



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government



Details of the invitation

A significant number of Ministers have been invited to the Green Man Trust's annual drinks reception on 22 August 2026, at the Green Man Festival

This includes invitations to the First Minister, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Minister for Social Justice and Equality, Trefnydd, Chief Whip and Cabinet Minister for Culture and Sport and the Cabinet Minister for Enterprise, Connectivity and Energy, and the Cabinet Minister for Rural Resilience and Sustainability.

Advice

The Green Man Festival is an independent music, science, and arts festival held annually in the Bannau Brycheiniog National Park. The 2026 festival is due to take place between 20-23 August 2026.

The drinks reception event on 22 August is hosted by the Green Man Trust. The Trust is the charitable arm of Green Man.

The Green Man Trust carries out projects across several portfolio areas including Community Action, Arts Development, Training (creative industries related), and Science and Climate.

ACW has provided £88,700 of lottery funding to the Green Man Trust for arts development work for the 2026 Green Man festival focussing on the mission to give Welsh artists the visibility, support, and international reach they need to flourish. This funding will support activity including a performing arts development programme, and music development (including Green Man Rising new music competition and opportunities for emerging artists at Settlement, Hudul and Rising Stages). ACW has indicated that the Green Man Trust will also have the opportunity to apply for support for similar activity for the 2027 festival.

Creative Wales does not support individual artists or bands directly; those that are supported must be Welsh and receive support through partnership agreements.

This invitation is for a drinks reception and there is no formal role for Ministers. The event does not provide an opportunity to promote their policies or highlight government priorities. Therefore, Arts Branch officials do not consider attendance a priority and recommend Ministers **decline** the invitation.

Officials from Creative Wales and Events Wales have also reviewed the advice and agree with the recommendation to decline the invitation.

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