

## **Jazz Promotion Network Awarded Major Funding to Develop the Jazz Workforce in the UK and Ireland across 2020**

For immediate release

Jazz Promotion Network (JPN) has been awarded over £90,000 by Arts Council England to deliver a multi-strand programme of work that focuses on developing the jazz workforce across the UK and Ireland.

The funding will support a number of new initiatives as well as the continuation and development of work delivered in 2019. This comes after a period of consultation with the membership and wider jazz sector about its most pressing needs.

The work includes -

- Annual conference in Belfast, Northern Ireland (25/26th June 2020)
  - Partnership with The Hub to deliver workforce training across England in connection with Jazz North and Jazz South
- Partnership with Birmingham City University (BCU) on a 2 year longitudinal research project on current and potential jazz audiences
- Partnership with Attitude Is Everything to deliver training for promoters, producers and venues in how to address barriers to accessing live music for disabled people
- Delivery of the joint UK and Ireland stand at Jazzahead 2020 including artist bursaries to attend the event
- Organisational development of JPN including the appointment of part-time staff to deliver work, handle membership recruitment and support the Board of Directors

"This represents a huge step forward for the organisation and allows us to be bold and ambitious in our work to support the jazz and improvised music sector across the UK and Ireland.

"As well as providing vital financial support for a number of projects we've been developing for a number of years, what this grant does is buys us time and space to really make the most of everyone's skills and knowledge. We can now expand the organisation to include a delivery team and ensure we're using the time of the Board to its fullest; utilising the wealth of knowledge and skills each board member brings to the table.

"It's a very heartening and exciting way to start 2020 and we're grateful to Arts Council England for their support."

- Kim Macari, Chair

For more information, please see [www.jazzpromotionnetwork.org.uk](http://www.jazzpromotionnetwork.org.uk)

