

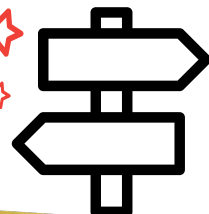
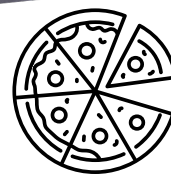
What happened?

On Saturday 19th July 2025, **Every Sort Of People (ESOP) Party** took place at The Marine Studios and The Sidings in Newhaven.

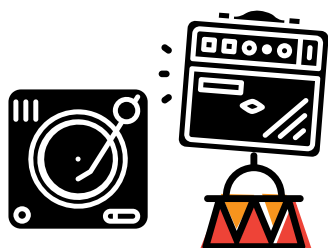
This community festival consisted of two events over the course of the day: A free community market place during the day and a 'Circus of Sound' evening event of performances, music and dancing.

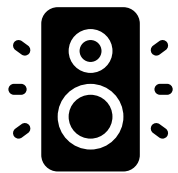


Funded by the BN9 Growth Fund, Youth Music and Rampion Wind, the focus of this event was to celebrate the creative individuals, communities and organisations who live and work in Newhaven.



The event also showcased Culture Shift's portfolio of community activity, with live performances from participants in other Culture Shift projects including young people in bands as part of 'Voices From The Edges', a project bringing access to music to young people in Newhaven, and also Delta 7, a band of learning disabled artists who have been performing for over a decade and have been the subject of a BAFTA-nominated short film.





The Impact



Over the course of the day a total of **412 people** attended the event, which was supported by **20 volunteers** and **15 partner organisations** including Touch of Gentleness, BN1 Arts, SCDA, Fagment Arts and local independent makers.



'The perfect kind of chaos - noisy, vibrant, bursting with energy - all beautifully steered so everyone felt part of the fun.'



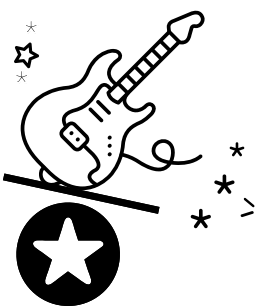
'Every sort of joy, every sort of music, every sort of magic'

'I left Newhaven that night with a grin plastered on my face, my voice croaky from singing along and a huge sense of pride'



The event made a significant impact in terms of outreach for Culture Shift, raising awareness of the charity in Newhaven and consolidating relationships with local individuals and organisations, including schools. In September, there was an increase in participation in the Voices From The Edges programme in Newhaven.

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An unforeseen outcome of the event was that **Michael Attenborough CBE** became aware of Culture Shift and has subsequently become the patron of the charity.



Community Marketplace

Family friendly daytime event

From 12 - 4pm, a day time community market place was held in the Marine Studios.
Activities held at the market place included:

- Free and Accessible art activities facilitated by Community arts organisation **Figment Arts**.
- Upcycling creative activities facilitated by local **Culture Shift Artists**
- Affordable hand-made jewellery, and local produce from **local sellers**.
- Free hand massages from '**A Touch Of Gentleness**'
- Information and Support from **East Sussex County Council**
- Bespoke poems written by Spoken word and Poet **Woodzy**
- '**On the Sofa**': a community engagement opportunity, funded by the **Tackling Loneliness Project** and facilitated by Culture Shift where individuals were given a space to meet new people and discuss the impact of loneliness.
- Acoustic music performances from local **BN1 Arts Students**
- Tuck shop and refreshments



in the evening...

Circus of Sound

From 18:00 until 23:00, an evening event was held next door at the Sidings, with a full line up of musicians, performers:

FEATURING
DELTA 7 WOODZY
ANDREW SELF

VOICES FROM THE EDGES

BN1 MUSIC STUDENTS
LOCAL DJ's

A charity raffle and tuck shop was run by Culture Shift, offering snacks and refreshments, whilst alcoholic drinks and pizza were available from the ABYSS pop up brewery on site.

