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# Progress, Industry, Humanity

A free self-guided walk in Bradford



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## Bradford's transformation from provincial town to international hub

Welcome to Walk the World! This walk in Bradford is one of 20 in different parts of the UK. Each walk explores how the 206 participating nations in the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games have been part of the UK's history for many centuries. Along the routes you will discover evidence of how many Olympic and Paralympic countries that have shaped our towns and cities.

Bradford is one of northern England's most multicultural cities, home to people from across the world. Yet 200 years ago it was a small provincial town. Discover how the change happened thanks to wool, sandstone and soft water. But that is only half the story.

Bradford's development has been influenced by waves of settlers from different countries. From German merchants who helped Bradford become the 'wool capital of the world' to South Asian migrants who helped the city become 'Britain's Curry Capital'.

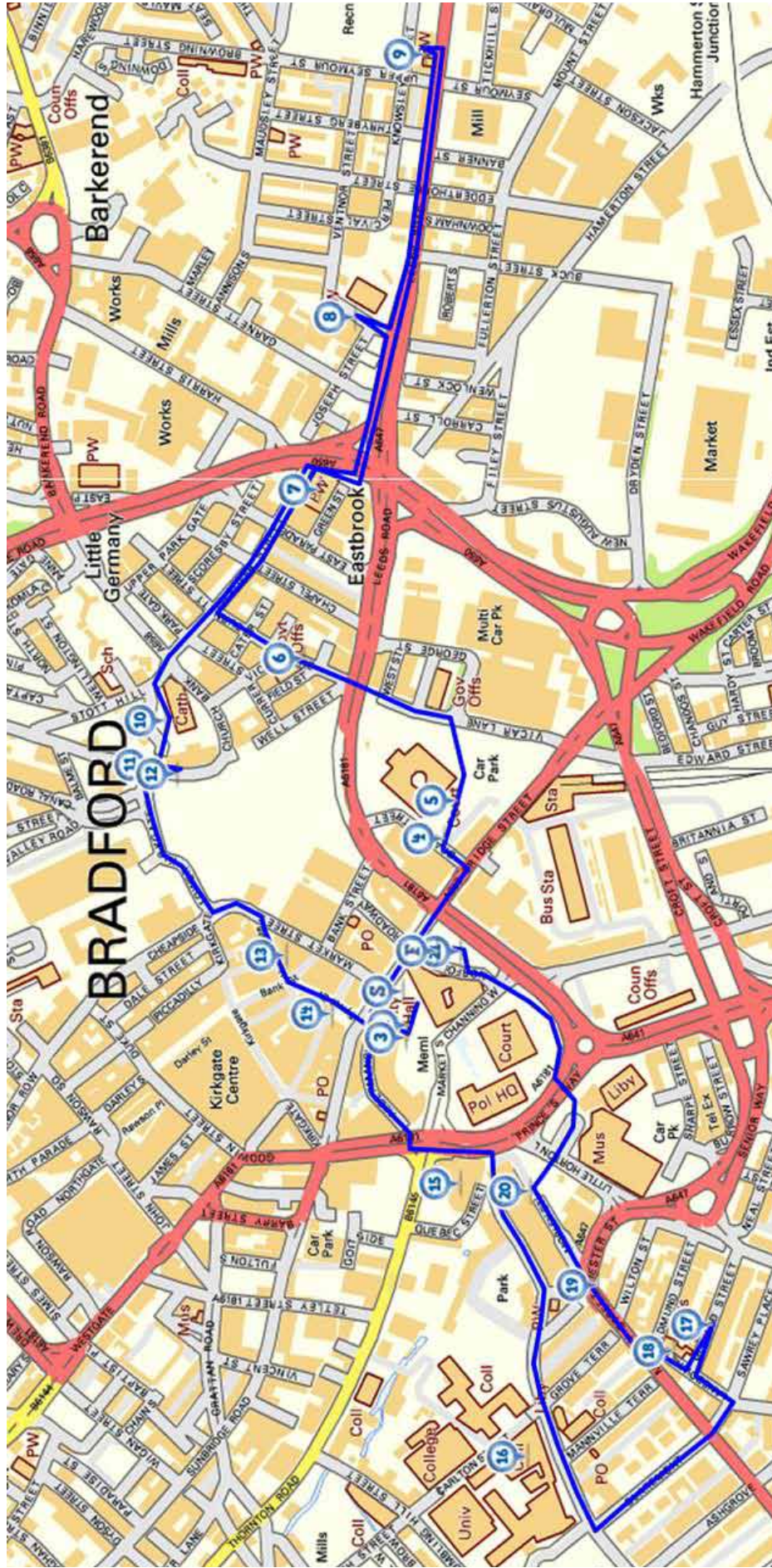
The story of Bradford is summed up in the city's motto: progress, industry, humanity. This walk explores these three themes and discovers a multitude of connections between Bradford and places around the world.



Top to bottom: Bradford Cathedral, detail from Quatrefoil for Delius sculpture, Gobind Marg road sign  
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## Route overview



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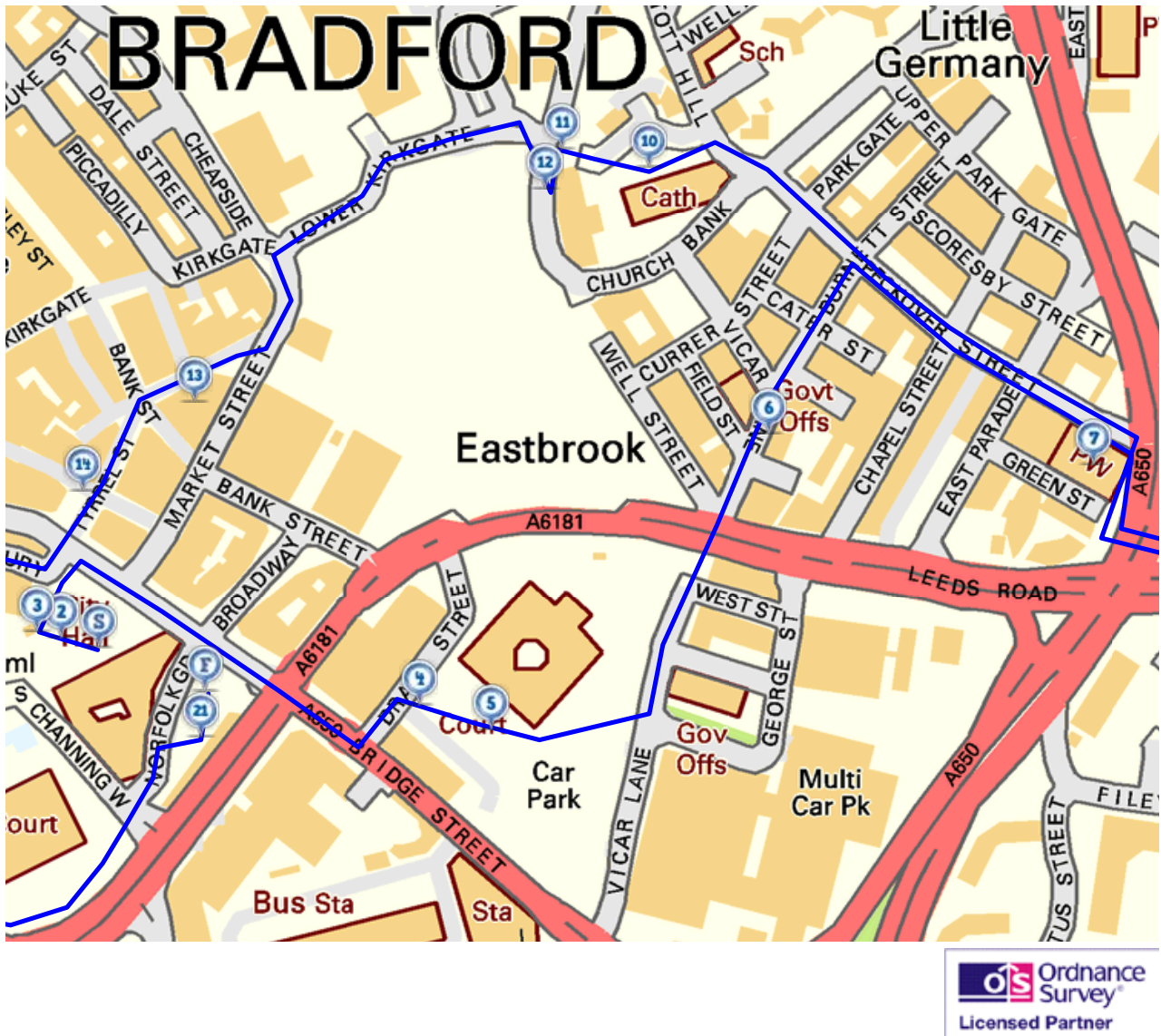
## Practical information

<b>Location</b>	Bradford, West Yorkshire
<b>Getting there</b>	<p><b>Train</b> - there are two rail stations, Bradford Interchange and Bradford Forster Square. Bradford Interchange is nearest to the start of the walk.</p> <p>Services run from Leeds, York, Liverpool, Newcastle, Manchester Victoria and London Euston.</p> <p><b>Bus</b> - Bradford Interchange is a combined rail and bus station. Many local routes and long-distance coaches stop here.</p> <p><b>Car</b> - Bradford is accessible by the M606 (1½ miles from the city centre) which link to the M1, A1 and M62. City centre parking is limited, charges apply.</p>
<b>Start point &amp; Postcode</b>	The front of Bradford City Hall, BD1 1HY
<b>Directions from railway station to start</b>	<i>From Bradford Interchange</i> - turn left onto Bridge Street. Continue for about 200 metres and Bradford City Hall will be on your left hand side.
<b>Finish point</b>	Centenary Square Memorial Garden, Bradford City Hall
<b>Onward journey</b>	To return to Bradford Interchange please use Direction 22 on page 35
<b>Distance</b>	2 ½ miles (optional 1 mile extension)

<b>Level</b>	Moderate – some steep slopes on either side of the city centre, especially around Little Germany, the Cathedral and Bradford College.
<b>Conditions</b>	The route is mostly on pavements along urban roads. At the time of compiling the walk major building works were taking place at Forster Square - take care for site entrances and construction vehicles.
<b>Suitable for</b>	<b>Families</b> – mind children near busy roads around the city centre
<b>Refreshments</b>	There are many places to stop for food and drinks throughout the route, especially around the city centre
<b>Facilities</b>	Public toilets are available at the City Hall and Centenary Square at the start of the route
<b>Other info</b>	<p>There are several religious buildings on the route. Most are open during the week to visitors, though please be respectful of their traditions of worship</p> <p>To see the Richard Cobden statue, Waterstones at <b>The Wool Exchange</b> is open Monday-Saturday, 9am-5.30pm</p>
<b>Tourist information</b>	<b>Bradford Visitor Information Centre</b> , Britannia House, Broadway BD1 1JF (Tel: 01274 433678)



## Detail of the centre of the route

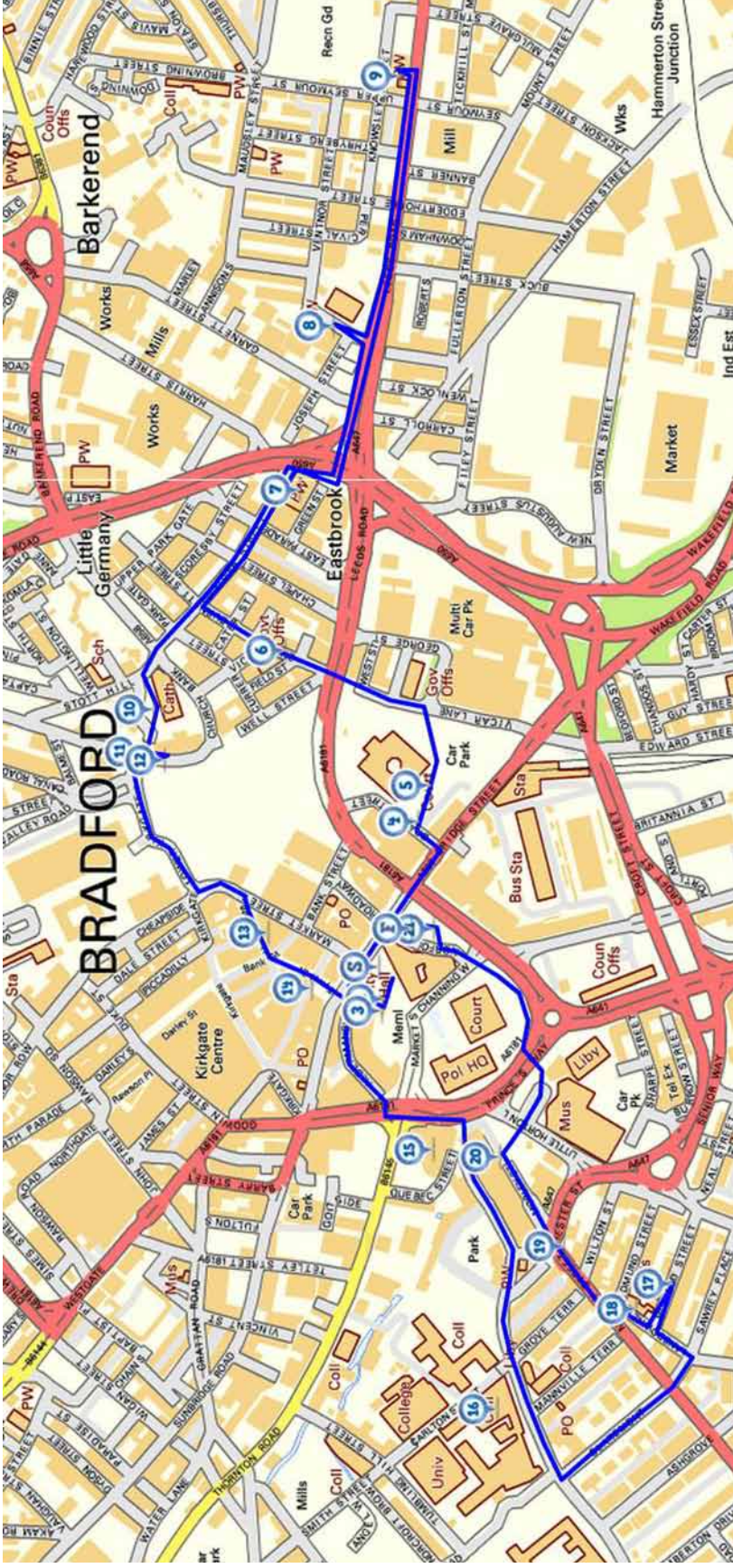


### Stopping points

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| <b>1.</b> Centenary Square                | <b>10.</b> Bradford Cathedral               |
| <b>2.</b> Bradford City Hall              | <b>11.</b> View over former Forster Square  |
| <b>3.</b> Bradford City FC fire memorial  | <b>12.</b> Kala Sangram, St Peter's House   |
| <b>4.</b> Twin Town plaque                | <b>13.</b> The Wool Exchange                |
| <b>5.</b> Quatrefoil for Delius sculpture | <b>14.</b> Ivegate metal gates              |
| <b>6.</b> Bradford Chamber of Commerce    |   |
| <b>7.</b> Gurdwara Singh Sabha            | <b>21.</b> Centenary Square Memorial Garden |
|   | <b>F.</b> Centenary Square Memorial Garden  |



## Detail of the outskirts of the route (Stops 7 to 20)



### Stopping points

- 7.** Gurdwara Singh Sabba
- 8.** Guru Gobind Singh Gurdwara
- 9.** Shree Lakshmi Narayan Mandir
- 10.** Bradford Cathedral
- 11.** View over former Forster Square
- 12.** Kala Sangram, St Peter's House
- 13.** The Wool Exchange
- 14.** Ivegat metal gates
- 15.** Alhambra Theatre
- 16.** Bradford College Old Building
- 17.** Jamia Masjid
- 18.** Our Lady of Czesnikowski Church
- 19.** Junction of Morley Street and Chester Street
- 20.** Queen Victoria statue, Morley Street

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## Directions

These directions are for use with the Bradford audio commentary. Listen to each track then read the directions below to get to the next stop.

### 1. Welcome to Bradford Centenary Square

**Directions 1** - Remain outside the front of Bradford City Hall. When you have a good view of the building, listen to Track 2.

### 2. Italian inspiration Bradford City Hall

**Directions 2** - Around Centenary Square in front of City Hall are a number of raised grassy areas. Just behind one of them is a metal sculpture with some human figures on top. Once you have found it, listen to Track 3.

### 3. United nations Bradford City Fire Memorial

**Directions 3** - Facing City Hall make your way round the left of the building and along Bridge Street. Remember to look at the spectacular St George's Hall on the left hand side. Turn left immediately after St George's Hall into Drake Street. Stop at the silver plaque at the entrance to Exchange Square and listen to Track 4.

### 4. Twins and sisters Twin town plaque, Exchange Square

**Directions 4** - Go to the large metal leaf-shaped sculpture towards the centre of the square and listen to Track 5.

### 5. Composing a journey Quatrefoil For Delius sculpture

**Directions 5** - From the Delius sculpture, head towards the corner of the square at the right hand corner of the Law Courts building. Follow the path with the law courts on your left and the car park on your right. Turn left onto Vicar Lane. Cross the busy Leeds Road at the pedestrian crossing and continue straight up Vicar Lane. Stop by the second building on the right – Bradford Chamber of Commerce – and listen to Track 6.

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## **6. Little Germany**

### **Bradford Chamber of Commerce, Vicar Lane**

**Directions 6** - From the Bradford Chamber of Commerce on Vicar Lane, make your way up to Peckover Street. Turn right along Peckover Street to the end where it meets the busy dual carriageway. Look at the large building on the corner and listen to Track 7.

## **7. From Sion to Sikh**

### **Gurdwara Singh Sabha**

**Directions 7** - To visit the other Sikh gurdwara and the Hindu mandir, cross the dual carriageway using the pedestrian crossings and make your way up Leeds Road. A short distance on the left is a road called Gobind Marg. Turn left here and the gurdwara is on the right. Stop here and listen to Track 8.

If you do not wish to visit Stops 8 and 9, skip to the directions after Track 9.

## **8. A community landmark**

### **Guru Gobind Singh Gurdwara**

**Directions 8** - Continue along Leeds Road for some distance as far as the Shree Lakshmi Narayan Mandir on the left. You can go up the steps to the car park and main entrance and listen to Track 9.

## **9. From families in front rooms to monarchs in mandirs**

### **Shree Lakshmi Narayan Mandir**

**Directions 9** - Retrace your steps back down Leeds Road to the dual carriageway. Cross over the road in front of Sing Sabha gurdwara where we stopped earlier and retrace your steps along Peckover Street. Where it meets Barkerend Road, the back of the cathedral should be diagonally opposite. Go straight across into Stott Hill and enter the Cathedral Close through the gate. The entrance to the cathedral is on the left hand side where you can listen to Track 10.



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## **10. Arctic and Anti-Bolshevik circles**

### **Bradford Cathedral**

**Directions 10** - When you have finished exploring the Cathedral, turn left out of the entrance and follow the path. At the wall, turn right and follow the footpath to the large stone staircase. Stop half way down looking out over the city and listen to Track 11.

## **11. Vanishing point**

### **Staircase to Bradford Cathedral**

**Directions 11** - Go down to the bottom of the stone staircase and turn left. Stop outside the first building which is St Peter's House and listen to Track 12. You may want to cross to the opposite side of the road for a better view of the building.

## **12. Meeting point**

### **St Peter's House, 1 Forster Square**

**Directions 12** - Turn back past the bottom of the cathedral staircase and take the first road on the left which is Lower Kirkgate. Follow the road round passing the magnificent Midland Hotel. At the junction keep left into Market Street. In front of you is the triangular former Wool Exchange which is now a Waterstones bookshop. Stop outside and listen to Track 13.

## **13. The world's wool capital**

### **The Wool Exchange**

**Directions 13** - From the Wool Exchange go along pedestrianised Tyrell Street. Take the first road on the right, which is Ivegate. Stop when you reach the large set of metal gates and listen to Track 14.

## **14. Curry capital**

### **Bottom of Ivegate**

**Directions 14** - Continue along Tyrell Street then straight across around the curving new development opposite the City Hall. Cross Princes Way and stop outside the front entrance of the Alhambra Theatre where you can listen to Track 15.

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## **15. A palace for the people**

### **Alhambra Theatre**

**Directions 15** - Walk up the pedestrianised street to the right of the Alhambra and continue onto Great Horton Road. Keep going uphill until you reach Bradford College. Take your time as the climb is quite steep. Stop outside the Old Building on the right hand side – the one with the clock tower – and listen to Track 16.

## **16. When old was new**

### **Bradford College Old Building**

**Directions 16** - Continue a short way up Great Horton Road then turn left into Claremont. At the junction with Morley Street go straight across into Sawrey Place. Take the first left and then the first right into Howard Street. Stop outside Number 32 and listen to Track 17.

## **17. Small beginnings**

### **Jamia Masjid**

**Directions 17** - Retrace your steps along Howard Street and then turn right into Lansdowne Place. Immediately on the right is a church. Stop there and listen to Track 18.

## **18. Eastern promise**

### **Our Lady of Czesnikowski Church**

**Directions 18** - From the church go back to Morley Road and go downhill towards the city centre. As you walk, look around at all the different shops in the nearby streets. At the junction of Chester Street stop and listen to Track 19.

## **19. World corner**

### **Junction of Morley Street and Chester Street**

**Directions 19** - Continue down Morley Street with the side of the Alhambra Theatre on your left. On the right hand side is a statue of Queen Victoria. Stop there and listen to Track 20.

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## **20. Empress of India**

### **Queen Victoria statue**

**Directions 20** - From the statue walk in front of the National Media Museum. Cross the busy Princes Way either at the pedestrian crossing or by using the underpass. Go round the Magistrates Court and then to the back of City Hall. In the garden stop and listen to Track 21.

## **21. City of Sanctuary**

### **Centenary Square Memorial Garden**

**Directions 21** - Remain in the garden and listen to Track 22.

## **22. A multicultural city**

### **Centenary Square Memorial Garden**

**Directions 22** - You are at the back of the City Hall where we started and just a short walk from the train and bus stations. To return to Bradford Interchange turn right from the back of City Hall onto Bridge Street. Continue along Bridge Street for about 200 metres and the Interchange will be on the right hand side.



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