Care are major sectors in Nottingham, with over 72,000 people working in a broad sector covering everything from hospitals and specialist medical institutions to residential care and health. With one of Europe's largest teaching hospitals on the doorstep, health and social care has a constant need for new talent, both specialists and also general management,



# £1 BILLION

INVESTMENT IN **SHOPPING & TRANSPORT** INFRASTRUCTURE  
*RECENTLY MADE*

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WIDE RANGE OF BRANDS IN THE CITY:  
**HUGO BOSS, VIVIENNE WESTWOOD,  
PAUL SMITH, KURT GEIGER & KIEHL'S**  
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marketing, HR, technology and other transferable skills.

**Who's Here:** Queen's Medical Centre, The John Van Geest Cancer Research Centre, Nationwide Care Services.

# NOTTINGHAM IS... INSPIRING CAREERS IN TEACHING AND SOCIAL WORK

## TEACHER TRAINING

**If you want to train as a teacher, Nottingham is a fantastic place to kick off your career.** The University of Nottingham and Nottingham Trent University both have well established and successful primary and secondary PGCE courses, or you can opt for school based training through Teach First, or one of the local Teaching School Alliances or school partnerships.

When you've qualified, whichever route you've chosen, we'll do our best to help you find the right teaching job for you. We offer a city-wide programme of support in

your first year as a Newly Qualified Teacher and opportunities to go on learning and progressing in your career. We want the best for our schools in Nottingham and we know that means we need to invest in high quality professional development for our teachers.

For general information about the different teacher training routes visit [www.ucas.com/ucas/teacher-training](http://www.ucas.com/ucas/teacher-training)

For advice about teacher training locally, search online for 'teacher training open days Nottingham' or contact one of the local course providers, who will be pleased to discuss your options with you.

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THERE ARE  
**94 SCHOOLS**  
IN NOTTINGHAM CITY,  
ATTENDED BY OVER  
**41,600 PUPILS**



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## SOCIAL WORK

**You could do a remarkable job in Nottingham. Social workers work with children and families to help them to improve their lives. This may be helping to protect vulnerable children from harm or abuse or supporting young people to live independently.**

If you're motivated by making a difference then you could take on one of our toughest and most rewarding jobs.

Step up to Social Work is a 14-month programme that will equip with you at least 170 days of hands-on experience and

rigorous academic experience while you work towards a Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work.

You'll receive a competitive starting salary, and the encouragement that over 80% of programme graduates have gone on to practise as social workers.

Being a children's social worker is a career that demands compassion, hard work and real drive. Step Up to Social Work is designed to prepare you for the road ahead – working with children, young people and families from all sorts of backgrounds facing difficulties.



Find out more at:

[www.stepuptosocialwork.co.uk](http://www.stepuptosocialwork.co.uk)



GREAT PLACE TO

/PLAY

# GREAT CULTURE

**Home to cultural treasures like the Nottingham Playhouse and the Theatre Royal, the Royal Concert Hall and the Capital FM Arena - a feature destination for UK tours by international artists.**

Nottingham's Creative Quarter is full of art galleries to discover, including the renowned Nottingham Contemporary. The schedule is always full with cultural events, from the historic Goose Fair to the annual Beach in the Market Square. The city also hosts Big October – a month of events from beer festivals to the annual GameCity and the Robin Hood Pageant that takes Nottingham Castle back to its mediaeval roots.

And if theatre is your thing, Nottingham is a centre of talent, where actors including Jack O'Connell, Samantha Morton, Vicky McClure, Joe Dempsie and Toby Kebbell have all trained – a fact that has even Hollywood legend Angelina Jolie saying 'Eh up mi duck!'

Easily escape city life into the great outdoors. Scenic parks and stunning countryside are just a short journey away – access the legendary Sherwood Forest or the breathtaking Peak District



## **?** DID YOU KNOW

### **NOTTINGHAM'S CREATIVE QUARTER HOUSES**

ART GALLERIES, MUSEUMS,  
THEATRES AND HISTORIC  
BUILDINGS



# GREAT SPORT

**Home to international sporting events such as the Ashes at Trent Bridge cricket ground, the AEGEON Open tennis, a national watersports centre and the annual Robin Hood Marathon, plus a host of cycling events and fixtures from football and rugby to ice hockey, in Nottingham we love our sporting days out.**

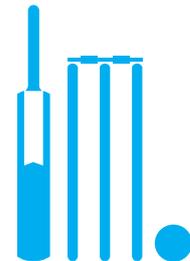
There's lots of opportunity to get involved as well. The city has nine fantastic leisure centres with cutting-edge facilities like Olympic size pools and fitness suites, and we beat out the competition to be named the UK's First City of Football. Home to the

National Ice Centre, three roller derby teams and hockey and rugby clubs, whatever your sport of choice you can find it here.



## **?** DID YOU KNOW

**NOTTINGHAM HOSTS INTERNATIONAL EVENTS IN CRICKET, ROWING AND TENNIS AS WELL AS BEING HOME TO TWO FOOTBALL CLUBS AND A RENOWNED ICE HOCKEY TEAM**



# GREAT SHOPPING

**A compact city with a unique retail offer – two shopping centres being transformed, combined with the highest number of independent boutiques outside London. Our cities retail offers everything from designer stores to high street chains and vintage emporiums.**

From fashion to quirky homewares, great gifts to superstores, Nottingham benefits from a range of retailers. There's Cobden Chambers and Byard Lane housing independent collectives, The Exchange and Flying Horse Walk with upmarket boutiques and hidden arcades like King's Walk and Trinity

Walk waiting to be discovered. In fact, The Guardian recently described Nottingham as “cinematic, collaborative and creative.”



## **?** DID YOU KNOW

**NOTTINGHAM'S TWO SHOPPING CENTRES ARE BOTH BEING EXPANDED TO FEATURE NEW RETAIL AND LEISURE DRAWS AND THE CITY HAS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF INDEPENDENT SHOPS OUTSIDE LONDON.**



# GREAT NIGHTLIFE

**Nottingham is renowned for its nights out – as our students can testify. From concerts and gigs to niche bars, a night out in the city will always be an unique experience. And it's one of the best and safest too, with the city achieving Purple Flag status for four years running as recognition of its commitment to an excellent safe, clean city centre at night time.**

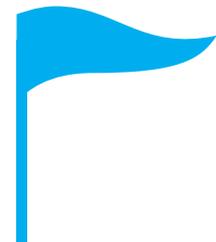
From pavement cafes to hidden speakeasy bars, your evening awaits- with bars stretching into the city's cave networks, one of the oldest pubs in the world by Nottingham Castle, a former Victorian music

hall and old warehouses and lace factories converted into music and arts venues, there's always something new to discover.



## DID YOU KNOW

**NOTTINGHAM IS FAMOUS FOR NIGHTLIFE AND HOLDS THE PURPLE FLAG AWARD FOR SAFETY AFTER DARK**



# GREAT SOUNDS

**A legendary music scene is heating up in Nottingham, inspiring breaking artists and new boutique festivals. From our headline grabbing live music venues – from chart toppers at the Capital FM Arena to niche venues like the Bodega – you can see established artists and new stars.**

Labels including NUSIC find the stars of tomorrow, and we have the only Rough Trade outside of London. From headliners to the up-and-coming stars of tomorrow, you never know who you might catch in the city. Nottingham also has a programme of festivals gaining ground in and around the

city - as well as at an array of festivals in or near the city, from Download to No Tomorrow and the city's own Splendour and the unique city-based Dot-To-Dot where Ed Sheeran, the xx, Florence + The Machine and Ellie Goulding have all made appearances.



## DID YOU KNOW

**NOTTINGHAM'S THRIVING MUSIC SCENE IS THE HOME OF ARTISTS INCLUDING JAKE BUGG, LONDON GRAMMAR AND INDIANA**



# GREAT EATS

**Nottingham's foodie scene is growing fast. From renowned fine dining like World Service and the Michelin starred Sat Bains, to quirky little bistros, buzzing gastro-pubs, vibrant bars, award winning delis and independent cafes serving hand-roasted coffee and craft beers; we're known for great drinking and dining.**

And if street food is your thing, our food and drink festivals and markets run throughout the year in the city centre, and further afield in our country parks. The annual Food and Drink Fortnight gives you the chance to try new places with special deals on eating out

to discover. World cuisine, gourmet burgers, a whole restaurant dedicated to pudding, and ping-pong with your handmade pizza are just some of the things you can try.

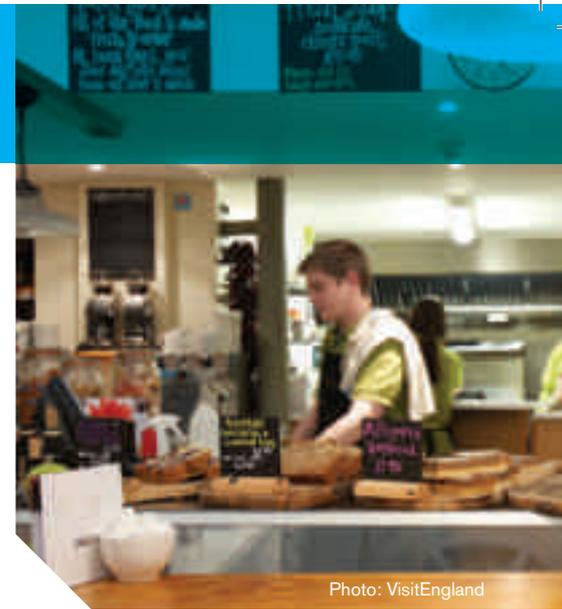


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## ? DID YOU KNOW

**WE ARE KNOWN FOR GREAT RESTAURANTS AND NIGHTLIFE, FROM INDEPENDENT FOOD PROVIDERS TO MICHELIN STARRED DINING**



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