



Writer Lee Hall is our new patron!



Lee said 'I am thrilled to be a Patron of Explore. Learning is the way to transform ourselves, to understand others and to create the possibility of a better world so nothing could be more important. At a time when the access to the education we have taken for granted last century is being eroded Explore is taking matters into its own hands and providing a tremendously exciting model of how we can all come together to change this. It is incredibly important that we have opportunities to continue to learn throughout our lives. It's one of the great privileges of being a writer that being a 'student' never really stops. I can see that Explore makes it possible to share that knowledge in a way we once expected the State to provide. Newcastle has always been a place where people have seized the initiative to share their learning from the debating clubs in the taverns of the Eighteenth Century to institutions like the Lit and Phil. So Explore is in a long and important tradition. It's a really exciting programme and I look forward to it going from strength to strength.'

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