

# #LIC2016

Celebrate Luton International Carnival with the Revellers Steelband



On Sunday 29 May 2016 Luton will celebrate 40 years of carnival. The first carnival held in Luton was known as the Victorian Street Fair. It was held to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Luton becoming a municipal borough (1876). Now 40 years on, Luton carnival is noted for being the largest one-day carnival in the UK.

Revellers Steel Band is based at the UK Centre for Carnival Arts (UKCCA) in the heart of Luton. It was formed in 2009 to support the cultural identity of the steelpan and thereby raises its awareness within the local community. The steelband members range from children, those re-joining in university holidays and adults. Revellers is also supported by funding from the Arts Council England and National Lottery Fund.



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Carnival celebrations begin at Warden Park, Old Bedford Road, 12 noon. There will be something for all of the family to enjoy ranging from arts, crafts and food stalls, a health and well being area and a fun fair. 'On the road' there will be 48 groups taking part in the Parade (or Road March), where the Revellers Steelband will be true to form, entertaining the onlookers and revelling in this historic celebration. The carnival ends at 6pm.