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City Buzz: Check-in at Leeds' quirky new 'art hostel'



Ann Rutherford, project manager for East Street Arts, is pictured at the Arts Hostel site at Bird's Yard in Leeds. Picture by James Hardisty.

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WITH hotels like the Marriott, Hilton and The Queens, there's plenty of places to stay in the city centre. But what if you want something different?

Well, the Art Hostel could be the answer.

East Street Arts is working on a new project that could be one of the coolest and quirkiest ideas to come of out Leeds.

The arts charity is looking to open the Art Hostel at the former Bird's Yard site, with rooms designed by local artists who are allowed to let their creativity and imagination run free.

One of the wackiest ideas so far is a David Bowie puppet that sings songs to you from within a mirror.

It will have room for up to 30 people in shared dorms and private rooms, with prices starting at £20 per night, and members of the hospitality sector will be employed to keep things running smoothly.

John Slemensek, who is over-seeing the funding and communications side of the hostel project, said: "We want to make it as crazy as possible and make something that's unique and new for Leeds."

East Street Arts has raised over £4,300 of its £5,000 target to get more artists involved.



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