



## **Catalyst Science Discovery Centre secures HLF investment**

Today, Catalyst Science Discovery Centre and Museum Trust Ltd has received a confirmed grant of £47,400 from the Heritage Lottery Fund for an exciting project entitled 'Panoramic Observations: around Halton in 360 degrees'. The aim of this Catalyst led project is to introduce digital interpretation in the form of an APP into the 4<sup>th</sup> floor, glass-walled Observatory level at Catalyst. The Observatory is a prime location, affording a unique 360 degree view of the borough and beyond, including the construction of the new Mersey Gateway Bridge. The APP will enable visitors of all ages to explore the extensive heritage of the area by downloading the APP to their mobile device or by using one of a number of devices installed in the gallery.

Catalyst Science Discovery Centre welcomes over 30,000 visitors a year, including school pupils, uniformed groups, families and groups of older learners from organisations such as U3A and the WI. By developing this digital interpretation visitors will be able to access a wealth of information about the view from the windows, at the touch of a button.

Explaining the importance of the HLF support, Chairman of Catalyst Bryan Davies said: "The ability to identify the many landmarks visible from this unique location will significantly enhance the visitor experience when exploring our Observatory Gallery. We are extremely grateful to the Heritage Lottery Fund for supporting our bid and enabling us to continue to upgrade the visitor attractions at Catalyst, particularly during the construction phase of the Mersey Gateway Bridge."

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#### **About the Heritage Lottery Fund**

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#### **About Catalyst**

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