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# Hundreds of boats and floating lanterns to fill Leeds Dock in spectacular sea of colour and light

The Light Night installation on the canal will see Buddhist traditions meet origami

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**Voyage, by artists Aether and Hemera, will fill Leeds dock with origami boats that can be controlled by smartphone** (Image: Philip Vilejpej)

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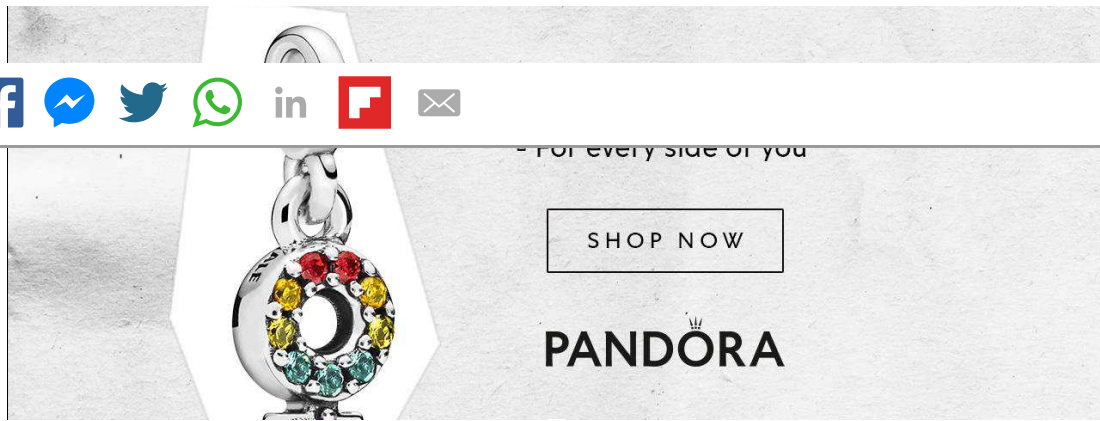
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Hundreds of origami boats and flower lanterns will take the canal at Leeds Dock as part of a **[stunning art installation](#)**.

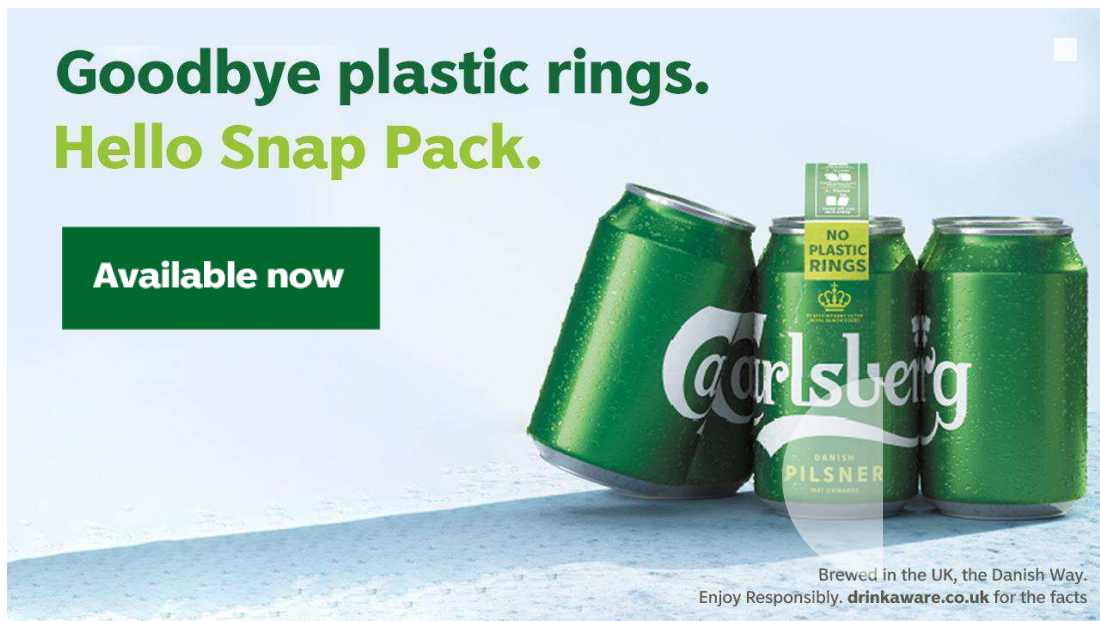
Reflections on the Water, a collaboration with the city's Buddhist community and the British Library, will see two Buddhist groups from the city come together to share their practice of Loi Krathong, an annual Thai festival where flower lanterns are decorated, lit with candles and floated on water.

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Alongside the beautiful lanterns will be a hundreds of origami boats lit with LED lights and controlled by smartphone - visitors can use their phones to interact and choose the boats' colours as the water becomes a canvas.

Reflections on the Water and Voyage are part of this year's [Light Night](#) event, with inspiring art installations and performances set to take over the city on Thursday October 10 and Friday October 11.

### Reflections on the Water

[Headingley's](#) Thai Buddhist group Wat Buddharam have worked with the British Library to bring th Loi Krathong festival into the city centre, and visitors will be able to make and float their own flower lanterns.



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### The Loi Krathong Festival in Thailand

On the Friday, the Jamyang Buddhist Centre in Holbeck, which follows the Tibetan Buddhist tradition, will be making a light offering, symbolic of removing destructive emotions and letting the light of positive and constructive emotions shine.

The group has provided meditation, mindfulness and Buddhist classes in Leeds for over 20 years.

### Voyage

Voyage is a large-scale interactive installation by artists Aeither & Hermera.

Jamie Andrews, head of Culture & Learning at the British Library, says the boats inspire stillness in a bustling city.