

GRAND NORTHERN UKULELE FESTIVAL

“PLAY WHAT YOU LOVE & LOVE WHAT YOU PLAY”

AN INCLUSIVE, INSPIRING, FULL
WEEKEND OF ARTS & MUSIC IN
HUDDERSFIELD, WEST YORKSHIRE.



WINNER BEST UKULELE FESTIVAL, 2017 UKE MAGAZINE & GOT-A-UKULELE AWARDS
RECIPIENT OF THE QUEEN'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE, 2017

TAKING PLACE IN LARGE & SMALL VENUES ACROSS TOWN



"Loads of chances of stumbling across something unexpectedly amazing!" - Audience Member



WORLD-CLASS ARTISTS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY & AROUND THE WORLD.



"I've never been in a friendlier backstage environment." - Artist

*"It's not hard to find young people attending or performing on all the stages of GNUF, from main, to side, to open mic, to the 'found' performances in courtyards and foyers."
-David Meggarity in his article for Queensland Arts (AUS)*



CREATING SPACES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS TO PARTICIPATE ONSTAGE AND BEHIND THE SCENES.

OUR 2017 FESTIVAL SAW STUDENTS FROM LOCAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES DOING PLACEMENTS WITH OUR STAGE CREWS. WE WERE ABLE TO SUPPORT CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS IN PERFORMING. ONE OF OUR MAINSTAGE ACTS (FROM BELGIUM & THE NETHERLANDS) FEATURED THREE GENERATIONS OF THE SAME FAMILY.

ARTISTS, AUDIENCES & VOLUNTEERS... JUST SOME OF THE MANY FACES OF GNUF.



"I met people from Germany, Alaska, the Netherlands, Australia, and Chester, as well as just down the road." - Audience Member

"The festival is a point of creative convergence for artists from scenes as diverse as cabaret, theatre, folk, rock, blues, classical, variety, community, circus, singer-songwriter, burlesque and players for pleasure." – David Meggarity in his article for Queensland Arts (AUS)



WORKSHOPS, POP-UP EVENTS & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE WITH PEOPLE FROM NEAR & FAR.

AT OUR 2017 FESTIVAL, ARTISTS AND VOLUNTEERS TOOK PART IN A LIVE RECORDING OF THE OOKTOWN PODCAST (USA). THERE WERE ALSO 16 WORKSHOPS COVERING A RANGE OF MUSIC MAKING, PERFORMING, SONG-WRITING AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES.



NOTE: OUR INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS INCLUDED FESTIVALS FROM FINLAND, THE NETHERLANDS, SPAIN, AND AUSTRIA. EACH SENT THEIR DIRECTORS AND MANY ALSO SENT ARTISTS TO TAKE PART BEHIND SCENES AND OFTEN ON STAGES. WE ALSO ASSISTED DAVID MEGGARITY IN GAINING SUPPORT FROM THE QUEENSLAND ARTS COUNCIL (AUSTRALIA) TO COME TO OUR FESTIVAL, CONDUCT RESEARCH AND TAKE PART.