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Ten Thousand Daffodils

A ceramic flower installation at Lowther Castle

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A bold and highly imaginative ceramic installation to be shown at Lowther Castle next year was announced this week. The idea takes its inspiration from Wordsworth's eponymous poem and will feature a carpet of 10,000 ceramic daffodils displayed among the long grass in the castle gardens.

Ten Thousand Daffodils has been put together by Dockray-based potter Helen Ratcliffe. The aim of the project is to raise up to £300,000 for six charities. Another Way, Sunbeams Music Trust, Ullswater Catchment Management CIC and Friends of The Ullswater Way, all local; the New Horizon Youth Centre and James' Place, both national. The event is based on the hugely successful Poppies at the Tower of London, which likewise raised an impressive sum for charity.

1. [Another Way](#) works in education on the environment and was founded in 2019 by 16-year-old Cumbrian schoolgirl Amy Bray. It has a particular focus on marine conservation.
2. [Sunbeams Music Trust](#) was founded by Annie Mawson and aims to improve the physical, mental and social wellbeing and skills of severely disabled and disadvantaged people through music.
3. [Friends of the Ullswater Way](#) celebrate all that makes the heritage and landscape of the Ullswater Valley.
4. [Ullswater Catchment Management CIC](#) is a not for profit, community interest company based in Ullswater in the Lake District National Park that promotes sustainable farming, conservation and natural flood management.
5. [The New Horizon Youth Centre](#) was founded in 1967 by Lord Longford and supports 16-24 year-olds who are homeless or unsafe in London.
6. [James' Place](#) was founded in 2008 in London. It aims to make sure that help is available for every man facing a suicidal crisis and to support them to find hope for the future.

On launching the event, Helen Ratcliffe, event organiser, said: 'From a fund-raising and practical point of view, Ten Thousand Daffodils presents an incredible challenge - but we believe that these six charities are doing such important work that they deserve all the sweat and tears we can offer. Along with Lowther Castle as our partner venue, we look forward to a truly rewarding adventure.'

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