



Workshop List

GNUF 2022

Extra special sessions

One Day Ukulele Retreat with Peter Luongo

Time: Friday 1pm onwards

Location: The Old Courtroom – Huddersfield Town Hall

Level: Confident Beginner to Intermediate

Join Peter Luongo for a ukulele day unlike any other.

These sessions are ideal for ukulele teachers and Intermediate/advanced players. Peter will be demonstrating the sequence of skills that make the ukulele ideal for learning, teaching, and performing.

The 3 sessions can be taken as a series or individually!

Sessions and times:

- **Session 1: The Ukulele as a Melody Instrument (1:30 to 2:30pm)**
- **Session 2: The Ukulele as a Harmony/Chord Instrument (3 to 4pm)**
- **Session 3: The Ukulele as a Solo Instrument: Combining Chords and Melody (4:30 to 5:30pm)**

Jake Shimabukuro Masterclass

Time: Saturday 6 to 7pm

Location: LBT Main Auditorium

Level: All levels

Join Jake Shimabukuro as he talks about his musical journey, his influences, and what makes his playing unique.

This is a question-and-answer type session hosted by The Ukulele Teacher, John Atkins.



Friday

Early afternoon workshops – Friday – 1:30 to 2:30pm

The Care and Feeding of your Ukulele with Mim

- Time: Friday 1:30 to 2:30pm
- Location: Meeting Room 1 – Huddersfield Town Hall
- Level: All levels
- Description: Hey! What exactly is a set-up, anyway? Why does my ukulele buzz? How do I fix it? What does my ukulele want from me? Mim will be breaking down the mysterious “set-up” everyone talks about! She will lead you in an informative workshop that will cover everything from changing your strings and daily ukulele maintenance to diagnosing ukulele problems and even fixing them yourself! You are invited to not only come with questions but to ask them as we go along! No question too small, because most-likely, someone else in the class was wondering the same thing! With Mim's years of experience setting up ukuleles, you are bound to learn a few new tricks!

Jamming Essentials with Phil Doleman

- Time: Friday 1:30 to 2:30pm
- Location: Meeting Room 3 – Huddersfield Town Hall
- Level: Confident Beginner to Intermediate
- Description: Discover the secrets of jamming and ditch the song sheets! Learn common progressions, what to do if everyone is playing in a different key, and loads of tips, tricks, and shortcuts that'll have you playing loads of great songs without having to go searching for the chords on the internet!

Mid-afternoon workshops – Friday – 3 to 4pm

Under the Covers with Dead Mans Uke

- Time: Friday 3 to 4pm
- Location: Meeting Room 3 – Huddersfield Town Hall
- Level: Confident Beginner to Intermediate
- Description: Working with Dead Mans Uke, learn to craft a cover version that's uniquely yours!

Playing your ukulele to improve your happiness & mental health with The Ukulele Teacher

- Time: Friday 3 to 4pm
- Location: Meeting Room 1 – Huddersfield Town Hall
- Level: Open to all!
- Description: Ten years ago, John Atkins was in a funk. He hadn't had a girlfriend for years, was stuck in a dead-end job, and had no social life. Nothing ever seemed to go his way.

But after starting a YouTube channel teaching the ukulele - initially just for a joke -



lots of good things started happening! He got invited to the Brit Awards. He recorded with Mark Ronson at the legendary Abbey Road Studios. He taught America's Got Talent winner Grace VanderWaal how to play. He got shoutouts and recommendations from bona fide celebs. One million YouTube subscribers. He even sang a song about tuna sandwiches on the Dick n Dom podcast!

But perhaps most importantly, he started to believe in himself again.

Join John on his journey from a flat-share in Fulham to a townhouse in Hollywood, sharing hilarious and heartwarming true stories that prove that anything is possible once you believe in yourself, and that the key to happiness really can be as simple as picking up a ukulele and starting to strum.

Late afternoon workshops – Friday – 4:30 to 5:30pm

Build your own Diddley Bow with Rob Collins

- Time: Friday 4:30 to 5:30pm
- Location: Meeting Room 1 – Huddersfield Town Hall
- Level: Open to all levels - no playing experience necessary!
- Description: The diddley bow is a one-stringed instrument played by the likes of Seasick Steve and BB King. In this workshop, renowned luthier, Rob Collins will teach you a bit about the history of the instrument while also giving you all of the materials & guidance to build your very own diddley bow.

Focus on Formby with Andy Eastwood

- Time: Friday 4:30 to 5:30pm
- Location: Meeting Room 3 – Huddersfield Town Hall
- Level: Intermediate
- Description: In this 1 hour workshop, Andy Eastwood lifts the lid on the famous syncopated style of George Formby, unravelling the complexities of the 'split stroke', the 'triple' and the 'fan'.

Whether or not you wish to play the songs of the Lancashire legend, this is an informative masterclass to enhance your rhythmic technique! Ukes and banjoles welcome!



Saturday

Morning workshops – Saturday – 10 to 11am

Syncopation Station – polish up your strum patterns with Marc Gallagher

- Time: 10 to 11am Saturday
- Location: LBT Meeting Room
- Level: Confident Beginner to Intermediate
- Description: We will explore the intricacies of off-beat strumming, looking at the theory behind your inner groove. Together we will learn strum patterns for Reggae, Samba and Rock, and you shall be able to work out and create whatever strumming patterns you wish!

Jazzing it up with Phil Doleman

- Time: 10 to 11am Saturday
- Location: LBT Attic
- Level: Intermediate/Advanced
- Description: Simple ways to take familiar chords and add more tonal 'colour'. We'll take a simple 'uke songbook' version of 'I Got Rhythm' and develop it into something that really sounds like jazz!

Unlocking the mysteries of the fretboard with Peter Luongo

- Time: 10 to 11am Saturday
- Location: LBT Cellar
- Level: All levels
- Description: In this standalone workshop with one of the world's most experienced and respected ukulele teachers, you'll explore the whole fretboard (even the 'dusty bits'). Participants will learn how to play chords and melodies all along the fretboard. In this participatory workshop, Peter Luongo will share the secrets behind his decades of work leading the Langley Ukulele Ensemble (made famous in *The Mighty Uke* documentary). It is the same approach he used when he taught James Hill (yes, *that James Hill*).

Late morning workshops – Saturday – 11:30am to 12:30pm

Showtune Shenanigans with Andy Webster

- Time: 11:30am to 12:30pm Saturday
- Location: LBT Meeting Room
- Level: All levels
- Description: Join League of Ukulele Gentleman's Andy Webster in this fun and engaging workshop. You'll take one showtune and make it epic with a bucket load of tips and tricks gleaned from Andy's years of experience at festivals all over the world.



Technique Troubleshooter with Andy Eastwood

- Time: 11:30am to 12:30pm Saturday
- Location: LBT Attic
- Level: Confident Beginner to Intermediate
- Description: This workshop is more a masterclass with the maestro Andy Eastwood himself. In it, you will get the chance to learn tips and tricks from his vast musical experience while also exploring specific techniques relevant to your own playing style(s). Much like Jake Shimabukuro's masterclass, this session is partly based on a Q&A format with space for your own participation.

Song Building with The Hedge Inspectors

- Time: 11:30am to 12:30pm Saturday
- Location: LBT Cellar
- Level: All levels
- Description: This workshop does what it says on the tin. Working with the renowned Mike Krabbers of The Hedge Inspectors, you'll learn tips for helping you to write your own songs from scratch, find inspiration and more. We ran this workshop a few years ago and people haven't stop asking us to bring it back since!

The Fine Art of Dum Ching with Dead Mans Uke

- Time: 11:30am to 12:30pm Saturday
- Location: The Parish
- Level: All levels
- Description: Working with the finest purveyors of dum ching themselves, participants in this workshop will get a chance to lift the lid on the great Dead Mans Uke performance style and learn what makes things work so well. You'll learn things you can apply to your own playing and you're sure to come away with a party trick or a good story or two.

Afternoon workshops – Saturday – 1 to 2pm

Finding Your Voice with the Musical Director of the Dublin Ukulele Collective

- Time: 1 to 2pm Saturday
- Location: LBT Attic
- Level: All levels
- Description: Finding your Voice: A Crash Course on improving your Singing Voice within a Ukulele Group/Choir. In this workshop, you'll explore vocal phrasing with the ukulele. In it, you'll explore how to harmonise melody and perform in a choral setting with a Ukulele. We will find your range and help you discover harmonies with a song.

Formby Follow-Up with Andy Eastwood

- Time: 1 to 2pm Saturday
- Location: LBT Meeting Room
- Level: Confident Beginner to Intermediate



- Description: For those who've taken Andy Eastwood's legendary Focus on Formby workshop in the past & want more, this is the workshop for you. For years, we've had people asking for a follow-up session to Andy's wildly popular Focus on Formby workshops. If you've ever taken it at any festival or event (or if you fancy yourself a bit of a Formby aficionado) this workshop is one you're sure to enjoy.

Evening workshops – Saturday – 6 to 7pm

Jake's Masterclass

- Time: 6 to 7pm Saturday
- Location: LBT Main Auditorium
- Level: All levels
- Description: Join Jake Shimabukuro as he talks about his musical journey, his influences, and what makes his playing unique. This is a question-and-answer type session hosted by The Ukulele Teacher, John Atkins.

Comedy Songwriting with Plastic Jeezus

- Time: 6 to 7pm Saturday
- Location: LBT Meeting Room
- Level: All levels
- Description: Plastic Jeezus win awards for the comedic songwriting and it is no surprise. Audiences have long been requesting a workshop with them and we are pleased to present a GNUF first. Don't miss this epic opportunity.

From Seat to Stage: Map out your musical journey with Mim

- Time: 6 to 7pm Saturday
 - Location: LBT Attic
 - Level: Confident Beginner to Intermediate
- Description: When you see people on stage do you think, "I could never do that!" Well, sorry to break this to you, but EVERYONE can! From finding your unique voice, conquering your fears, stage craft, skipping the school of hard knocks, and taking the stage like a seasoned performer. This will be a workshop about finding where you are now, setting goals, finding your musical self, taking the first step and you... yes YOU... will be on your way to taking the stage!

Vocal Harmony & Ukulele Workshop with Tricity Vogue & Becca Toft of Tricity Vogue's All Girl Swing Band

- Time: 6 to 7pm Saturday
- Location: LBT Cellar
- Level: All Levels
- Description: Learn the vocal harmonies and the chords for some of Tricity Vogue's All Girl Swing Band numbers, including Sweet Dreams, Tricity's original Bowler Hat, and Video Killed the Radio Star. Tricity and the band's trumpeter Becca Toft will guide you through their band's vocal arrangements, so you can sing and play along with



them in harmony. You don't need any previous experience of harmony singing — come and give it a try!

Sunday

Morning workshops – Sunday – 10 to 11am

Discovering Fingerstyle Ukulele with Colin Tribe

- Time: 10 to 11am Sunday
- Location: LBT Meeting Room
- Level: Advanced Beginner to Intermediate
- Description: In this workshop, Colin will lead you in exploring the exciting sounds of fingerstyle ukulele. Examples will be taken from his ukulele books including a new songbook published by Schott Music.

The Care & Feeding of Your Ukulele with Mim

- Time: 10 to 11am Sunday
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Learn to Play Ukulele Solos with Peter Luongo

- Time: 10 to 11am Sunday
- Location: LBT Cellar
- Level: Confident Beginner to Intermediate
- Description: In this workshop one of the world's leading teachers of ukulele, you'll learn how to begin combining melody and chords to create 'solo' arrangements.

Late morning workshops – Sunday – 11:30am to 12:30pm

Jug Band Jam with Phil Doleman

- Time: 11:30am to 12:30pm Sunday
- Location: LBT Meeting Room
- Level: Intermediate
- Description: A great fun workshop! We'll learn some standard jug band chord patterns and riffs that will have us playing great old songs by Gus Cannon's Jug Stompers, The Memphis Jug Band, The Hokum Boys, and lots of other songs that work in the same way,



and then you'll be able to write your own jug band song! Whilst these songs are not technically difficult, this workshop is all about injecting energy and fun into our playing and performances (whilst I sneakily teach you about the music theory behind them).

- Note about the level: *These songs are not difficult, and whilst we will try them in different keys, the chords used should be familiar to anyone who has ever strummed along with a ukulele club, so confident beginners will also enjoy this workshop.*

Play a Traditional Fiddle Tune on the Ukulele with Percy Copley

- Time: 11:30am to 12:30pm Sunday
- Location: LBT Attic
- Level: Confident Beginner to Intermediate
- Description: Play a traditional fiddle tune on the ukulele! Fingerpicking in a melodic style, using left hand block positions, melodic scale fragments, and right hand rolls to play a complete tune in a swinging fiddle style. Turkey in the Straw and/or Miss Mcleods Reel, for example.

Route 145 (understanding 12 bars) with The Hedge Inspectors

- Time: 11:30am to 12:30pm Sunday
- Location: LBT Cellar
- Level: All Levels
- Description: Known for his love of blues and his fun and accessible Unplug the Wood jams, Mike Krabbers of The Hedge Inspectors leads this engaging workshop. Participants will get to know what makes the blues work and why and how they might apply it to some music of their own choosing.

Let's Get Loopy with The Ukulele Teacher (Looping on your phone/device to create your own fun backing)

- Time: 11:30am to 12:30pm Sunday
- Location: LBT Gallery/Kala Showroom
- Level: For confident beginners
- Description: Have you ever wanted to explore the idea of looping? Fancy yourself as the next Ed Sheeran or Reggie Watts? Well before you shell out on thousands of pounds worth of fancy pedals and effects, why not try using your iPhone, a ukulele, and a free app?

In this workshop, I'll show you how to create a full-band backing track for yourself using no more than a phone and a ukulele, so you can record full scale productions from the comfort of your own home.

By the end of the session, you'll be able to create your own fully-fledged masterpieces (keyboards, drums, bass, vocals - and of course ukulele!) in just a matter of minutes.

Afternoon workshops – Sunday – 1 to 2pm

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Rock & Roll with a fist full of fun! With Andy Webster

- Time: 1 to 2pm Sunday
- Location: LBT Attic
- Level: All levels
- Description: This workshop is a whirlwind hour of rock and roll adventure. Strap yourselves in! With League of Ukulele Gentlemen's Andy Webster leading the way, it's bound to be great.