

## **Durham's bid for the UK City of Culture 2025 – Bill Bryson**

[Text: Bill Bryson, Author and Former Chancellor of Durham University]

[Bill Bryson] I'm Bill Bryson, author of books, former Chancellor of Durham University and prominent lover and admirer of all things Durham, county, city, university, cathedral, and many things more.

I honestly don't know anywhere in the world comparable sometimes that is more sumptuously packed with natural beauty, architectural magnificence, cultural vibrancy, truly monumental history.

History that has changed the world and friendly people all cunningly and you would almost say secretly packed into one thousand and fifty two square miles of green rolling hills and epic coast line, this truly is a very special place.

The people here, honestly, are the friendliest and most endearingly modest you will find anywhere on the planet. Their idea of a boast is to say that this is no ordinary county. Believe me it is way more than that and eminently worthy of being much better known.

[Text: Durham. No ordinary county. Follow County Durham's bid for the UK City of Culture 2025. Durham City of Culture bid logo. UK City of Culture Bidding City logo.]