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THURSDAY 7 MAY | DYDD IAU 7 MAI

PERFORMANCE SPACE

10am - 10:50am

**SAMARITANS CYMRU PRESENTS:
WHAT DOES WELLBEING MEAN IN 2026?**



MODERATOR:
Neil Ingham
(Samaritans Cymru)



Eve Horne
(We Are The Unheard)



Gethin Pearson
(Artist/Producer)



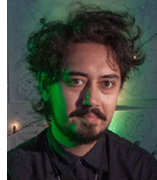
Kate Pearson
(Stronger Minds in Music)

11am - 11:50am

**ROOTS IN FOCUS: RESPONSE TO DEMAND
FOR TRADITIONAL MUSIC**



MODERATOR:
Katch Holmes



Wairehu Grant
(Half/Time, Aotearoa)



Py Muenprasertdee
(Fungjai Co, Ltd, Thailand)



Yasmine Latkowski
(Composer/Artist)



Cee Tepania-McLean
(Half/Time, Aotearoa)

1pm - 1:50pm

**FAIR PLAY: HOW TO PLACE THE RIGHT VALUE
ON YOURSELF AND YOUR MUSIC**



MODERATOR:
Danny Keir
(Enki Music)



Julz Baldwin
(I Eat Music)



Aly Gillani
(Bandcamp)



Michael Lambert
(Wide Events CIC / Aimless Play)



Ruth Barlow
(Beggars Group / Association of Independent Music)

2pm - 2:50pm

**PPL PRESENTS: CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT
101 - HOW TO DEVELOP YOUR SOUND AND
YOUR NETWORK.**



MODERATOR:
Sarah Wall
(PPL)



Nick Duncan
(Sub Pop Records, USA)



Aly Gillani
(Bandcamp)



Rob Cannell
(Beggars Group)



Elan Evans
(Grwndi Records / Beacons Cymru)

USEFUL ARTS SPACE

11am - 12pm **SPEED MEETINGS**

1:30pm - 2:30pm **SPEED MEETINGS**

3:30pm - 4:30pm **MUSICIANS' UNION MIXER (RSVP Only)**

FLEXIBLE SPACE

12pm - 1pm **IRELAND IN WALES MIXER (RSVP Only)**

16:30 **BREAKOUT WEST MIXER (RSVP Only)**

**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

10am - 10:50am **MEET LIVE TRUST & HELP SHAPE GRASSROOTS LIVE MUSIC FUNDING**
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Jon Collins (LIVE Trust)



Antonia Lines (LIVE Trust)

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?**



MODERATOR:
Megan Devereaux (Marhsall)



Sam Dabb (Le Pub)



Gigi Gold (Artist, USA)



Megan Evans (Deer Shed Festival)



Laviea Thomas (Journalist)

2pm - 2:50pm **IQ PRESENTS: NEW LEADERS, NEW RULES - turning fairness into action**



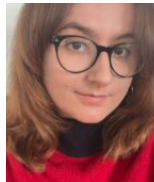
MODERATOR:
Sophie Asquith (MVT)



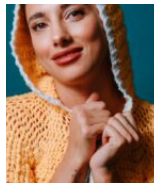
Antonia Sulley (Scruff of The Neck)



Quirina Geijsen (Podium De Vorstin, Netherlands)



Sophie Williams (Billboard)



Hayz Harland (Queer Ass Folk)



Mirain Iwerydd (BBC Radio Cymru)

3:15pm - 4:15pm **SIAN ELERI in Conversation**



MODERATOR:
Sophie Williams (Billboard UK)



Sian Eleri

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FLEXIBLE SPACE

12pm - 1pm **GREATER MANCHESTER MUSIC COMMISSION MIXER (RSVP Only)**

16:30 **BREAKOUT WEST MIXER (RSVP Only)**

WORKSHOP ROOM

2pm - 3pm **PPL & PRS FOR MUSIC WORKSHOP**

1pm - 3pm **SYNC SESSION**

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from 10am - 11:30am

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SATURDAY 9 MAY | DYDD SADWRN 9 MAI

PERFORMANCE SPACE

10am - 10:50am **BRITISH COUNCIL PRESENTS: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES** - Seeing the world through a cultural lens

11am - 11:50am **ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING PRESENTS: ACCESS IN ACTION: Practical Solutions from Welsh Events & Festivals**

1pm - 1:50pm **BLACMEX PRESENTS: BLACK MUSIC EXPORT IN WALES**

2pm - 2:50pm **PRS Foundation in conversation with ANI GLASS**



MODERATOR:
Elena Schmitz
(British Council)



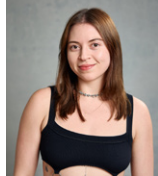
Andrew Lansley
(Attitude is Everything)



MODERATOR:
Bablu Shikdar



Ani Glass
(Artist)



Valeria Ramos
(MusicMex, Mexico)



Professor Uzo Iwobi CBE
(Race Council Cymru)



John Hendrickse
(PRS Foundation)



Gugai MacNamara
(Galway International Arts Festival)



Oskar Strajn
(ESNS, Netherlands)



Py Muenprasertdee
(Fungjai Co, Ltd, Thailand)



Kwame Safo (BLACMEX)



Dom Alessio
(Sounds Australia)



Tumi Williams
(Starving Artists)

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FLEXIBLE SPACE

12pm - 1pm **PRS FOUNDATION MIXER** (RSVP Only)

17:00 **MUSIC NOVA SCOTIA MIXER** (RSVP Only)

WORKSHOP ROOM

10am - 11am **PRS FOUNDATION ARTIST DROP IN**