

# Welcome to AVA

We are excited to welcome you to the 2025 edition of AVA Festival Belfast. Our team has pulled together a mega line-up of homegrown talent combined with globally-celebrated artists playing house, techno, trance, post-punk, experimental and beyond.

With the mountains on one side and the new Belfast docklands on the other, we once again return to Titanic Slipways with vast areas, partners, and an improved festival site with four epic stages this year.

The music starts at 1pm each day, with the last entry at 7pm.  
See you on the Slipways!

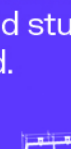
AVA ♥



Audio



Visual



Arts

**The Slipways**  
Our main stage, where headliners and global superstars throw down, with epic A/V shows across the weekend.

**The Dock**  
Our brand new stage with Resident Advisor — expect high energy levels and stunning scenes here all weekend.

**The Pumphouse**  
This upgraded nightclub-style space is the home of rave at AVA. Expect fast BPM's and immersive darkness.

**The Yard**  
This area puts a focus on local talent and local love. It's a family affair.

**The Slipways**  
21:30 - 23:00 **Overmono**  
20:00 - 21:15 **VTSS**  
19:00 - 20:00 **Funk Tribu**  
18:00 - 19:00 **Dylan Fogarty**  
17:00 - 18:00 **Aika Fagarty**  
16:00 - 17:00 **Matheson**

**The Dock**  
21:45 - 23:00 **Minna-no-Kimochi**  
20:30 - 21:45 **Sally C**  
19:30 - 20:30 **Job Jobse**  
18:30 - 19:30 **Spray presents Spritzz**  
17:30 - 18:30 **BASHKKA**  
16:30 - 17:30 **Cáit**  
15:30 - 16:30 **Inside Moves**  
14:30 - 15:30 **JWY**  
13:00 - 14:30 **Matcha**

**The Pumphouse**  
21:45 - 23:00 **Mark Blair**  
20:15 - 21:45 **Ewan McVicar**  
19:15 - 20:15 **Clouds**  
18:15 - 19:15 **AK SPORTS**  
17:00 - 18:15 **DART**  
16:00 - 17:00 **Chris Flannigan**  
15:00 - 16:00 **AR1AH**  
14:00 - 15:00 **S.Sentif**  
13:00 - 14:00 **Sophie**

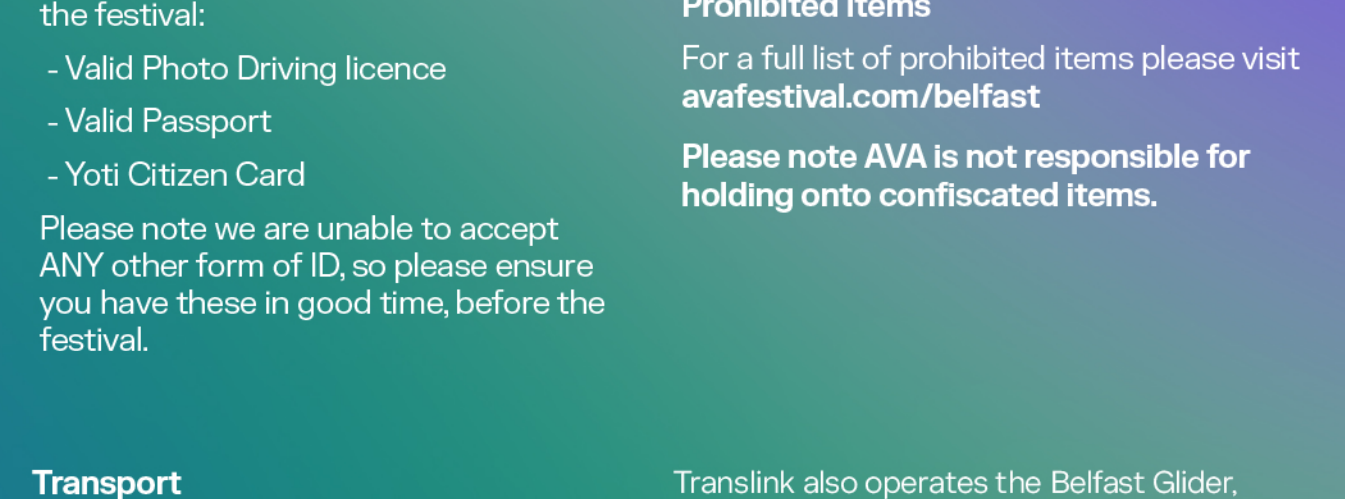
**The Yard**  
20:30 - 21:45 **Crilli DnB**  
19:30 - 20:30 **EMA**  
18:30 - 19:30 **Plus One**  
17:30 - 18:30 **Plain Sailing**  
16:30 - 17:30 **Twitch**  
15:30 - 16:30 **CIAN**  
14:30 - 15:30 **Nikki O**  
13:00 - 14:30 **Caolan Patrick**

**The Slipways**  
21:45 - 23:00 **Underworld Live**  
20:00 - 21:30 **KI/KI**  
19:00 - 20:00 **Sam Alfred**  
18:00 - 19:00 **Jazzy**  
17:00 - 18:00 **Megra**  
16:00 - 17:00 **Hi-Kru x Divergence**  
15:00 - 16:00 **Chanty**

**The Dock**  
21:30 - 23:00 **999999999**  
20:15 - 21:30 **Kessler**  
19:00 - 20:15 **Tommy Holohan**  
18:00 - 19:00 **DJ Fuckoff**  
17:00 - 18:00 **C.FRIM**  
16:00 - 17:00 **Hannah**  
15:00 - 16:00 **Body Clinic**  
14:00 - 15:00 **Optmst**  
13:00 - 14:00 **Sahana**

**The Pumphouse**  
21:30 - 22:45 **X CLUB.**  
20:30 - 21:30 **OK Williams**  
19:30 - 20:30 **DJ Python**  
18:30 - 19:30 **Slouch** Live  
17:30 - 18:30 **Caulers** Live  
16:00 - 17:30 **Chalk** Live  
15:00 - 16:00 **Mount Palomar** DJ  
14:00 - 15:00 **Deafome Of The Month**  
13:00 - 14:00 **Success Glitoris**

**The Yard**  
21:00 - 22:30 **Jordan Nocturne**  
20:00 - 21:00 **Swoose**  
19:30 - 20:30 **Holly Lester**  
18:30 - 19:30 **Ponyhawke**  
17:30 - 18:30 **Rager**  
16:30 - 17:30 **Haze**  
15:30 - 16:30 **Keeva G +**  
14:00 - 15:30 **Cricky Lyttle**  
13:00 - 14:00 **Indenial**



## Talks Programme

Thursday 29th May  
The Printworks,  
35-39 Queen Street, Belfast

Room: Printworks

**2pm - 2.45pm** **Artist Promotion 101: Building a Sustainable Career in Music**  
Aika Mel (DJ/Producer)  
Dresden Leitner (Publicist - AVA Festival / Love Is The Message)  
Connor Coates (Broadcaster & Label Owner - BBC Radio 1 / Lift Me Up Records)  
Hosted by Mark Gordon

**3pm - 3.45pm** **Fireside Chat: Sally C in Conversation**  
Hosted by Conor McTernan

**4pm - 4.45pm** **Future Generation: New Voices in Creative Culture**  
Tara O'Connell (Photographer)  
Greg Hall (Founder, Pellicor)  
James Robinson (Founder, Crank Magazine)  
Hosted by Esther Follis (Journalist)

**5pm - 6.30pm** **AVA Industry Forum: What's Next for Nightlife in Belfast and Beyond?**  
Belfast Night Czar, Free The Night, MLAS, Policy makers, Venues, Promoters, Artists and more  
Hosted by Sarah McBrat

**8pm - 10.30pm** **AVA x Seanchoíche - My Love for Belfast**  
(this part of the event is ticketed separately)

Room: NineSquared

**6.30pm - 8pm** **Industry Mixer**

Free to attend, open to all ages

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**Opening Times & Entry**  
AVA Festival will take place on Friday 30th May & Saturday 31st May at Titanic Slipways, Belfast.

The festival will open each day at 1 PM and close at 11 PM.

Last entry to the festival is at 7 PM. Please arrive early to avoid queues.

Alongside our Festival, we will also run a Talks programme at The Printworks Building above NineSquared on Queen Street on Thursday 29th May, between 2pm and 6.30pm. The event is entirely free. More information will be released on our website over the next few weeks.

**Entry to the Festival Proof of Age**  
This is an 18+ event. You will need one of the following to be permitted entry to the festival:

- Valid Photo Driving licence
- Valid Passport
- Yoti Citizen Card

Please note we are unable to accept ANY other form of ID, so please ensure you have these in good time, before the festival.

**Transport**  
Titanic Slipways is accessible by foot, taxi and public transport via train or bus with regular services running from Belfast City Centre. If arriving by taxi, ensure to use the taxi drop-off point on Hamilton Road. For safety reasons, do not allow the driver to drop you directly outside the event.

We strongly advise arriving on foot or via public transport, as there is likely to be significant traffic disruption around the festival. Please note there is no customer car park.

See our website FAQ's for more info on our transport to the Festival.

**Leaving the Festival**  
Buses are running every 15 minutes to our Afterparties at Laverys and Ulster Sports Club. They will start at 10pm and finish just after midnight. The pickup location is on Hamilton Road. Follow event signage. You can purchase a ticket on board for £4 - we accept cards only. Places are on a first come first serve basis.

The city centre is a pleasant 25-30 minute walk from the Festival site.

Our taxi pick-up location is on Hamilton Road.

**Ask for Angela — Welfare Scheme**  
Anyone who is feeling unsafe, vulnerable or threatened can discreetly seek help by approaching venue staff and asking them for 'Angela'. This code phrase will indicate to staff that you require help, and a trained member of staff will then look to support and assist you. This might be through reuniting you with a friend, seeing you in a taxi, or calling venue security to assist.

**Medical & Welfare**  
We encourage you to have fun, your best time! AVA promotes a safe space policy. Please treat everyone with respect, be kind and look after each other!

If you feel unwell and need assistance, please head to the medical tent or speak to a member of staff. Our friendly teams are here to help.

Please prepare for all conditions, wear sunscreen and bring a light jacket. The temperature can drop later on in the evening so please bear this in mind.

We recommend checking out the Be Sound website for harm reduction advice. Info and guidance on how to enjoy your night and also keep safe! [www.besound.club](http://www.besound.club)

## Getting to AVA

[avafestival.com](http://avafestival.com)  
Titanic Slipways, Belfast



## Belfast Highlights

**Drinks**  
**Lavery's**  
Pool hall, karaoke bar, beer garden, tap room - with something on offer across four floors, few can argue with Lavery's.

**Ulster Sports Club**  
This retro lounge has become a mainstay for local music lovers.

**The Sunflower Public House**  
An iconic pub renowned for its craft beer offering. Best enjoyed in the beer garden while gazing at street art.

**Maddens**  
World-class Irish bar with frequent trad sessions. Tucked away but always lively with authentic stout & boisterous local characters.

**Bittles Bar**  
Ask John for a pint of the best Guinness in Belfast. Tell him we sent you. He's not as mean as he lets on.

**Bullhouse**  
A wide choice for fans of craft beer & sourdough pizza in East Belfast.

**The Reporter**  
Like your bars cosy? This shipping-container sized pub, is tucked away in the heart of Belfast's Queer Quarter.

**Orisha**  
Intimate and dimly lit - with staff who know their stuff. This Latin-inspired cocktail bar is the hidden gem of Belfast's Linen Quarter.

**Food**  
**Wing It**  
Stylish chicken joint that likes to stand out from the crowd. Don't ask for ketchup!

**Juice Jar**  
Healthy brunch snacks, shakes & smoothies to help you bounce back after AVA 2025

**Al Gelato**  
Following a gelato-induced epiphany on his European tour, Al launched his signature frozen treat to the people of Belfast.

**Jumon**  
Asian inspired small plates from an all-vegie menu, with no compromises on flavour. Their staff & cocktails will ensure your visit is memorable

**Common Market**  
This former fruit & veg warehouse turned indoor market is home to some of the tastiest pop-ups in the city. Perfect for big groups.

**Yugo**  
Asian-inspired dishes made with local ingredients. A mix of bold flavours with subtle Irish touches. Get the coconut marg!

**Hero Subs**  
New York style subs with some NI love. Make sure you're hungry on your visit.

**Coffee**  
**Neighbourhood**  
Classy & delicious. Neighbourhood put as much care into design as they do their coffee, and it shows.

**Works Coffee Roasters**  
Family-owned Works offer coffee, pastries & toasties from an intimate cafe, at the foot of Cavehill - the 'sleeping giant' that overlooks the Slipways.

**Activites**  
**Titanic Belfast**  
A world-class visitor centre built on The Titanic's original site. Telling its story from design to sinking. With interactive experiences and archive materials.

**Black Taxi Tour**  
Guided cab tour through Belfast's political and cultural history includes stops at murals, interface zones, and the peace walls.

**Titanic Distillers Tour**  
In the heart of the Shipyards, Titanic Distillers have made their home in the former Dock & Pumphouse. You can visit them to learn more about the rich heritage of ships & spirits.

## Thanks to our Partners



By supporting AVA, you're also supporting the vital work of War Child and Earth Percent—thank you.