



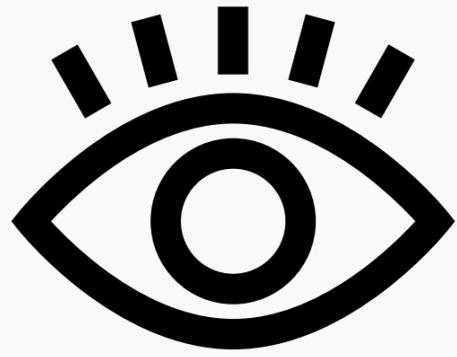
**Culture for all: winter at
MediaCity and Salford Quays**

It's the season for it

Get ready for a winter filled with mood-brightening art, culture, festive fun and plenty of free things to do at MediaCity and The Quays. From illuminated art festival Lightwaves 2021 to Van Gogh's paintings brought to life, via festive theatre, cinema, Box on the Docks, makers' markets, independent food and drink, and walking tours, there's something for everyone – whatever your age. So let's get together. Wrap up warm for winter by the water. and join us for a very special festive season.



BBC Radio 1 presenter Katie Thistleton and CBBC's Hacker T Dog at MediaCity's Christmas lights switch on.



Floating Earth by Luke Jerram

From 3 December 2021,
Salford Quays
Part of Lightwaves 2021
Free

After touring worldwide, this enormous, awe-inspiring artwork will float in the Quays, between The Lowry and MediaCity, offering a dazzling, closeup impression of our planet. 10 metres in diameter, it features detailed NASA imagery of the earth's surface and a surround-sound musical track by BAFTA award-winning composer Dan Jones.

quaysculture.com



Art



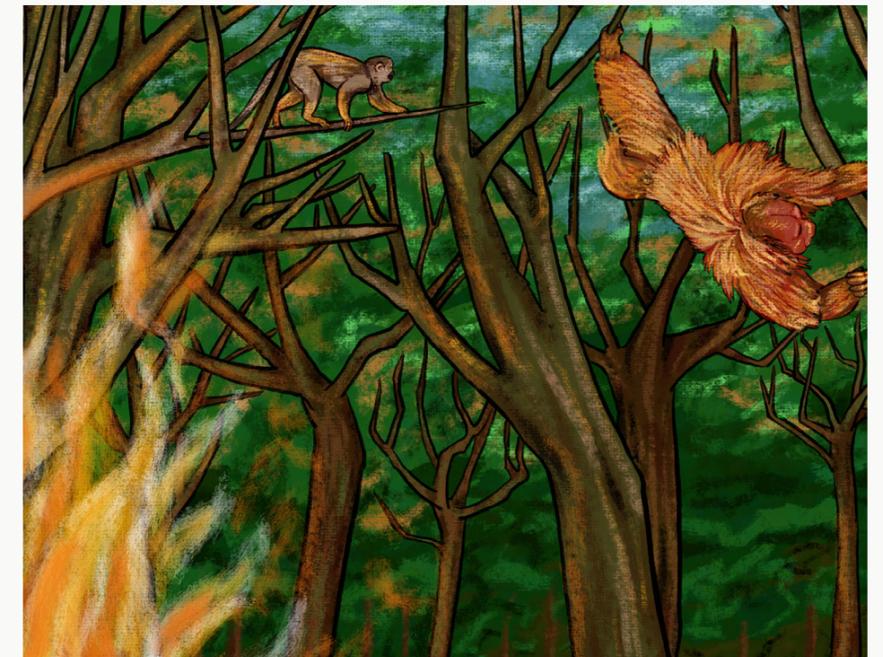
Ten Years to Save the World

8 December 2021–14 January 2022,
The Open Centre, dock10, MediaCity
Free

What do you get when comic book artists tackle the climate crisis? Ten Years to Save the World, a refreshingly satirical exhibition looking at the decade we have left to save the world.

A partnership with The British Council, it features works by 10 leading illustrators and cartoon artists, including Manix Abrera, Kajo Baldisimo with Budjette Tan, Sayra Begum, Zoom Rockman, Jack Teagle and Clarice Tudor.

10yearstosavetheworld.com



Art



Lightwaves 2021

3–12 December 2021,
Across MediaCity and Salford Quays
Free, no tickets required

The annual 10-day light festival Lightwaves returns, illuminating Salford Quays with a mesmerising trail of artworks. With a new, extended route for 2021, expect to see Luke Jerram's Floating Earth, a water ballet of electric swans, supernatural sea creatures and mysterious mermaids, holographic and laser displays, tours and more. Download the Quays Culture app to navigate the route.

quaysculture.com



Art



Van Gogh Alive

Until 23 January 2022,
MediaCity
£23.50 for adults
£16.50 for children
Free for children under 5

Walk right into Van Gogh's famous paintings in this immersive kaleidoscope of colour, sound and, yes, even aromas. Set to an evocative surround-sound classical score, this interactive family-friendly exhibition brings the artworks to life, creating an experience quite unlike peering at paintings on a gallery wall.

Book at: vangoghaliveuk.com



Art



Poppies

Imperial War Museum North
Free

Poignant artwork Poppies is now on permanent display at the Imperial War Museum North. First shown at the Tower of London in 2014, 14,000 of the hand-crafted clay poppies now form a 30-metre tall, cascading artwork. It's a thought-provoking representation of lives lost from Britain and its Empire in the First World War.

iwm.org.uk/events/poppies



Art



Festive Makers Markets at Quayside

Every weekend from
20 November – 19 December 2021,
Lowry plaza, outside Quayside
Shopping Centre

Join local makers, bakers and artisans every weekend from Saturday, 20th November until Sunday, 19th December for a seasonal market of handmade gifts and goodies. Come and browse festive food and drink, art and design, plus vintage and modern crafts – and tick some present shopping off, too.

[quaysidemediacityuk.co.uk/
events/festive-makers-markets](https://quaysidemediacityuk.co.uk/events/festive-makers-markets)



Shopping



The Lowry

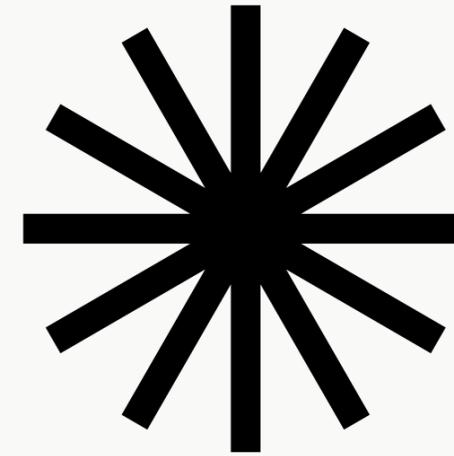
Various shows,
Performances and events

It wouldn't be winter without a spectacle of theatre to surprise and delight. Matthew Bourne's Nutcracker brings wit and magical fantasy, while families will love visiting the enchanted kingdom of Narnia for The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. Meanwhile, funny and utterly original Stick Man and award-winning musical Six shouldn't be missed.

thelowry.com/whats-on/genres/christmas



Theatre & Cinema



Food & Drink

Box on the Docks has had a festive makeover. A cosy tipi, twinkling lights, fir trees and delicious street food are all here to warm your bones. Gathering with friends? Book a self-contained dining pod in one of the sheds or greenhouses. Meanwhile, MediaCity's independent food and drink offering has pre-theatre dining, weekend brunch, coffee breaks or unrushed evenings with loved ones covered. Take your pick from award-winning Chapati Café, Lime Bar, Penelope's Deli, Vertigo, Grindsmith and Seven Bro7hers, Craft Brew, The Alchemist and The Botanist.

mediacityuk.co.uk/box-on-the-docks





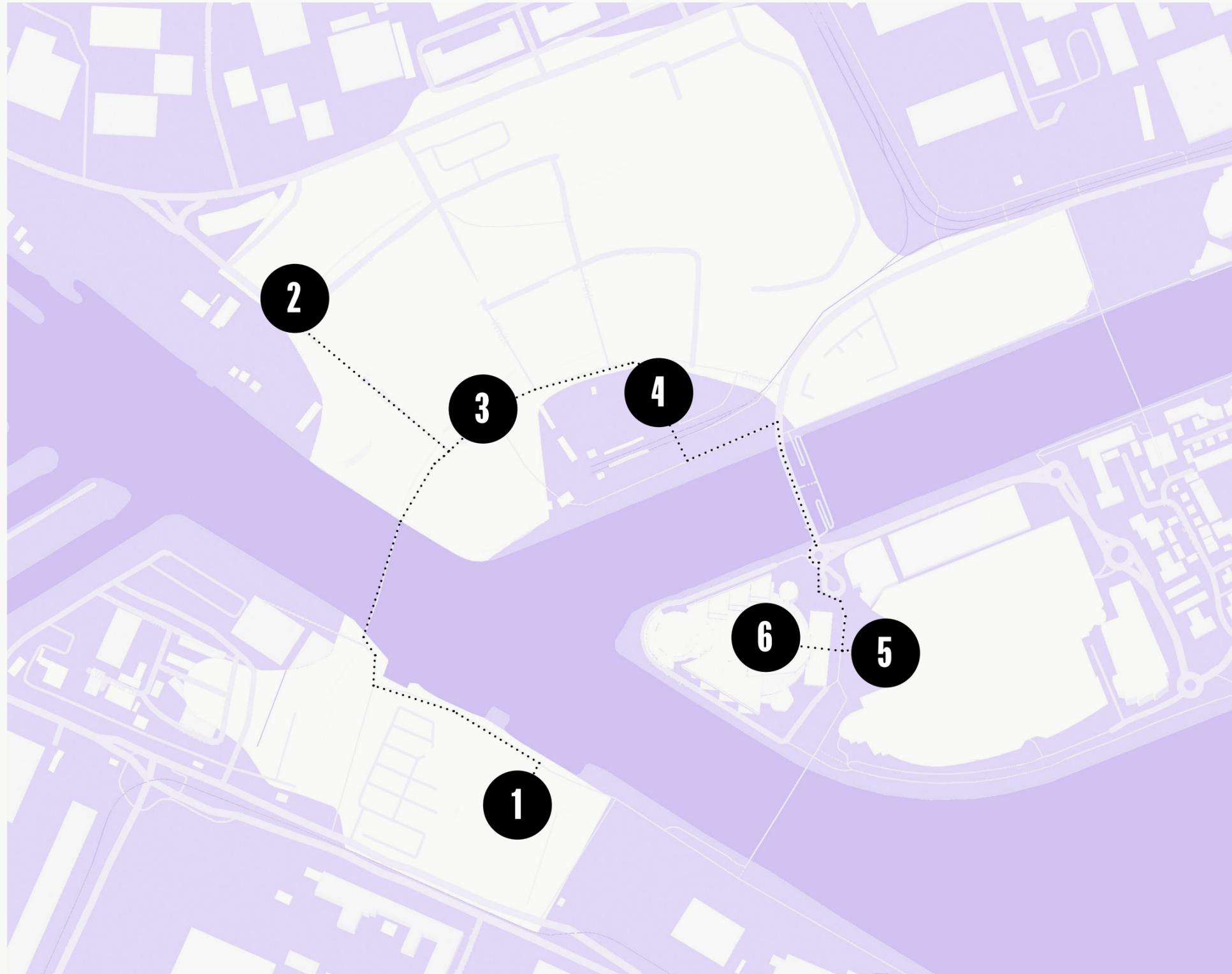
No family should go hungry this winter.

MediaCity supports the Salford Foodbank. If you are able, please drop in tins, packets, jars and treats at our Food Giftbox at Box on the Docks. All donations help make much needed food hampers at Salford Foodbank for local communities.

Since opening the Food Giftbox one year ago and supporting thefoodgiftbox.co.uk campaign, over 30 mini giftboxes have popped up across the city. Together with our volunteers, we have collected over 11.5 tonnes of food, now contributing to more than half all donations made to the Foodbank. We couldn't do this without your support, thank you!

We are also supporting the Foodbank's 'Reverse Advent Calendar' which asks you to consider giving each day in December, if you're able. [Click here](#) to download the calendar.

Itineraries



Whether you've got a few hours or a full day, make the most of your visit to MediaCity with our itineraries.

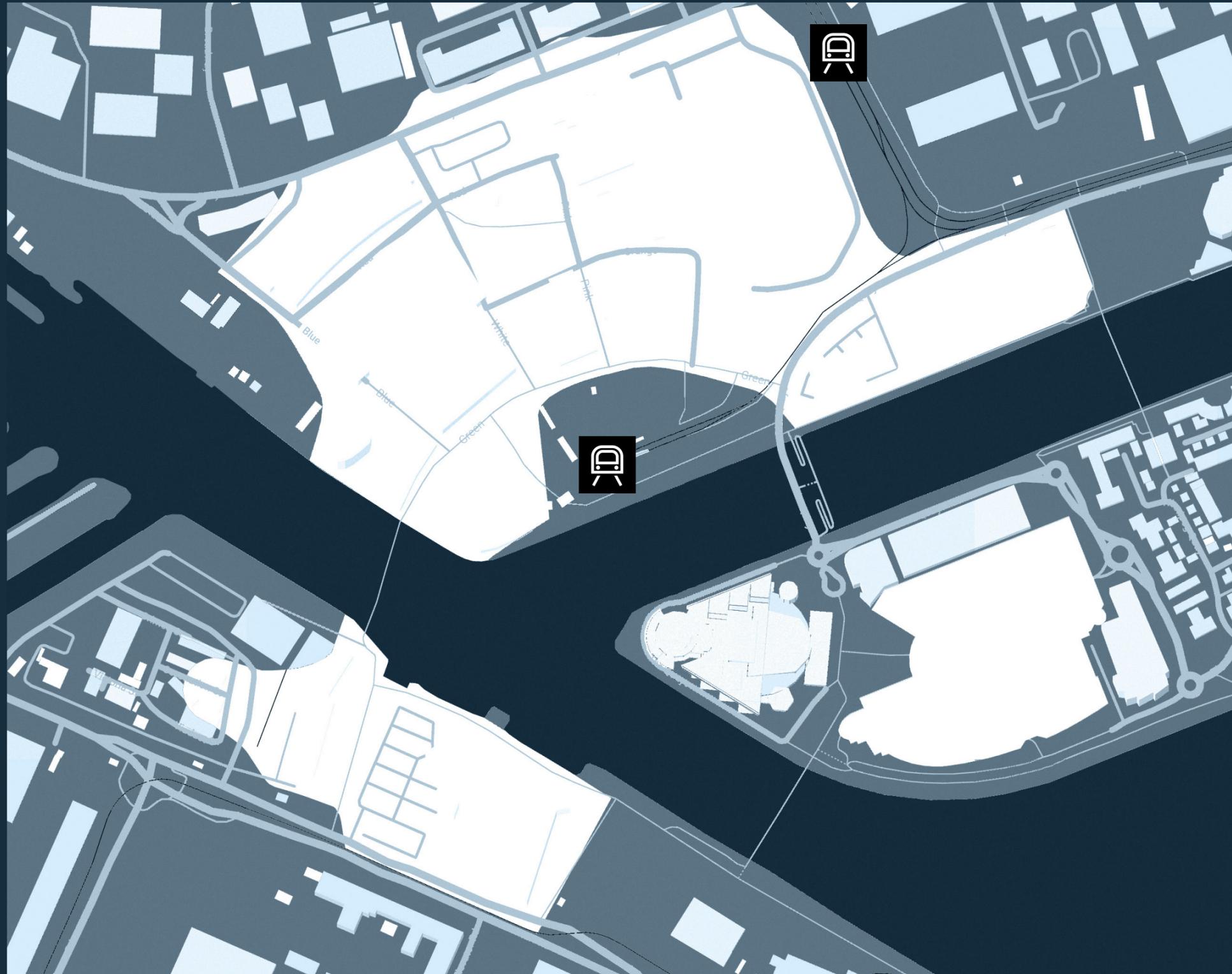
Half a day

Short on time? Why not begin your visit with **1** IWMNorth's new thought-provoking display Poppies? Next, grab a coffee at **2** Grindsmith before a short walk to best-selling exhibition **3** Van Gogh Alive, where an immersive experience of Van Gogh's bright paintings is just the thing for a winter day. Van Gogh only bookable online at vangoghaliveuk.com

Whole day

Kickstart your day with immersive exhibition **3** Van Gogh Alive, followed by warming drinks and a bite to eat inside the cosy tipi at **4** Box on the Docks. For weekends through to December, make a stop at the **5** Festive Makers Market for some seasonal shopping, before catching a matinee at **6** The Lowry. Round your day off with a wander around the illuminated artworks at Lightwaves 2021 before warming up at Seven Bro7hers Beerhouse.

Getting here



Walking and bike

MediaCity is easy to reach by bike or on foot using a network of direct, safe and attractive cycling and walking routes. We have 650 bike spaces (including a TfGM Cycle Hub), and a dedicated MediaCityUK cycle map showing the key cycle corridors into MediaCityUK. Visit mediacityukbug.co.uk to learn more.

Tram

MediaCity has a dedicated tram stop, as well as being served by two further Metrolink lines within walking distance – the Eccles line and the brand-new Trafford Park line.

The Trafford Park Metrolink extension now also has a station outside the Imperial War Museum North, increasing access to MediaCity.

Car

MediaCity is a two-minute drive from Junctions 2 and 3 on the M602, linking to the wider motorway network. We're located conveniently close to town, with only a 10-15 minute drive to Manchester City Centre. We have over 6,000 spaces within a short walk and our multi-story car park has accessible parking and EV charging facilities.

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