

Organisers want to establish State of Happiness

with the help of people power



We want everyone to be happy, declares Harbour Festival team

VISITORS to this year's Bristol Harbour Festival will get the chance to establish a new country – the State of Happiness.

The Amphitheatre area at this year's festival, from July 26 to 28, will include interactive performance, music, theatre and creative activities

for all the family

Organiser Simon Howlett said: "We're inviting the people and places with the ideas and activities that make Bristol such a great place to live to show the world what would happen if power was with the people."

"Everything about the State of Happiness

will be created by local people over two months for one weekend of glorious existence.

"Thanks to the extraordinary power of collective action when many people do small things, the world is a better place."

Visitors will be able to try their hand at leading the country themselves in The Forum where the constitution will be created, and to contribute to the Innovation Lab where new solutions to age old problems will be created.

They will be able to exchange money to Bristol Pounds at the Bureau de Change.

• Musicians are now invited to write a national anthem for the State of Happiness. The entries will be judged and the winner will have their song played at the event.

Write to mike@happycity.org.uk if you would like to take part.

Find out more at www.happycity.org.uk and

www.bristolharbourfestival.co.uk

• From left, Mike Richmond, event director, Mike Zeidler executive director of Happy City, Simon Howlett and Cllr Simon Cook
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