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# Happy New Year!

Happy New Year & wishing everybody whatever you hope for in 2024.

Welcome to our Spring programme full of live music, workshops, interactive creative events and club nights. If you already know Cobalt you know what goes on here. If you don't know us we are a multi-arts venue in The Ouseburn or Shieldfield – people say both!

Our belief is that culture builds communities, transforms everything for the better and it should be available to absolutely everybody. We are not for profit and still largely voluntarily run. Our tickets have 3 prices so you can select what you can afford and many events are pay as you feel or suggest-a-donation.

Our new year's resolution is simple... **ASK FOR HELP!**

We've had a rocky time recently, harder than Covid times even. Costs have skyrocketed, the cost of living has bitten deep, trying to pay respectful rates to artists/musicians whilst keeping tickets affordable just doesn't add up.

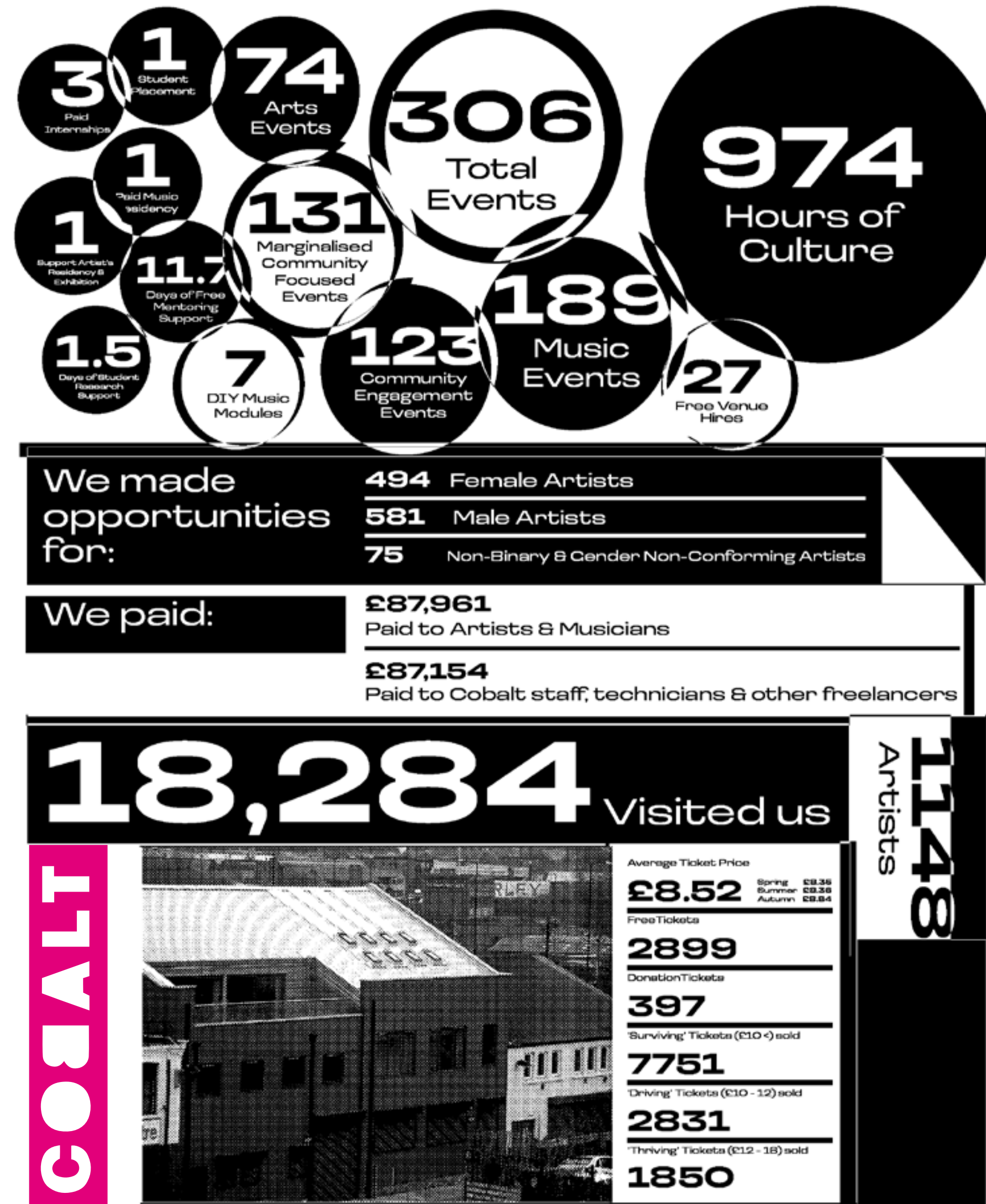
We have had to take a deep dive into what surviving might look like. One key bit of thinking (amongst many other plans to be announced) is simply to 'ask for help'. We realise that we are often too DIY, we try too hard to do it all ourselves. This is partially because we understand that it's good for people to just come here and take part in stuff without needing to know how tricky it can be to keep it all going.

We haven't always been great at reaching out to others and simply asking for help, but just now we can't do it all ourselves, we need as much help as we are able to get from funders & our community. We have decided to dedicate these two pages to transparency in terms of what the program costs us, our cultural output and how people can help.

We hope that you find this a helpful way to understand us, we are happy to answer any questions on email (but please be patient as we are constantly overwhelmed and speedy responses can be a challenge to say the least).

Hope to see you soon, **COBALT**

## Social & Cultural Impact 2023



**FRESH SEASON TICKET**

**NEW MUSIC WITH DINNER 10 THURSDAY NIGHTS / £80**

**COBALT**

This year we are facing a programme deficit of 30/40k, we need to raise capital to finish the backyard and grow the team into something more sustainable before it all tumbles down!

**COBALT NEEDS HELP!!!**

**Support #benonabairnsbike**

Ben Reid is running a Just Giving campaign to help support us. He is going to cycle from Manchester to Newcastle on a child's bike to raise money for Cobalt.

**Spread the word**

We know that 'word of mouth' is our most powerful marketing tool AND makes sure that our community grows organically full of all sorts of people who get what we do. We also struggle to bypass the algorithms – especially when advertising events, so if you are coming to something and feel like sharing the event to your story that really helps us!

**Give the gift of music & more**

Someone tricky to buy for? How about giving the gift of community, music, art, learning a new skill, partying, life-drawing, or some other great experience? Give the gift of Cobalt! We sell gift cards that are redeemable for tickets to any of our events through Eventbrite, easy to give & easy to use, your loved one will be spoilt for choice & you get to help us out!

**Buy drinks**

Buy drinks when you are here, BYO is often attempted & not welcome!

We have loads of low & no options & real coffee if you don't want to drink alcohol, every single drink sale helps!

**Volunteer**

We seek to be as inclusive & diverse as possible and we are looking for members of a steering group who feel that they represent & give a voice on behalf of specific communities. From time to time we also have other specific volunteering ops, skilled & unskilled. Please email us for full details of current ops for volunteering.

hello@cobaltstudios.co.uk

**Buy tickets**

You choose what you can afford...

Advance ticket sales really help us with staffing and anxiety levels, for most events we offer three levels of affordability so you can choose what's affordable for you. We also offer lots of donation or 'honesty box' events – please use them fairly.

**Fill in our survey**

We are busy writing funding applications and statistical data alongside your feedback is incredibly helpful for grant decision makers to see.

**Buy us a KOFI**

If you'd like to make a direct donation to Cobalt just because you love us, you can buy us a KOFI.

**Buy limited edition prints**

We created a series of beautiful riso prints to help raise money for Cobalt & in collaboration with Incubate Print Studio we have handmade screen prints to sell in order to raise money for MAP (Medical Aid to Palestine). Both ranges of prints have the capacity to raise over 6k and would really make a big difference.



WC 22/01

WC 29/01

WC 05/02

WC 12/02

WC 19/02

WC 26/02

WC 04/03

WC 11/03

WC 18/03

WC 25/03

MONDAY

CREATIVE LEARNING & DOING + PARTICIPATION EVENTS  
[7PM / VARIOUS PRICES]

SONIC BATHING: GONG BATH WITH TRACEY WEST  
[JAN 22 / 7PM / £9-13]

FRESHLY SQUEEZED OPEN MIC NIGHT  
[JAN 29 / 7PM / £3 SUGG.]

OPEN DECKS  
[FEB 05 / 7PM / £3 SUGG.]

VOGUE WITH JUJU  
[FEB 12 / 7PM / £8-12]

SONIC BATHING: GONG BATH WITH TRACEY WEST  
[FEB 19 / 7PM / £9-13]

VOGUE WITH JUJU  
[FEB 26 / 7PM / £8-12]

FRESHLY SQUEEZED OPEN MIC NIGHT  
[MAR 04 / 7PM / £3 SUGG.]

OPEN DECKS  
[MAR 11 / 7PM / £3 SUGG.]

SONIC BATHING: GONG BATH WITH TRACEY WEST  
[MAR 18 / 7PM / £9-13]

VOGUE WITH JUJU  
[MAR 25 / 7PM / £8-12]

EVERY TUESDAY - OPEN HOUSE : PLAY (7PM / £5 SUGGESTED DONATION)

WEDNESDAY

CREATIVE LEARNING & DOING + PARTICIPATION EVENTS  
[VARIOUS TIMES / PRICES]

LIFE DRAWING  
[JAN 24 / 6.30PM / £9]

L.A.D.S + REKORDBOX TUTORIAL (LADIES & DECKS)  
[JAN 31 / 6PM / £5 SUGG.]

BORN LIPPY:  
POETRY WRITING WORKSHOP YOUR MONTHLY CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS WORDY  
[FEB 07 / 4PM / £6] [FEB 07 / 7PM / £7]  
BOTH EVENTS - £12

CAFE CHARCOAL: VALENTINE'S SELF LOVE SPECIAL  
[FEB 14 / 6.30PM / £9-13]

LIFE DRAWING  
[FEB 21 / 6.30PM / £9]

L.A.D.S + EVENT PROMOTION WORKSHOP + VINYL SOCIAL  
[FEB 28 / 6PM / £5 SUGG.]

LIFE DRAWING  
[MAR 06 / 6PM / £9]

BORN LIPPY:  
POETRY WRITING WORKSHOP YOUR MONTHLY CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS WORDY  
[MAR 13 / 4PM / £6] [MAR 13 / 7PM / £7]  
BOTH EVENTS - £12

LIFE DRAWING  
[MARCH 20 / 6.30PM / £9]

L.A.D.S + PRODUCTION WORKSHOP (LADIES & DECKS)  
[MARCH 27 / 6PM / £5 SUGG.]

OPEN HOUSE  
LEARN & DO  
FRESH

THURS FRESH

NEW LIVE MUSIC EVERY THURSDAY. TICKET INCLUDES HOME COOKED DINNER.  
[DOORS 7PM / £7 - 15]

MARY OCHER + KATIE APPLE OSWELL  
[JAN 25]

GEORGIA MAY + HERITAGE  
[FEB 01]

BEN HASKINS QUARTET + MSK TRIO  
[FEB 08]

THE THIRD BODY (ANN BUKLA + URSA MAJOR MOVING GROUP)  
[FEB 15]

BETHANY PORTER + ANDY SKELLUM  
[FEB 22]

JACK BANJOS SNACKWALL + FROLIC ACID  
[FEB 29]

теплота + BARTHOLOMEW  
[MAR 07]

MUITO KABALLA + FLAT MOON  
[MAR 14]

HYPERDAWN + IHDY  
[MAR 21]

MADDIE MORRIS + HOLLY & THE REIVERS  
[MAR 28]

FRIDAY LIVE

LIVE MUSIC EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT.  
[DOORS 8PM / VARIOUS PRICES]

WILD WINTER PARTY WITH DIDDLEY SQUAT + AN DANNISA DUB + THE WHIPPET BEANS  
[JAN 26 / £10-14]

KNATS + SWANNEK  
[FEB 09 / £9-13]

MANU DELAGO WITH MAD ABOUT LEMON + WATERSMEET  
[FEB 16 / £10-16]

OFFGRID PRESENTS: JON WILKS + JON DORAN  
[FEB 23 / £10-14]

DEEP CABARET + MOOT  
[MAR 01 / £9-13]

LONDON AFROBEAT COLLECTIVE + AZIZA JAYE  
[MAR 08 / £12-16]

TRANS-AEOLIAN TRANSMISSION + GARY WILKINSON  
[MAR 15 / £8-12]

BCUC + ODDSOCK  
[MAR 22 / £12-16]

AJA + SUPPORT  
[MAR 29 / £9-13]

WE ARE HAVING A SHORT BREAK FROM SATURDAY LEARN & DO WHILST WE LOOK FOR FUNDING

ALL LIVE MUSIC  
CLUB NIGHTS

SAT LIVE

LIVE MUSIC / FILM / DRAG SHOW & MORE. EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT.  
[VARIOUS TIMES / PRICES]

TO THE DANCERS: A FILM BY SUSIE DAVIES [PREMIERE]  
[JAN 27 / 8PM / £8 INC. CLUB]

MAKING IT UP WITH JOHN GARNER + TOBIAS SARRA  
[FEB 03 / 7PM / £7 SUGG.]

LATRINES HAUS OF FUN PRESENTS: THE LOVE EDITION  
[FEB 17 / 7PM / £9-13 + CLUB]

NUJO JAZZ JAM  
[FEB 24 / 7PM - DONATION]

SAMBROSO ALL STARS PRESENT: THE BUENA VISTA  
[MAR 02 / 7PM / £18-22]

MAKING IT UP: JOHN GARNER + JOHN POPE  
[MAR 16 / 7PM / £7 SUGG.]

MAKING IT UP: JOHN GARNER + LAURA STUTTER GARCIA  
[MAR 30 / 7PM / £7 SUGG.]

SAT CLUB

MAKING SPACE FOR THE UNDERGROUND.  
[DOORS 10PM / VARIOUS PRICES]

HANNAH HOLLAND + BECKY WOODCOCK  
[JAN 27 / £11-14]

FAFI ABDEL NOUR + WESTY  
[FEB 03 / £10-15]

PARRIS + LEO ROBIN  
[FEB 10 / £10-15]

GRACE SANDS  
[FEB 17 / £9-13]

NICK KAGAME (DJ) + JORG KUNING (LIVE SET)  
[FEB 24 / £9-13]

JOE DELON + LOUIS GILLESPIE  
[MAR 02 / £9-14]

SHY BAIRNS PRESENTS: ANGEL D'LITE + GARBO  
[MAR 09 / £12-15]

BIN JUICE W/ FKA.M4A  
[MAR 16 / £12-16]

ROZA TERENCE + PIP  
[MAR 23 / £12-15]

LUKE UNA  
[MAR 30 / £12-16]



# Cobalt Invites

**Club nights are really important to Cobalt for many reasons. One key one is that they help to put money back into our bank account to pay for other events that lose money.**

Because of this and also to ensure diversity we have increasingly kept them in house but we realise that this doesn't help to create opportunities for local people. There are many on our radar that we would like to work with, so this season we are trialing a small series of club nights after live music on Thurs/Fri to see how they go. They will start a little later, ticket prices are kept as fair as possible, other than that expect all the usual Cobalt club tips and treats.

We will only work with people who are led by our values; passion for music, care for people, diversity, inclusivity, community, anti-capitalist at heart and we will share ticket profits fairly to support venue and promoter alike. This is local collaboration and community working together to grow our scene.

## Friday March 1st: Cousin Dan - All Night Long

[11.30PM - £8-12]



Audiophile, brilliant DJ & promoter Cousin Dan is an obsessive music head, loyal Cobalt supporter and has been grafting hard on the scene for many years. He has earned his all night long set taking us on an journey into his extensive collection of rare grooves, mainly on vinyl.

Covering all shades of techno from dub- minimal-groovy tribal and tech house he will also chuck in many an unexpected curve ball, leaving you uplifted and ready for the weekend ahead.

## Thursday March 28th : Public House Hifi System Launch Party

[11.30PM - £15]



Public House is a vintage JBL, Altec Lansing & TAD hifi sound system, built, ran and maintained by Vinny Vins & Diz Jockey.

Inspired by the early disco systems of New York, Public House has been meticulously researched, sourced, and refined to bring the North East its first true audiophile sound system, delivering music in the highest fidelity by DJs who are truly dedicated to the art form.

Historically, public houses were where people would come together, to form communities, in a time where not everyone had a communal area in their home. Public House Hifi System is the same in spirit. Not everyone is as obsessive over sound as these lot are, but everyone can experience the feeling and sound they hear in our heads.

Public House have invited a very special guest to join us, all will be revealed... get your Easter started the right way.

## Friday March 29th : Harness Launch Party with L-ILY & Gayboy

[11.30PM - £8-12]

Strap yourselves in for 'Harness': a new queer party dreamt up and delivered by locals for locals. Expect high-tempo electronic euphoria.

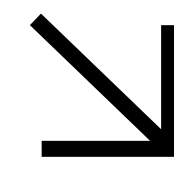
Led by DJ's L-ILY & GayBoy, this night is a gender inclusive high impact dose of hard dance by and for the queer community of Newcastle.

Join them for an eclectic mix of queer electronica in what promises to be a proper sweaty rave where you can get dirty, steamy and leave it all on the dancefloor. Self-expression encouraged. Bangers guaranteed.

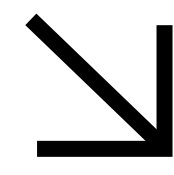


## Club night specials and why keeping it local matters...

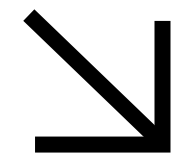
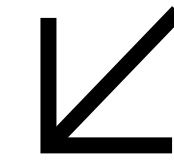
# Prints for Palestine



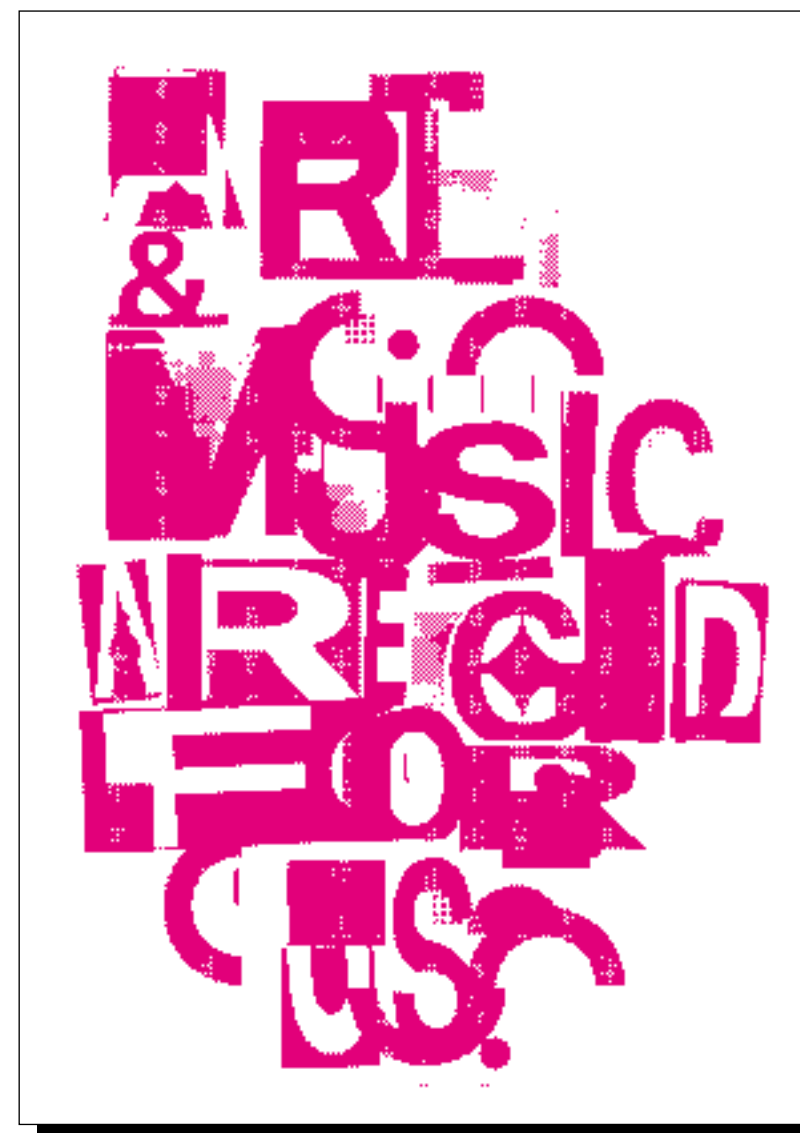
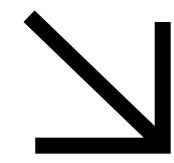
WE NEED ART & CULTURE - A3 RISOGRAF PRINT (E35)



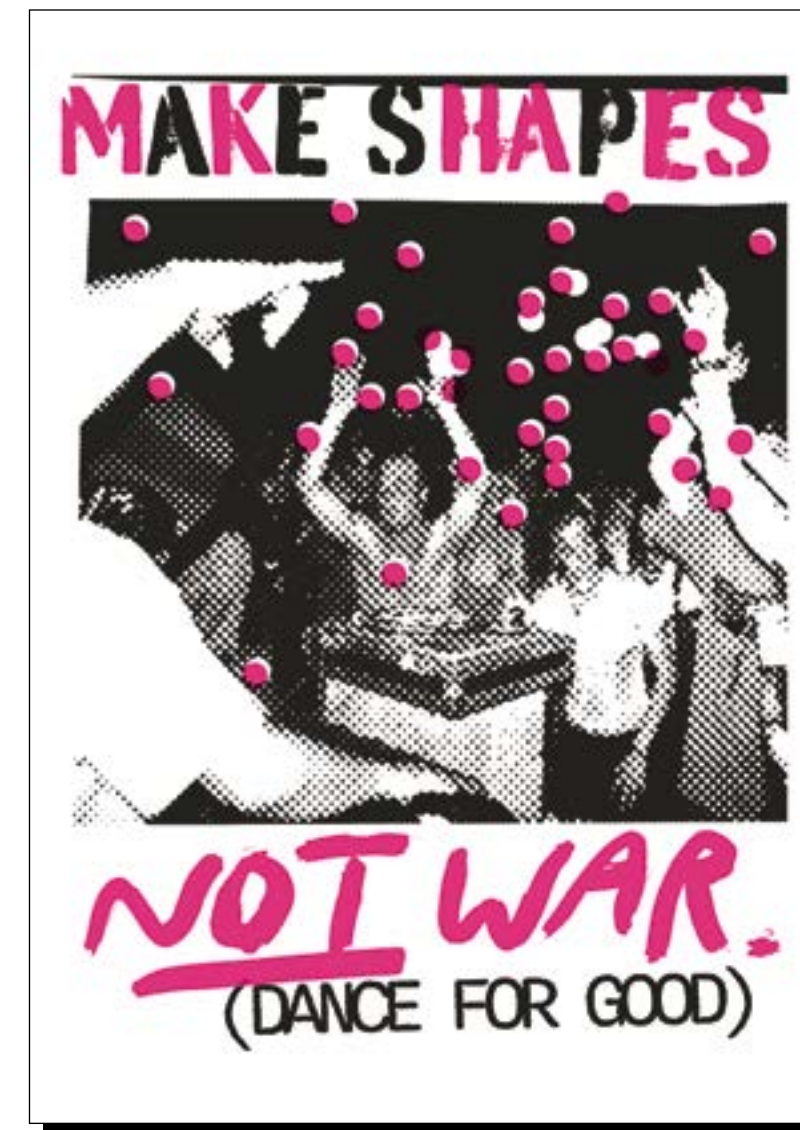
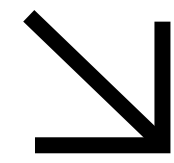
LOVE WILL SAVE THE DAY - GOLD SCREENPRINT (E45)



WE NEED COMMUNITY & CULTURE - A3 RISOGRAF PRINT (E38)



ART & MUSIC ARE GOOD FOR US - A3 RISOGRAF PRINT (E40)



MAKE SHAPES NOT WAR - 3 COLOUR SCREENPRINT (E60)



NEVER, NEVER, NEVER STOP DANCING - A3 RISOGRAF PRINT (E40)

## Prints for Cobalt

# Art Prints

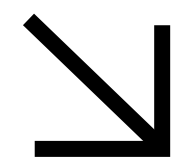
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### Introducing the Cobalt Shop!

This is where we plan to sell nice things that help to support what we do here. First up a limited edition series of riso prints... Words by Cobalt & design by Jake Hollings. We are currently facing a program deficit of £5-£10k for our spring season events. We are fundraising for some aspects of the cultural/educational stuff that we do, trying to finish our backyard and get co-working busier to create a more sustainable future.

In the meantime if we can sell all of these prints we will add a vital £5700 into the account after costs, just now that would make an enormous difference. We are also running a limited edition series of hand printed screen prints to raise money for Medical Aid for Palestine, they have been printed by Cobalt Tenants, Incubate Studios. As well as helping us they are just really lovely unique things to brighten up your lives & once they are gone, they are gone!

## Cobalt Shop



## COWORKING

Our co-working community is steadily growing! Come & work with us in our colourful rooftop space. You can rent a desk for the day or we have a meeting room available to hire. We have super fast wi-fi, free fizzy water & teas, standing desks or comfy chairs, barista coffee, sound proofed phone booths, an extensive plant collection, balcony, occasional canine visitors & more! Everybody is welcome to a first free day trial of the space. Scan the QR code or visit [cobaltstudios.co.uk/coworking](https://cobaltstudios.co.uk/coworking) to learn more.





