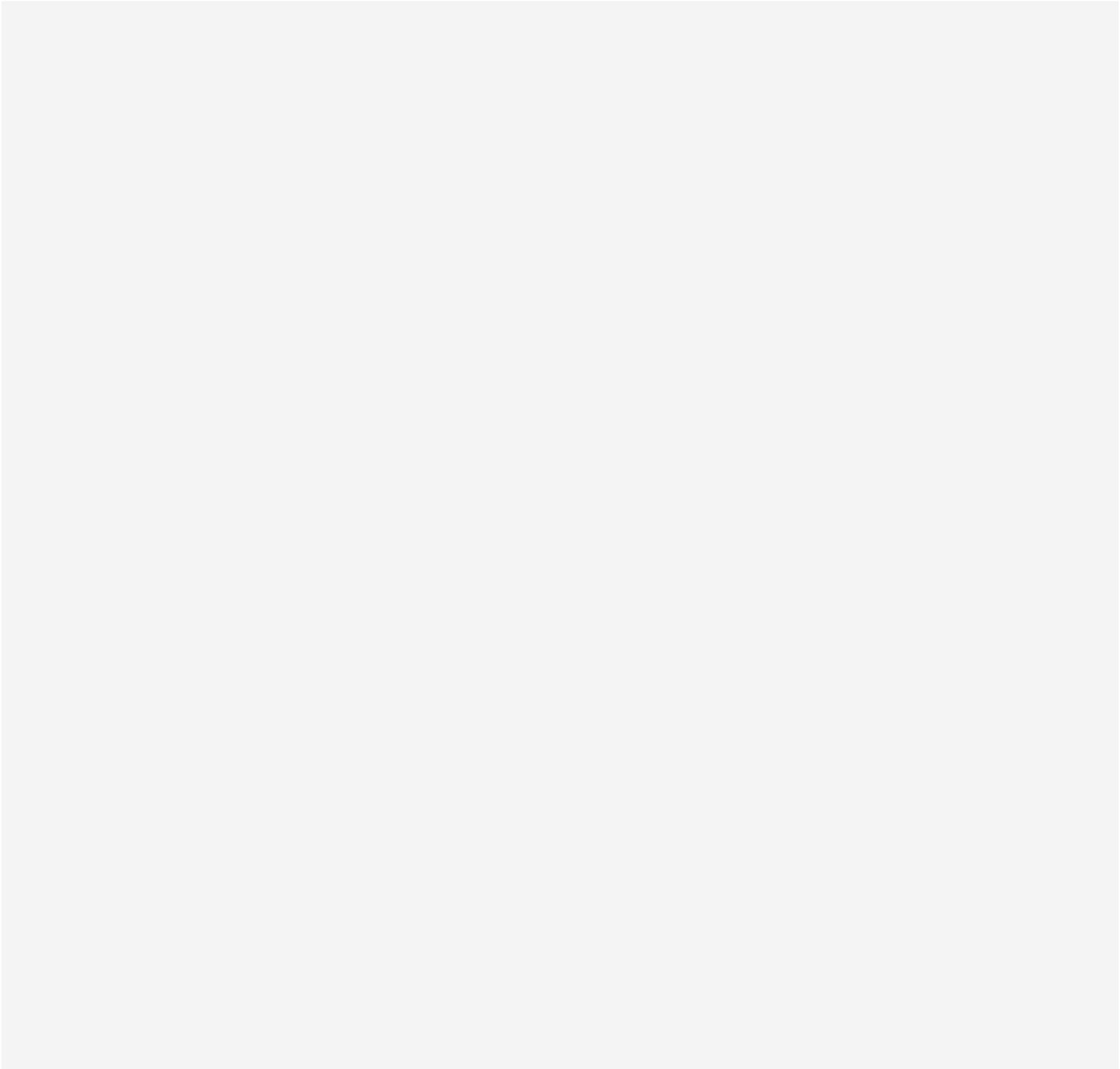


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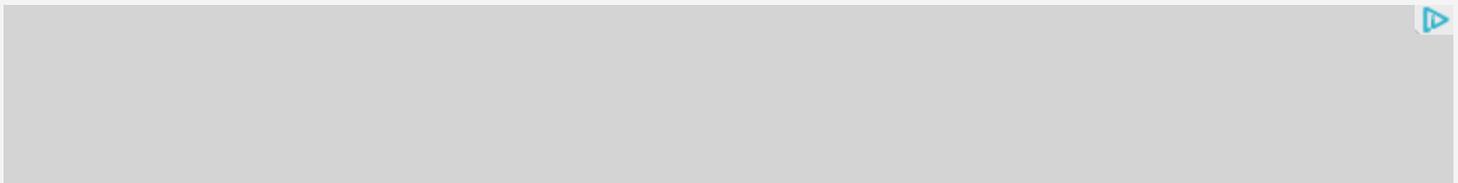
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Crowds line the streets of Preston to see People's Canopy arrive

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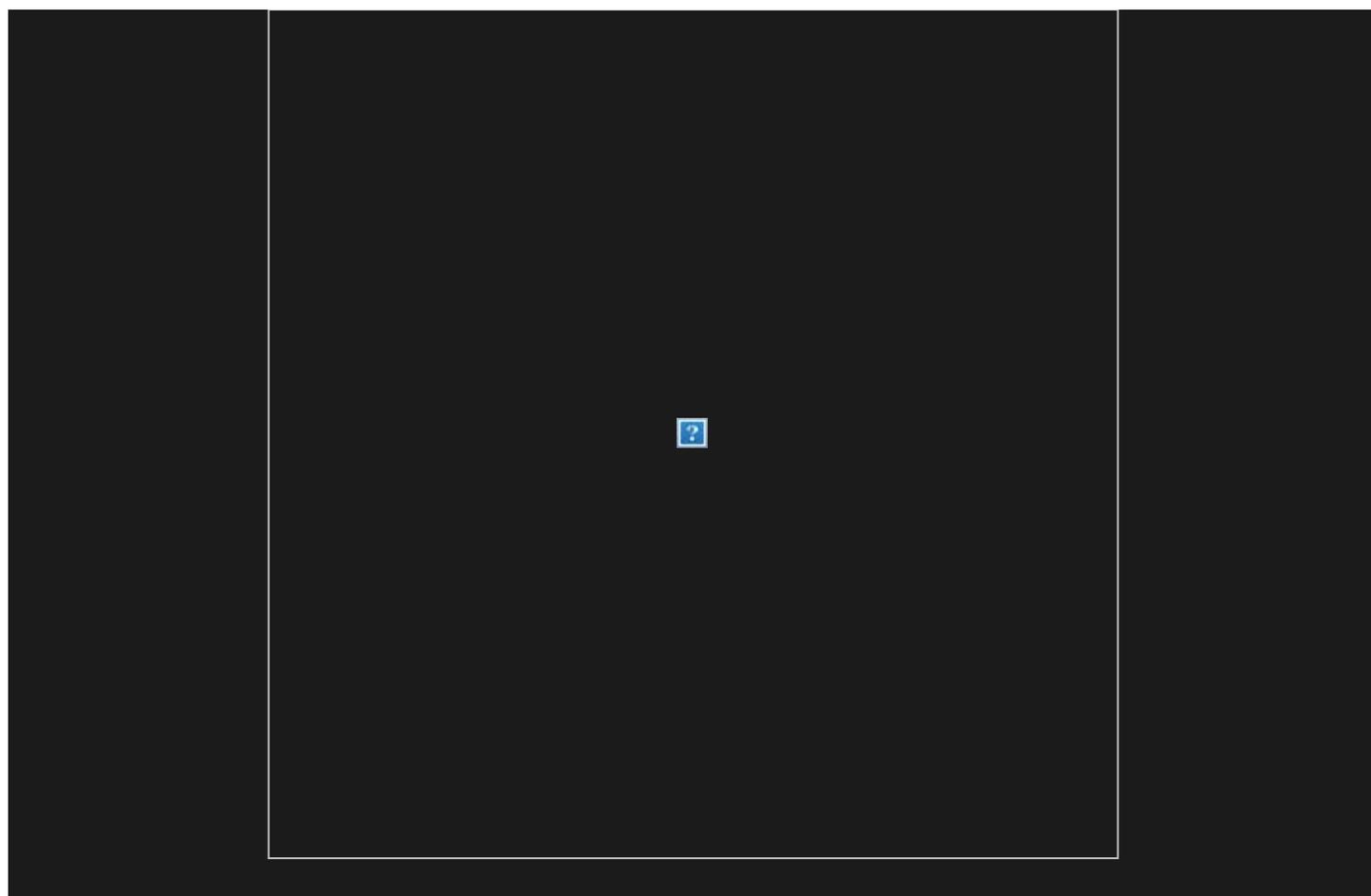
Crowds of people lined the streets as Preston was turned red to launch the first Lancashire Encounter festival.

More than 50 volunteer cyclists from the University of Central Lancashire brought the People's Canopy – a series of mobile

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[structures](#) on bicycle wheels – from St Peter's Square to the Flag Market.

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The canopy, designed in collaboration with the award-winning People's Architecture Office in Beijing, was greeted by a pop-up cycle hub on the Flag Market with refreshments, bicycle powered smoothies and [information](#) stalls.

The spectacle is the brainchild of In Certain Places , a programme of events led by UCLan, and will now sit in the Flag Market for the duration of the festival from Friday to Sunday.

The canopy will host and be home to commissioned artworks, community gatherings, performances, workshops, meetings, interventions, an arts market, a day of activity presented by UCLan and a whole spectrum of creative activity across the festival weekend.

In Certain Places is a programme of artistic interventions and events, led by curators Elaine Speight and Professor Charles Quick in the School of Art, Design and Performance at UCLan.

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Elaine Speight

Elaine said: “The People’s Canopy project has been developed with the aim of creating new, visible connections between UCLan and the city centre, and celebrating UCLan’s international links. As well as encouraging greater movement and exchange between the University and city, the Canopies have also been designed to provide the temporary market place for local, independent businesses and a social space in which communities from within the university and wider city can share ideas, culture and traditions.”

The Lancashire Encounter is designed to bridge the 20-year gap between Preston Guilds, and organisers hope it will become a biennial event from next year.

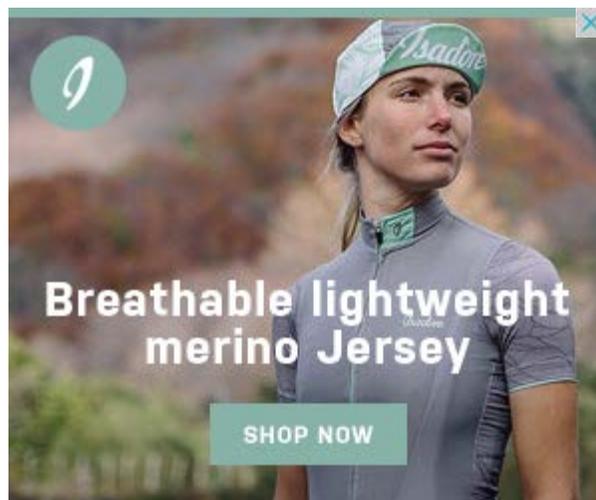




The event also includes Preston Pride on Saturday and the Run Preston road races on Sunday.

The performances and activities will be taking place under the small Covered Market, People's Canopy, old Post Office, Flag Market, Dean's Court Chamber, and the Harris Museum & Art Gallery.

Coun Veronica Afrin said: "Excitement is building and it will be a great weekend. In fact we can't wait and hope it's the start of something quite unique for Preston and for Lancashire."





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What misery guts seem to be on this site. I saw the parade and thought it was absolutely wonderful! A real lift for the city. As for benefiting students from what I've see about the festival it's for young kids and everyone. Maybe you should go and then make your mind up the way I see it anything that gives a bit of attention to Preston and makes people smile can only be a good thing. More please!



lankylad

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8:56 PM on 23/09/2015

Yes it,s very nice but what is this relationship between the City council and UCLAN. It is all very cosy. Everything all seems to be for the benefit of UCLAN and it,s students.



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Crowds - what crowds all I can see in the video are a few shoppers who are outnumbered by the folk on high vis jackets.



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temporary bus stops while they do up the concrete eyesore lol
it,s only a bit of humour from me though. at least i do have it which is more than i can say about some folk on here.

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How embarrassing for a 'city'.
Can't we do any better than this completely naff nonsense?



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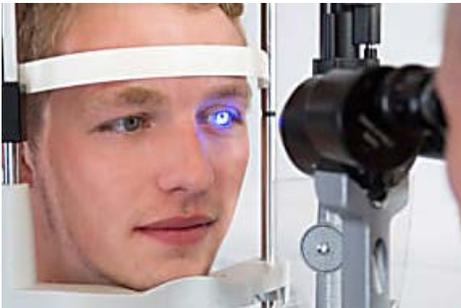
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Good grief! next they will be building a set of steps that go nowhere in the flag
Mark.....Oh



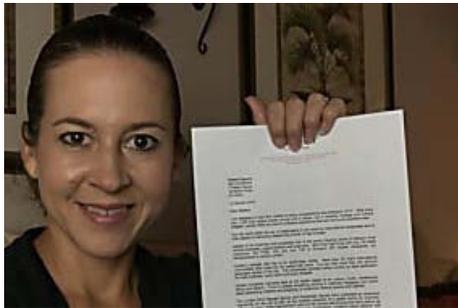
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