



12 Oct - 25 Oct  
2018

An Lanntair

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# FÀILTE WELCOME

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The Las!/Ignite! Festival will celebrate and encourage young talent but is open to all ages! Young islanders, including myself, are taking over the programming, curating and operation of the An Lanntair, arts centre during October (12th - 25th October) in celebration of Scotland's Year of Young People 2018. We look forward to welcoming you to be part of our exciting festival!

*Made by young people*



As a proud islander who has bucked the trend by moving back to the island after graduating, I am excited to represent our generation and our island's talent. In keeping with the motivation behind Scotland's Year of Young People, the Las!/ Ignite! Festival will provide a platform to showcase the amazing talents of young people while challenging stereotypes about the younger generation. The theme for our festival is 'Change'. We want to celebrate how innovation and technology is changing our world for the better and connecting rural communities like ours with the rest of the world. We want to change the conversation by addressing mental health issues, which are so important to talk about, particularly in our community. And finally, we

want to tackle negative stereotypes about young people and islanders, how these ideas intersect, and to defy these assumptions.

*Festival Coordinator*  
*Ella Macaulay.*



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# EXHIBITIONS

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free entry to all exhibitions

## Ignite Change

Opening Fri 12 Oct, 6pm

Open from 12 Oct - 25 Oct

An Lanntair's Gallery will host an exhibition of work created and curated by local young people entitled 'Ignite Change'. This exhibition provides an opportunity for young artists (under 27) to exhibit their work in a public space. The curators are 'Board not Bored': a group of young volunteers (under 27) who have steered the direction of the Las!/Ignite! Festival by actively researching and shaping the programme and exhibitions. The pieces were submitted to Board not Bored for consideration and focus on the festival's overall theme of 'Change'. This theme was interpreted by the artists in any way they see fit and through any format or medium.



## Foyer Fotografic

Open from 12 Oct - 25 Oct

Artist Sandra Kennedy has been working with young people from Western Isles Foyer to create work for an exciting exhibition in An Lantair's café/bar round room. Using photography as a starting point the group has been exploring themes of place and identity. They have been experimenting with different ways of using photography, exploring techniques such as Polaroid image lifts and screen printing.



## Between Islands

Open from 17 Oct - 25 Oct

Our island exchange programme has brought together six talented islanders to produce work about their island homes; Lewis and Shetland. An exhibition featuring Shetland textile students' work will be on display on the third floor during the festival and films made by Lewis students about their experiences in Shetland will be shown during the Art for Lunch events.

## Jonathan MacDonald

Open from 17 Oct - 25 Oct

Artist Jonathan Macdonald is holding his first solo exhibition in the café/bar gallery. His intricately-penned illustrations depict a beautiful and chaotic world of colour and form.





# ELEPHANT SESSIONS

Fri 12 Oct, 8pm

£15/£12 for under 27s

Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.



Las!/Ignite! Festival will be celebrating Scottish Music with a live performance from award winning neo-trad quintet Elephant Sessions. The release of their award winning album 'All We Have is Now' in 2017 was followed by live appearances at some of Europe's most notable festivals. Audiences crowd surfed their way through the summer and marquee floors broke under the weight of bouncing fans. Now it is An Lanntair's turn.

# CREATIVE INDUSTRIES SYMPOSIUM

Sat 20 Oct, 11am - 5pm

free but booking essential



Live talks, big names, industry professionals, Q&As, panel discussion and films.

We are hosting a Symposium featuring talented artists and professionals from across the creative sector from near and far. There will be something for everyone from makeup to gaming and technology. Come along and learn from their success stories. Rounding off the day will be a discussion panel debating the pros and cons of island life, entitled 'I'm an Islander, Get Me Out of Here!'



Time	Speaker
11am	<b>Katie Harris Macleod</b> – Las!/Ignite! Festival sponsored one young artist to take part in the ‘Muir is Tir’ sailing residency. Come along to this talk to hear about her work and early career.
11:30am	<b>Rachel Ellen Mackay</b> – As a young islander, Rachel has been working in Gaelic media and TV production for the past five years.
12pm	<b>David Culbert</b> – Help Musicians UK is the leading UK charity for professional musicians of all genres, from starting out through to retirement.
12:30pm	<b>Jordane Symington</b> – Local artist Jordane created the jewellery company Islewear in 2016 and her brand, which draws upon the island landscape for inspiration, has grown in popularity ever since.
45 minute lunch break	
1:45pm	<b>Julie Kennedy</b> – Julie is a user interface artist working on Minecraft Console Edition at 4J Studios in Dundee. She’s worked on neat things such as the Super Mario and Adventure Time Mashup packs, as well as Minecraft:Wii U and Nintendo Switch editions. She believes games are art, and that everyone can make art.
2:15pm	<b>Keith Morrison</b> – Founder of Stornoway’s premier recording studio, Wee Studio, Keith shares his story and advice for making music in the Hebrides.
2:45pm	<b>Tomás Sheridan</b> – An award winning, documentary director, producer and educator who uses people’s stories and filmmaking to explore human relationships, social change and the place of individuals in a globalised society.
3:45pm	<b>‘I’m An Islander, Get Me Out of Here’ Panel Discussion</b> – Debating the pros and cons of island life.
£7 entry	<b>Film Screening: The Festival</b> – Ian Morris, Director of the Inbetweeners, reunites with Joe Thomas to bring us a hilarious, muddy weekend of misadventure in The Festival.

# WORKSHOPS

Art and Robotics with Chris Macleod  
15th-19th Oct, 5pm – 7pm, Stornoway Library

Programmer and engineer Christopher Macleod and An Lanntair will be working with a group of young people to create an interactive, computer driven piece of artwork. The young people will be learning programming and working with electronic sensors and motors to devise and construct a piece of artwork that people can interact with at An Lanntair during the festival.

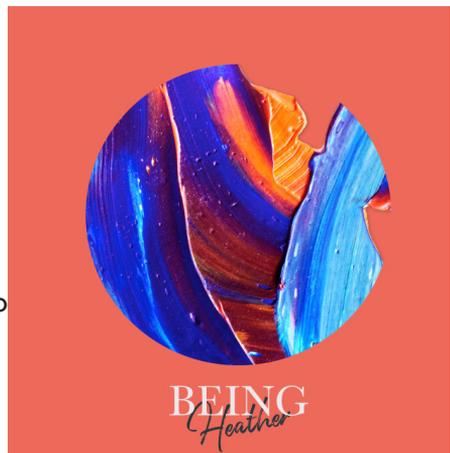
Chris Macleod says: 'We'll be using the Arduino to create an art piece. The Arduino is a type of very small computer, which can detect things in the environment (like touch, light, heat or movement) and then process this and control things (like lights, displays or motors). Because of this, it's ideal for creating interesting work which can be interactive, kinetic and/or dynamic. Its use also gains the participants knowledge in computer coding, technology and its uses.'

free but booking essential

Introduction to Meditation and Mindfulness with Being Heather  
Wed 24, Oct 3pm – 5pm  
Thur 25, Oct, 4pm – 6pm

This workshop offers an interactive introduction to mindfulness, including a guided meditation that will allow participants to experience how self-love, self-care and self-compassion can support their physical, mental and emotional wellbeing. Heather says, 'I am drawn to supporting and teaching others how to create supportive practices that will allow people to take care of their mind, body and spirit, to heal from traumas they have experienced in order to journey towards wholeness and above all, to learn how to live a joyful life.'

free but booking essential



## HELP MUSICIANS UK Roundtable (HMUK)

Fri 19 Oct, 6pm

We are collaborating with HMUK in order to reach out to local musicians and help provide practical support and encouragement for musicians of all ages. Come along and share your experience about working in the island music industry.

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## Interactive Makeup Tutorials with Eleni Lowder

Mon 22 Oct, 4pm – 6pm

Thur 25 Oct 4pm – 6pm

Led by renowned local talent, Eleni Lowder, these workshops will teach you all the tips and tricks of makeup professionals. Come along to our collaborative workshops to bond over your love of makeup with others who share your passion. Bring your own makeup and take part in this interactive workshop. Eleni says: 'I'm 21 and have been doing makeup for 6 years. I became qualified 3 years ago and in that time boosted my skills and clientele through working at Chic Hair and Beauty. I do a variety of different looks on clients all the time, but my favourite ones to do are full glam and bridal. I also love when clients ask me to do something a bit different, colour can be scary for some, but it's so much fun to work with.'

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# LIVE GAMING COMPETITION

Mon 22 Oct,  
from 1pm with competition  
starting at 6pm

free but booking essential

Board not Bored's gaming subgroup has organised this live competition in An Lanntair's main auditorium featuring both PC and console games. The day will be a celebration of gaming in all of its forms and across the whole building. The programme will include demonstrations in the community room for beginners and those who want to try something new. There will also be a nostalgic retro gaming exhibition in our project space on the third floor. And finally, we will finish the day with a live gaming competition, free for competitors and spectators alike and including live commentary from our gaming experts.

## COMMUNITY ROOM - DEMONSTRATIONS + HANDHELD GAMING

## PROJECT SPACE

## AUDITORIUM- COMPETITION

Time	Game
1pm	Minecraft build sessions
2pm	Starwhals
3pm	Sonic The Hedgehog
4pm	Nintendo Switch Games

All Day Retro Gaming display

Time	Game
6pm	Mario Kart
7pm	Fifa
8pm	Trials Fusion
9pm	Injustice

Finish time approximately 10pm

# LET'S TALK- MENTAL HEALTH TALKS

Wed 24 Oct, 6pm

free but booking essential

A series of talks on mental health and other social issues which affect our community. Let's change the conversation.

## 6pm Lily Asch – Real Talk

Real Talk is a social enterprise dedicated to mental health storytelling. Lily says: 'Our vision is a world that celebrates transparency and authenticity around experiences of mental ill health and our mission is to use the power of storytelling to empower personal narratives. We will collaborate with Las!/Ignite! during their festival in order to explore what experiences of mental illness look like in a young person but also how these experiences can be transformed to make a meaningful contribution to reducing stigma and empowering personal narratives. We aim to explore how storytelling can be a powerful tool for wellbeing and what creating a healing community around mental ill health looks like.'



### **6.45pm Calum Tyler**

Calum grew up and went to school in Uig on the Isle of Lewis. As a member of Board not Bored, he has volunteered his help to organise the Las!/ Ignite! Festival. Now, he wants to share his story. 'I was born and raised on the island and have had a long history of mental health issues. My story will be about struggling with school, problems I've had with island life, and my experiences with depression, anxiety and suicidal feelings.'



### **7pm Being Heather – 'Self-love, Self-Care and Self-Compassion'**

Heather Baillie, who runs her own business called Being Heather, offers spiritual coaching and holistic healing on the island through various disciplines including mindfulness, meditation, Reiki and Shamanism.

### **7.45pm Danni Gordon – The Chachi Power Project**

Danni is a passionate and creative Body Positive Advocate who is here to remind everybody that they are beautiful. She created the Chachi Power Project in January 2017 on a mission to improve everyone's body confidence through interactive workshops, talks, events and retreats. Her work concentrates on creating a supportive community to help people feel comfortable to share stories, learn more about and discuss aspects of body image. Tackling issues which can affect individuals as well as society. With her background in the creative industries she is never far from incorporating art and design into her fun and friendly workshops. She is a major supporter of the Body Positive Movement which encourages everyone to fully respect and accept all body types regardless of age, race, gender, ability, size, shape or health status.





# OPEN MIC NIGHT

Tue 23 Oct, 8:30pm

free entry

These islands are bursting with talented, young musicians. Las! Ignite! has been hosting Open Mic Sessions once a fortnight all summer. We have seen so many wonderful young artists perform in our main gallery and now it's time to let them take to the stage. A line-up of up and coming,

exciting artists will perform in the main auditorium featuring Niamh Smith, the Nicolson Ceilidh Band and others. Come along and support them as they take to the stage!



# ART FOR LUNCH

Mon 22 - Thur 25 Oct, 1-2pm

free entry

Come along to An Lanntair for lunch any day of Las!/Ignite! Festival to enjoy lunch and a show! The walls to our auditorium will be up so that while enjoying your lunch deal from our wonderful Café Bar, you will be able to also enjoy a feast for the eyes: a combination of film, music and art curated by our young people.



# RETURN OF POCKET CINEMA

Tue 23 - Thur 25 Oct

free but booking essential

Coming of Age through the Ages. A classic coming-of-age film will be shown every day of Las!/gnite! Festival, each one will capture what it was like to be young in a different era. From the 80s, 90s, 00s to the present day. Films will be shown in Community Room on third floor. Bean bags supplied!

Film	Date	Time
The Breakfast Club (15)	Tue 23 Oct	2pm
10 Things I Hate About You (12)	Wed 24 Oct	2pm
Kings Of Summer (15)	Thur 25 Oct	2pm

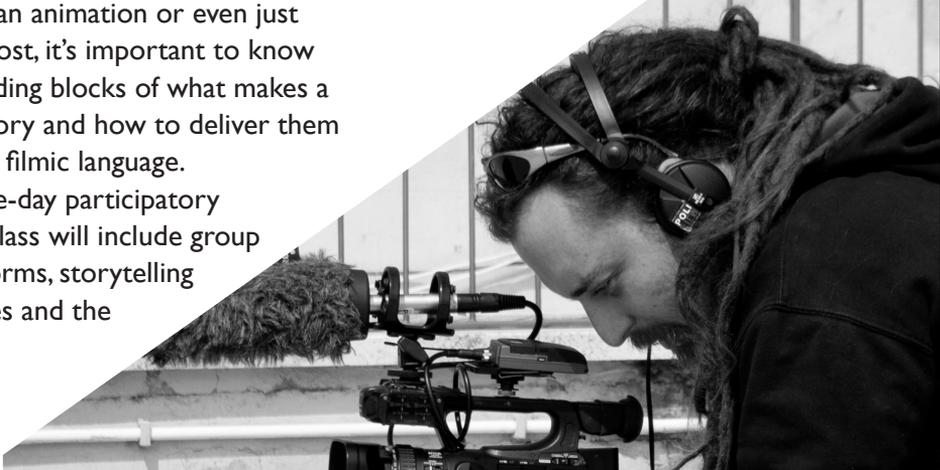
## MAKING YOUR FILM HAPPEN WITH TOMÁS SHERIDAN

Fri 19 Oct, 9am-5pm

free but booking essential

Documentary filmmaker Tomás Sheridan will help you navigate the treacherous waters of getting a film made from start to finish. Whether you are writing a script, making an animation or even just a vlog post, it's important to know the building blocks of what makes a good story and how to deliver them through filmic language. This one-day participatory masterclass will include group brainstorming, storytelling exercises and the

dissection of existing short films with unique behind the scenes insight from idea, through to funding and production, all the way to distribution.





*Photography: John Carolan*

# LIVE COMEDY FROM MARJOLEIN ROBERTSON

Thur 25 Oct, 8pm

£10/£5 for under 27  
Minimum age - 14

The first half of the evening will be the traditional Shetland trowie story the Hillsook Wedeen (Hillswick Wedding). Told from the point of view of the protagonist's sister, the Hillswick Wedding explores day to day life in Shetland in the 1850s as well as the magical and otherworldly home of the trows. The story tells of a man who is taken into the world of the trows, Shetland's race of magical beings. Marjolein recounts the tale in character bringing the audience right into the very heart of the story.

In the second part of the evening Marjolein will perform her newest stand up comedy show 'Marjolein Robertson: It's Time'. This then takes a twist on the traditional story from the first half as Marjolein intertwines true anecdotes that led her into the world of comedy.



Date	Event	Time
Fri 12 Oct	'Ignite Change' Exhibition Opening	6pm
Fri 12 Oct	Elephant Sessions	8pm
Mon 15- Fri 19 Oct	Art and Robotics Workshop	5pm - 7pm Stornoway Library
Fri 19 Oct	Making Your Film Happen	9am - 5pm
Fri 19 Oct	HMUK Roundtable	6pm
Sat 20 Oct	Creative Industries Symposium	11am - 5pm
Sat 20 Oct	Film: The Festival	8pm
Mon 22 Oct	Gaming Demonstration	1pm - 4pm
Mon 22 Oct	Art for Lunch	1pm
Mon 22 Oct	Interactive Make-up Tutorials	4pm - 6pm
Mon 22 Oct	Live Gaming Competition	6pm
Tue 23 Oct	Art for Lunch	1pm
Tue 23 Oct	Pocket Cinema: The Breakfast Club	2pm
Tue 23 Oct	Open Mic Night	8.30pm
Wed 24 Oct	Art for Lunch	1pm
Wed 24 Oct	Pocket Cinema: 10 Things I Hate About You	2pm
Wed 24 Oct	Introduction to Meditation and Mindfulness Workshop	3pm - 5pm
Wed 24 Oct	Let's Talk – Series of mental health talks	6pm
Thur 25 Oct	Art for Lunch	1pm
Thur 25 Oct	Pocket Cinema: Kings of Summer	2pm
Thur 25 Oct	Introduction to Meditation and Mindfulness Workshop	4pm - 6pm
Thur 25 Oct	Interactive Make-up Tutorial	4pm - 6pm
Thur 25 Oct	Live Comedy: Marjolein Robertson	8pm

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