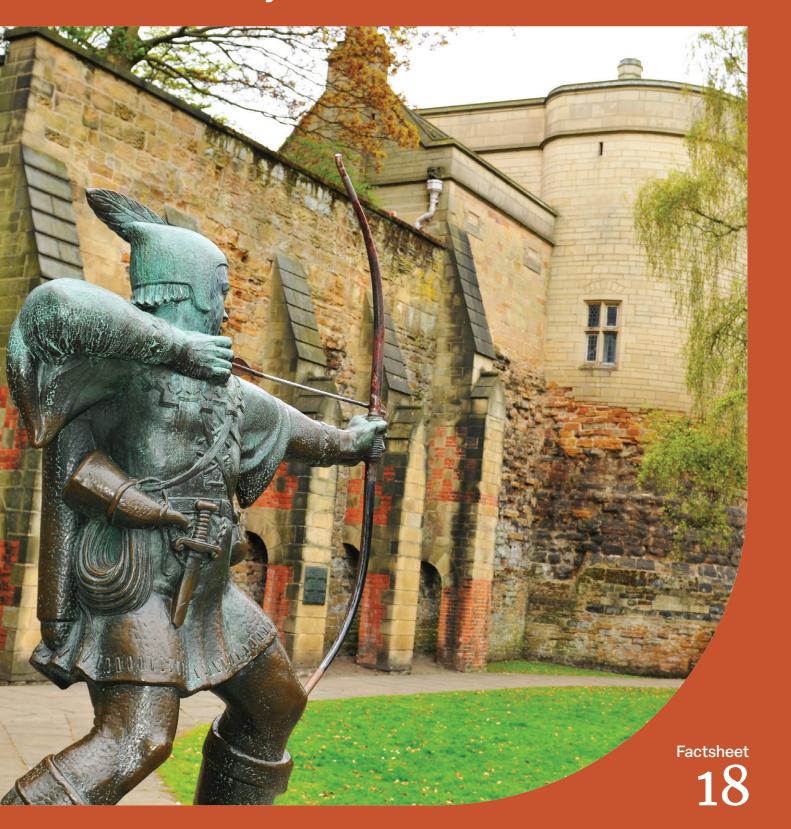




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Nottingham UNESCO City of Literature aims to build a better world with words, by helping its citizens write a better future. Using the power of words to transform lives, create new opportunities and establish Nottingham as a leading destination for lovers of literature worldwide. Nottingham City of Literature focuses specifically on young and emerging creatives, co-creating opportunities and events to nurture and further creative and literary careers. The City of Literature works closely with educational institutions to enhance literacy skills and strengthen connections with the community.

## What makes this UNESCO Designation special?

Nottingham is a vibrant and welcoming city of historical, cultural and literary significance. It is most famous for the legend of Robin Hood, which has prompted numerous films, plays, books and poems. Nottingham was once the centre of the world's lace industry and it still creates and sells world-famous lace, including the royal baby shawls from G.H. Hurt and Son made using historic hand-knitting frames.

Nottingham has strong ties with historical writers like D.H. Lawrence and Lord Byron, and visitors have the opportunity to visit the ancestral home of Byron, or the birthplace of Lawrence. The city has a thriving literary and arts scene with a flourishing poetry network of poets, festivals and events and is home to two universities that bring diversity to the local population with both UK and International students, and with it, new ideas.

The city has iconic landmarks like the Nottingham Council House in Market Square with the infamous lions, Nottingham Castle situated on the hill above the city, and the caves which honeycomb the ground underneath it.





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