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THURSDAY 7 MAY | DYDD IAU 7 MAI

PERFORMANCE SPACE	USEFUL ARTS SPACE	FLEXIBLE SPACE	WORKSHOP ROOM
<p>10am - 10:50am SAMARITANS CYMRU PRESENTS: WHAT DOES WELLBEING MEAN IN 2026?</p> <p> MODERATOR: Neil Ingham (Samaritans Cymru)</p> <p> Eve Horne (We Are The Unheard)</p> <p> Gethin Pearson (Artist/Producer)</p>			
<p>11am - 11:50am ROOTS IN FOCUS: RESPONSE TO DEMAND FOR TRADITIONAL MUSIC</p> <p>Panellists TBA</p>	<p>11am - 12pm SPEED MEETINGS</p>		
<p>1pm - 1:50pm FAIR PLAY: HOW TO PLACE THE RIGHT VALUE ON YOURSELF AND YOUR MUSIC</p> <p> MODERATOR: Danny Keir (Enki Music)</p> <p> Julz Baldwin (I Eat Music)</p> <p> Aly Gillani (Bandcamp)</p> <p> Michael Lambert (Wide Events CIC / Aimless Play)</p>	<p>1:30pm - 2:30pm SPEED MEETINGS</p>	<p>12pm - 1pm GREATER MANCHESTER MUSIC COMMISSION MIXER (RSVP Only)</p>	
<p>2pm - 2:50pm PPL PRESENTS: CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT 101 - HOW TO DEVELOP YOUR SOUND AND YOUR NETWORK</p> <p> MODERATOR: Sarah Wall (PPL)</p> <p> Aly Gillani (Bandcamp)</p> <p> Nick Duncan (Sub Pop Records, USA)</p> <p> Rob Cannell (Beggars Group)</p> <p> Elan Evans (Grwndi Records / Beacons Cymru)</p>			<p>2pm - 3pm PPL & PRS FOR MUSIC DROP-IN</p>
	<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm MUSICIANS' UNION MIXER (RSVP Only)</p>		
		<p>16:30 BREAKOUT WEST MIXER (RSVP Only)</p>	

MARSHALL ARTIST AREA @ LLWYN ISAF
MUSICIANS' UNION COFFEE DROP-IN
from 10am - 11:30am











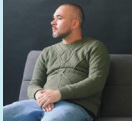
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FRIDAY 8 MAY | DYDD GWENER 7 MAI

PERFORMANCE SPACE	USEFUL ARTS SPACE	FLEXIBLE SPACE	WORKSHOP ROOM
<p>10am - 10:50am MEET LIVE TRUST & HELP SHAPE GRASSROOTS LIVE MUSIC FUNDING MEET LIVE TRUST & HELP SHAPE GRASSROOTS LIVE MUSIC FUNDING</p>			
 Jon Collins (LIVE Trust)  Antonia Lines (LIVE Trust)			
<p>11am - 11:50am MARSHALL PRESENTS - GRASSROOTS ECOSYSTEM: WHAT IS THE CURRENT LANDSCAPE FOR VENUES, FESTIVALS, ARTISTS, REHEARSAL SPACES - WHAT CAN WE DO TO SUPPORT THEM?</p>	<p>11am - 12pm SPEED MEETINGS</p>		
<p>MODERATOR: Megan Devereaux (Marhsall)</p>   Sam Dabb (Le Pub)  Gigi Gold (Artist, USA)			
 Megan Evans (Deer Shed Festival)  Laviea Thomas (Journalist)		<p>12pm - 1pm GREATER MANCHESTER MUSIC COMMISSION MIXER (RSVP Only)</p>	
<p>2pm - 2:50pm IQ PRESENTS: NEW LEADERS, NEW RULES - turning fairness into action</p>			
<p>MODERATOR: Sophie Asquith (MVT)</p>   Antonia Sulley (Scruff of The Neck)  Quirina Geijsen (Podium De Vorstin, Netherlands)	<p>1:30pm - 2:30pm SPEED MEETINGS</p>		
 Sophie Williams (Billboard)  Hayz Harland (Queer Ass Folk)  Mirain Iwerydd (BBC Radio Cymru)			<p>2pm - 3pm PPL & PRS FOR MUSIC DROP-IN</p>
<p>3:15pm - 4:15pm SIAN ELERI in Conversation</p>			
			
<div data-bbox="1056 1770 1352 2058" data-label="Text"> <p>MARSHALL ARTIST AREA @ LLWYN ISAF" MUSICIANS' UNION COFFEE DROP-IN from 10am - 11:30am</p> </div>	<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm MUSICIANS' UNION MIXER (RSVP Only)</p>	<p>16:30 BREAKOUT WEST MIXER (RSVP Only)</p>	

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SATURDAY 9 MAY | DYDD SADWRN 9 MAI

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<p>10am - 10:50am BRITISH COUNCIL PRESENTS: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES - Seeing the world through a cultural lens</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 20%;">  <p>MODERATOR: Elena Schmitz (British Council)</p> </div> <div style="width: 20%;">  <p>Valeria Ramos (MusicMex, Mexico)</p> </div> <div style="width: 20%;">  <p>Gugai MacNamara (Galway International Arts Festival)</p> </div> </div>			<p>10am - 11am PPL & PRS FOR MUSIC DROP-IN</p>
<p>11am - 11:50am ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING PRESENTS: ACCESS IN ACTION: Practical Solutions from Welsh Events & Festivals</p> <div style="display: flex;"> <div style="width: 20%;">  <p>Andrew Lansley (Attitude is Everything)</p> </div> </div>	<p>11am - 12pm SPEED MEETINGS</p>	<p>12pm - 1pm PRS FOUNDATION MIXER (RSVP Only)</p>	
<p>1pm - 1:50pm BLACMEX PRESENTS: BLACK MUSIC EXPORT IN WALES</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 20%;">  <p>MODERATOR: Bablu Shikdar</p> </div> <div style="width: 20%;">  <p>Professor Uzo Iwobi CBE (Race Council Cymru)</p> </div> <div style="width: 20%;">  <p>Oskar Strajn (ESNS, Netherlands)</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 20%;">  <p>Kwame Safo (BLACMEX)</p> </div> <div style="width: 20%;">  <p>Tumi Williams (Starving Artists)</p> </div> </div>	<p>1:30pm - 2:30pm SPEED MEETINGS</p>		
<p>2pm - 2:50pm PRS Foundation in conversation with ANI GLASS</p> <div style="display: flex;"> <div style="width: 20%;">  <p>Ani Glass (Artist)</p> </div> <div style="width: 20%;">  <p>John Hendrickse (PRS Foundation)</p> </div> </div>		<p>17:00 MUSIC NOVA SCOTIA MIXER (RSVP Only)</p>	

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