



## **Radio Lewes Live Music Sessions**

### **Calling all local musicians/bands...**

Radio Lewes is a CIC (not-for-profit Community Interest Company) which is directly linked to the Queen's Award winning Oyster Project Charity (disability self-help).

Based at Westgate Chapel which is the home of Oyster and where the Radio Lewes studios are.

Radio Lewes gives its members the opportunity and support to create their own podcasts based on their interests and enthusiasms with a focus on music.

We are passionate about music and although we are interested in sharing the music we love ourselves, we are equally keen to find new music and musicians that we can share with our listeners.

It's this that is the driving force behind the Radio Lewes Live Music Sessions. We want to provide a platform to local musicians to share their music and tell us more about themselves, their sound, their influences and what inspires them.

The idea is to get local musicians to perform a recorded live music session in the Chapel. Genres from folk to jazz to classical to rock have performed here. As different and varied as they have been they have all benefited from the amazing acoustics that the space lends to their particular sound.

The format of the session would be:

- interview the band/musician
- record a couple of numbers
- followed by a showcasing opportunity in the form of a free gig to an invited audience of fans

All of which would contribute to an hour long show that would form part of our broadcasting schedule. The show would be available to download and embed once it is published and could be used for promotional purposes by the musician/band.

There could also be an added benefit to the band/musician of a visual recording of their gig and/or parts of the session for them to upload to social media and the production of a demo CD of the event. Plus an opportunity to sell merchandise at the gig.

This format provides Radio Lewes with an opportunity to promote the vast amount of musical talent in the town and the surrounding areas, share what we do at Radio Lewes alongside the work of the Westgate Trust in promoting the availability of the space as well as providing the Oyster Project with much needed funds through the running of a licensed cash bar in support of our project work.

We would also hope that by providing this opportunity for local bands/musicians to perform in the space they can see if its works for them to subsequently use as a rehearsal or gigging space to hire in the future.

The space also has a professional PA system, stage lighting and mixing desk.

We are now looking to fill our schedule for 2018 with a maximum of one Live Session each month. So if you think this is an opportunity your band would be interested and you have a following who would come along to make an audience in please contact us on **admin@radiolewes.org.uk** so we can start arranging.

Hoping you like this idea and really looking forward to working with you to make it happen in 2018!

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