

BRADFORD MELA 1998

ABOUT THE FILM

The Bradford Mela - a Sanskrit word meaning "gathering" - first took place in 1988, in the playing fields behind the University. Lister Park, Bowling Park, and Peel Park also played host to the Mela, which was once the largest in Europe and a great celebration of the multicultural life of the city and its communities. In this film, we take a look at the many attractions that 1998's Mela had to offer.



WHAT COULD YOU TALK ABOUT?

Did you ever go to a Mela, either in Bradford, or somewhere else? What different activities went on during the day?

Did anyone ever make a costume for a show, a carnival, or fancy-dress party? How long did it take to make, and were you happy with the end result? Describe the costume!



Tell us about a time when you performed in front of a crowd, maybe at school or later as part of a hobby.



Festivals and food are a great combination - what caught your eye here? Do you enjoy a sweet treat, such as jalebi or candy floss, or do you prefer a savoury snack - maybe masala dosa or a bag of chips?



Tell us about a time when you won something at a festival. What did you win, and how?