

# IMAGINEER BRIDGE VISUAL STORY



an **imagineer** project

8 - 10 July 2021

## Getting to the performance site

We will be based at Dagenham Old Park. It is a park with a big open space. It looks like this:



## Description of the performance space & facilities

Our programme will take place around the Bridge. This is a big metal structure that looks like a broken bridge. Here is a photo of the Bridge:



The park has toilets that you can use.

Our team will be wearing high vis jackets with a bridge logo on the back. They can answer questions and are happy to help.



## What's happening at the Bridge in the daytime:

On 8, 9, and 10 July, in the daytime, there will be activities happening near the Bridge and online. You are welcome to come join the activities. Some of these will be:

Take part in an activity called Changing Sides. You will listen to a story on headphones provided by us. You'll be encouraged to move around a little and interact with other people – socially distanced.

On 10 July, this activity will have captions that you can see on your smartphone. We can help with this on site.



Bridge Stories: listen to stories told by people who live in Barking and Dagenham on headphones.



Have a go at building a wooden bridge with other people. There is a team on site ready to help you with this. Here is a photo of the bridge you can help build:





Put yourself in the picture: think of creative ways of bridging the gap in a photo. There will be people on site ready to help you with this.



Check out other activities you can do online on our website:

<https://www.imagine-bridge.co.uk>

## Evening show:

In the evenings of 9 and 10 July, there will be a show featuring acrobats, circus performers and musicians. They will do acrobatics, dance and play music in and around the Bridge. The show will tell a story about a group of people trying to cross a bridge.

You can buy tickets for the show at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bridge-tickets-158974357583>

Before the show, you can go online at <https://www.imagine-bridge.co.uk> and watch a video which will show the activities that have happened around the Bridge during the day.

Then, the show will start at 8.45 PM. It will last about an hour. There won't be an interval.

On Saturday 10 July, there will also be a livestream of the show that you can watch from home by visiting this webpage:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP\\_nfM3UhS5nckGMmrvj7qQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP_nfM3UhS5nckGMmrvj7qQ)

The livestream will be captioned.

The show - here is what happens in the story:

- Performers dressed as engineers in hi vis vests appear and interact with the public. Then a group of musicians appear and introduce themselves. An alarm rings, calling the engineers to work.
- A man and a woman, Laura and Kevin, see each other from across the opposite sides of the Bridge. They want to meet in the middle.
- Three engineers, Sean, Tiago, and Tarn, arrive to try and close the gap in the middle of the Bridge. They tell Laura and Kevin that they can't meet each other as it's too dangerous at the moment.
- Tiago drops some paper over the edge of the Bridge. Everyone acts scared but they are in no actual danger.
- More engineers arrive and climb the Bridge.
- Sean, Tiago, and Tarn try to close the gap in the Bridge with a big ladder. People on the other side think they're being attacked. The two sides throw objects at each other. Performers are in no actual danger of getting hurt.
- People on the two sides of the Bridge act confused and they stop whoever wants to get close to the gap.
- Laura and Kevin climb on big poles that are on top of the Bridge and perform acrobatics, looking at each other. The other people leave.
- Sean and Tiago return with drawings of the Bridge to try and close the gap again. They make Kevin and Laura leave.
- People on the other side of the Bridge set up a trapeze.
- Two of the people on the trapeze side, Charlotte and Miranda, do some acrobatics on the trapeze. They try to get Charlotte to jump over to the other side. Sean and Tiago encourage them and bring nets to catch her.
- After performing a trick, Charlotte falls. This looks scary but she falls on a big mat and she is in no actual danger.
- Everyone is sad. Two people on either side of the Bridge, Grace and Lu, look at each other and understand each other's feelings of sadness. They perform a dance with similar movements.



- Charlotte, Kevin and Laura perform under the Bridge. Charlotte is attached to wires that go up and down. Kevin and Laura do acrobatics on two big poles. The music and the moves are sad - everyone is sad because of Charlotte's fall.
- People on two sides of the Bridge act angry, confused, and hostile towards each other. However, Lu and Grace look at each other and decide they want to meet. They approach the edge of the Bridge but the other people pull them back.
- Grace and Lu collaborate and they set up a tightrope between the two edges of the Bridge. Grace steps on it and walks towards the other side, but the people there block her. She tries to turn back but her own people block her too. She falls and holds on to the wire with her arms and legs. This looks scary but she's in no actual danger.
- Grace crawls towards Lu's side and tries to step on the Bridge, but the other people block her. Lu, however, eventually manages to help her get through and welcomes her in.
- Groups of people arrive from different directions on the ground, bringing two big bamboo structures. When they arrive at the Bridge, the performers help them lift the structures up to the top of the Bridge. The two structures close the gap.
- The people on the Bridge are not sure who should cross first. Tiago points at Kevin.
- Kevin and Laura cross the Bridge. They look at each other and put their hands on each other's faces.
- Kevin helps Laura come over to his side of the Bridge.
- Everyone slowly climbs down from the Bridge.

The characters:



This is Kevin



This is Laura



This is Sean

This is Tiago





This is Tarn



This is Miranda This is Charlotte



This is Lu



This is Grace