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STOKES CROFT STREET FESTIVAL

22ND OF MAY 2010

“We want to highlight the amazing organisations, creativity, music and art that takes place in this one street.” Festival Organisers: *The Peoples’ Republic Of Stokes Croft (PRSC), Bristol Festival Community Group and CoExist*

AN APPEAL FOR SKILLS & HELP!

Stokes Croft is a vibrating drum of street life – with art studios, exhibitions, community centres, street stalls, bars, clubs and cafés. Under the name of the **StokesCroftStreetFest**, a week of activities, workshops and exhibitions will culminate in a Stokes Croft-focused Street Festival on **Saturday 22nd of May**. We aim to animate our public spaces, leave a lasting legacy, and demonstrate to all the future possibilities for Stokes Croft.

The PRSC and CoExist have joined the *Bristol Festival Community Group* to organise the festival, centred around Kings’ Square off Jamaica Street from **12.00 - 18.00**. The day event will include outdoor stalls, booths, flea markets, free shops, games, workshops, art galleries and live music, and aims to bring together the diverse communities thriving in Bristol’s Cultural Quarter. If that’s not enough, in **the evening until late** the best of local music will be featured at all Stokes Croft venues, with Unity returning for a massive club night at Lakota.

We are looking for volunteers to get involved in the organisation: *people with useful skills as promoters, art directors, copy writers, web designers, co-ordinators etc.*

- Email getinvolved@stokescroftstreetfest.org.uk
- Check out the [StokesCroftStreetFest](#) facebook page.
- Visit www.stokescroftstreetfest.org.uk for more info.

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Notes to editors

1. **The People's Republic of Stokes Croft** (PRSC) seek to promote and bring to fruition the notion of Stokes Croft as a Cultural Quarter, as a destination. They seek to promote creativity and activity in the local environment, thereby generating prosperity, both financial and spiritual. PRSC work in all ways to enhance the reputation of Stokes Croft as a globally renowned Centre for Excellence in the Arts. They believe that the strength of the local Community resides in its creativity, tolerance and respect for each other.

See www.prsc.org.uk/ for details including the recent press story (13/03/10) of Chris Chalkley of PRSC being convicted of Criminal Damage after attempting to improve the area by painting a welcome sign.

2. **Coexist** was set up in August 2008 to manage spaces in which people can coexist (verb - to exist in harmony) with themselves, with each other and the environment. They manage Hamilton House at the heart of Stokes Croft (above the popular Canteen café bar) where art, music, enterprise and innovation cluster as a community with studios and office space provided to a vast array of organisations, small businesses and creative individuals. www.coexistuk.org/

Their partnership in Stokes Croft Streetfest includes providing a hub of activities and facilitating meetings and community involvement.

3. **The Bristol Festival Community Group** was brought to life in 2007 by a group of passionate local volunteers interested in ensuring the survival of a community festival for the city, after the demise of Ashton Court Festival. They believe in the importance of creativity within our community, and feel that arts and music enrich our society both economically and personally.

The Bristol Festival aims to be an inclusive festival that inspires creativity and participation in the arts, as well as showcasing South West talent across music, art, theatre, comedy and more, providing a valuable platform for local artists. This takes place each September, with their third festival planned for 24th – 26th September 2010 in the city centre. See www.thebristolfestival.org

As a registered charity The Bristol Festival Community Group work with over 300 volunteers, providing work experience, training and skills year round in both the music and event industries. They have partnered with PRSC and Coexist to share their skills and expertise in event coordination and assist with establishing a grass roots festival for the Stokes Croft Community.