



Live music
Industry
Venues and
Entertainment

LIVE Music Manifesto 2023

Priority areas

1. Unleash the economic potential of live music

Policy proposals:

- Retention of Business Rates Relief for grassroots, hospitality and leisure venues
- Reintroduction of a lower rate of VAT on tickets
- Orchestra Tax Relief to be made permanent
- Creation of a Live Music Council
- Reform of the apprenticeship levy to permit more tailored skills training

2. Strengthen a safe and secure live music sector

Policy proposals:

- Rethink Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill

3. Enable UK artists to tour internationally more easily

Policy proposals:

- Introduce a cultural exemption to the Trade and Cooperation Agreement
- Secure member state level solutions to ease the 90/180-day issue
- Support to navigate existing requirements
- Speed up processing of A1 forms

4. Protect fans from ticket touts

Policy proposals:

- Calling on tech companies to stop promoting touts
- New ticketing laws that bring the UK into line with other progressive music markets

5. Build a sustainable live music sector

Policy proposals:

- Accelerate the sector's transition to net zero through increased funding and technical support