

Additional information relating to Artichoke

Quotes in support of our work

Boris Johnson, Mayor of London

“In a city full of wonderful experiences, Artichoke have been responsible for some of the most astonishing and talked about events of the last few years... Artichoke exemplifies Britain's creativity and ability to shock, surprise and tantalise.”

Cllr Simon Henig, Leader of Durham County Council on Lumiere

At the close of 2013 festival

"Lumiere 2013 has been breathtaking, thought provoking, entertaining and an overwhelming success for tens of thousands of festival-goers and very many businesses.

"I confidently predict a very significant economic boost to the county linked to the opportunities delivered by this world-class event. Just as important though is the immense sense of pride we can take in knowing we have worked together to showcase just some of the very best we have to offer in County Durham.

"Huge thanks to Artichoke, the very many council staff and our partners at Durham Constabulary, the Cathedral and Durham University for their superb support. Thank you too to the public who have embraced Lumiere and helped us all to shine."

In 2014 on announcement of 2015 festival

“Lumiere has put Durham firmly on the world map and has become our signature event.

“Having benefitted from working with Artichoke to deliver three Lumiere festivals in Durham now, it is clear that the economic boost is consistent and significant.

“There are not many business deals which see such a phenomenal return on investment and which allow us to show the world what a fantastic destination Durham is.”

Levels of local authority funding granted in relation to total cost

	Artichoke Project	Total Cost	Local Authority funding	% of LA funding against total cost
2013	Lumiere Durham 2013	£1.8 million	£640,000	35.5%
2013	Lumiere Derry 2013	£1.4 million	£1,040,000	74%
2009	One & Other fourth plinth commission	£1.34 million	£140,000	10%
2008	La Machine's Spider, Liverpool	£1.95 million	£1.3million	66%
2008	The Telectroscope	£396,308	0	0%