

Dominoes

Dominoes Newcastle by Station House Opera is the spectacular headline finale of #NOVUM26, a giant city-wide artwork that will see thousands of breeze blocks tumble through Newcastle in one extraordinary chain reaction.

Across the day, hundreds of volunteers will build a sculptural line of dominoes stretching east to west through the city centre. Winding through streets, public spaces, venues and landmarks, the route will pause for playful large-scale structures around places like Monument before continuing its journey across Newcastle. Route maps will be available via this website page from July and at locations across the festival weekend.

Threading through the places we know and love, Dominoes Newcastle connects neighbourhoods, communities and city landmarks in a powerful shared moment shaped by the city itself. Then, at 4.30pm, the chain reaction begins lasting 30mins.

Whether you follow the route as it takes shape from 2.30pm, explore the wider #NOVUM26 festival programme, or find the perfect viewing spot in time to watch the fall, Dominoes Newcastle promises an unforgettable day of creativity, community and collective celebration.

More than 300 volunteers will help bring it to life and thousands will gather to witness one of the most ambitious public artworks ever staged in Newcastle and the North East.

Want to be part of it?

We're looking for 300 volunteers to help build Dominoes Newcastle. If you'd like to take part, email novum@newcastle.gov.uk for more information.

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