

CREATIVE ROUTES

DGU CONFERENCE 2018

GG's Yard, Laggan , Gatehouse of Fleet

PROGRAMME

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9.30	Registration & Breakfast	Conference MC Jack Finlay, Independent Theatre & Festival Producer.
10.00	Showcase & Spotlight	Informal opportunity to catch up, check out funders and support organisations whilst taking in the inspiring range of creative work going on across the region.
10.00	DGU AGM	An opportunity for DGU members and those interested in the arts to be updated on last year's progress and plans for the coming year.
11.00	Welcome & intro	Cathy Agnew, DGU Chair David McDonald, DGU Arts Development Director.
11.20	Towards a regional Cultural Strategy	Harry Thomson, DG Council Head of Civic and Local Services.
11.30	Pearls of Wisdom	Delegates will reflect on their 'creative journey' with willing volunteers sharing <i>the</i> one piece of advice they'd give their younger self!
11.45	Keynote Speakers	Sharing their creative journeys: Jim Buchanan, Labyrinth maker and Artist; Catriona McGhie, DG Arts Festival Programme Assistant, Young Promoters Group.
12.45	Lunch	Refuel at the buffet and swap stories of your creative journey – signposts, routes, successes and barriers.
13.30	Performance	Monologue written and delivered by Sue McCormick, actor, writer and director praised for her show at the Fringe.
13.45	Youth Arts Framework	Led by Abby Gray, National Youth Arts Advisory Group, and young people from D&G, a call to action based on the recent DGU & pARTners Group youth arts framework consultation.
14.05	Panel Discussion: Developing support structures for artists	Chair and provocation: Matt Baker, The Stove Network Panellists: Further Education specialist TBC; Lynsey Smith, Global Lead, British Council Creative Hubs; Sue McCormick, actor, writer, director.
14.50	Tea Break	Refresh and re-boot
15.05	Small Talk Sessions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Progression pathways for the next generation of creative practitioners with Jan Hogarth, Environmental Artist; Lucy MacLeod, Outpost Arts; Drew Taylor, Artistic Director, Performance Collective Stranraer. 2. Supporting your practice – portfolio working with DGU members sharing their top tips on how to sustain yourself and your creative practice. 3. Creative Ageing – celebrating the contribution of our older, established and re-emerging practitioners with Anne Gallacher, Director Luminare and Lesley Wilson, writer and Luminare resident artist at Cove Park.
16.10	Performance/ Comedy Sketch	Based on delegates' answer to the question "What have the arts done for you?", an improvised scratch performance inspired by Monty Python...here's a link for non-initiates of satirical 60/70's comedy. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y7tvauOJMHo
16.20	Conference Wrap up	Cathy Agnew, DGU Chair
16.30	Networking	Review and re-connect
17.00	Close	

The day will include performances by fiddle player Gavin Marwick, a show reel of DGU funded projects and other inspirational creative projects from across the region and music by composers, musicians and performers playing throughout the event.