

The talking shop..... A conversation about the Performing Arts in Wales

Wales Association for the Performing Arts and Creu Cymru invite you all to a conversation.

Yes all of you, not just single representatives from organisations but all of you. Independents, Individuals, Artists, Producers, Programmers, Marketers, Educators, Funders, Managers and anyone else who cares – you get the picture.

We know everyone hates a talking shop, where you just talk and talk and nothing happens but we'd quite like to make something happen so we figured we needed needed a talking shop.

Because we have been thinking about the future.....it can be a dangerous past time we know. It's also something that we don't all have the time, space or energy to undertake very often.

Whilst we were thinking we started to have ideas and to ask questions. We got a bit carried away, we wanted answers and that's when we knew it was time for a cup of tea because all the best conversations happen around a teabag or coffee cup, when we least expect it ideas, connections and lightbulb moments appear.

Now we don't have a big enough kitchen to host a coffee morning but we do think we have some big enough questions to justify the need for a chat.....

We want to talk about; Advocacy, Training, Touring, Language, Access, Young people, Old People, Audiences, Digital things, Support, Management, Skills, Schools, Artists, Organisations, Funding, Campaigning, Value...

I told you we got carried away.

So if you would like to talk about all, or any of these things, or about something completely different please come and join us:

Friday 21 November 2014, 10.00
Wales Millennium Centre

This conversation is important; WAPA and Creu Cymru have been working together for the last 18 months on a number of joint programmes. We now want to consolidate this work and understand how we can best support the Performing Arts sector going forwards. This talking shop is the first step to establishing what type of strategic support and development the sector would benefit from and how best to provide and organise this for the future.



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1 day event in Cardiff at Wales Millennium Centre

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9.30 Arrive. Tea, Coffee and Biscuits. Chat

10.00 Welcome and introduction to the conversation

10.15 It Starts....

Delegates split into 4 groups each chaired and facilitated by a member of the WAPA Exec. The focus of these groups will be around sector wide / strategic challenges facing the performing arts sector in Wales and how WAPA and Creu Cymru can best support the sector to find solutions.

11.30 An Inspiring talk and conversation with an interesting guest speaker
TBC

12.30 Lunch

1.30 Open Space

We will run an open space event in the afternoon to enable participants to set up their own discussion groups. This also provides a flexible set up enabling networking and the possibility for some very specific discussion groups/surgeries if people want them.

3.00 What Now?

Feedback and reflection from morning session, this is an opportunity for WAPA and Creu Cymru to consider the future and to come back to the delegates with a clear set of actions and suggestions for moving forwards.

3.30 Finish, tea and coffee and networking

4.00 WAPA AGM

5.00 Finish

- 6.00 Dinner – we would like to provide an opportunity for delegates to eat together if they want. We can not pay for dinner but we will suggest a location and book for those who indicate they want to eat.
- 8.00 Small World Theatre Performance - Weston Studio, Wales Millennium Centre

