

Hold an Aberystwyth University Arts Festival!

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Officer Responsible: Opportunities Officer

Details

There are sports orientated events held by the Students' Union for example Superteams and Varsity, but not many Societies orientated events, even less so those held in honour of the arts. It is appreciated that the Aber challenge is more societies orientated, however for the arts, a chance to exhibit work and celebrate work (music, film, drama, dance, crafts etc.) themselves through performance and exhibition is an opportunity which is accepted with excitement for the majority of artistic communities and individuals. Although it's unfair to compare sports teams and societies in such a black and white way, this is how the Students' Union is commonly viewed by the majority of students which I know anyway, with or without artistic focus.

An Arts Festival would not only bring artistic and creative Aberystwyth students and societies closer to the Students' Union and iron out any disillusion there may be, but would also attract members of the public to similarly exhibit their work and enjoy and appreciate art and creativity as well.

The arts act as an outlet which when academically studied are found to relieve anxiety and help with mental health issues such as depression. The arts aren't just a hobby that people do to complement studies and work, they are an important part of modern life, including modern issues and so should be similarly represented and celebrated.

Ideally this event could consist of a daytime exhibition, and an evening performance by societies and individuals willing to showcase their creativity and artistry, maybe even a few public workshops run by willing participating societies. The idea is only just formed, if accepted by Senedd then further details can be refined.

Presidents of creative/artistic societies and the Opportunities Officer could work together to put on this event ideally, or a student committee specifically for this event could be formed.

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Actions List

Actions Taken	Name and Role	Date
AberSU held its first Aberystwyth University Arts Festival online in March 2021. The event included an online gallery with various student submitted pieces of works. We will now take time to review this year's festival before discussing plans with the Opportunities Officer for 2021/22.	N/A	N/A
The Union has re-joined with Showdance to organise the Arts Fest together	Ffion (Opportunities Officer 2025-2026)	December 2025

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