



Press release – for immediate release

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## It won't rain on our parade!

The carnival parade opening this year's Strawberry Fair will have a theme of "Strawberry Nation", which celebrates the diversity of cultures and communities within Cambridge. Preparations are underway to make the spectacular costumes that will have large numbers of people cheering – and your help is needed.

The parade is usually accompanied by the Arco Iris Samba Band and we want to hear from people who would like to become stewards, parade performers, dancers or those who would just like to make and/or wear costumes and generally look very sparkly.

Parade organiser Emma Hanid says "Each year we run costume making workshops in the weeks running up to the Fair. If you would like to learn how to make a carnival costume, or already have costume making experience we would love to hear from you."

The workshops are being held at Anglia Ruskin University, in the Mellish Clarke Building, Room 002, between 11-5pm. The dates are:

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April,

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May (Venue for this date is The Shop on Jesus Lane (18 Jesus Lane).

For more details e-mail [parade@strawberry-fair.org.uk](mailto:parade@strawberry-fair.org.uk) or join our Facebook group "Strawberry Fair Parade"

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Notes to editors

- Strawberry Fair is a not-for-profit event run entirely by unpaid volunteers.
- External funding is not accepted making the event truly independent.
- Local artists and traders are prioritised when bookings are made.
- Over 1000 people help make Strawberry Fair happen each year.

For further information please contact

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