**Homegrown Hoedown Pre event Information**

This information is to help you decide if ‘Homegrown Hoedown’ is for you.

**About the event**

The event will begin at 8pm with snacks and socialising. A playlist will be playing over speakers in the background.

The audience will then be invited to ‘raise the barn’ which will involve a selection of people pulling ropes, which will lift fabric over the bars of the ceiling. This is optional.

Around 8.15-8.30pm the live band will introduce themselves and begin to play.

There will be a caller who will lead the dances and give instructions on the routine.

Seating and refreshments will be available throughout the event, for people to rest at any time.

Dancing is optional!

You can leave the space and come back in at any time.

There is a 15 minute interval at 9pm.

The dancing will continue until the event ends at 10.30pm.

Dancing will involve a lot of physical contact such as linking arms and holding hands, as well as physical exertion.

Adjustments to the dance routine will be offered and welcomed

Wheelchairs are welcomed.

Windows will be open, providing good ventilation throughout the space.

You are welcome to bring drinks from the bar into the space, however, please don’t bring your own food or drink so we can mitigate allergy risks.

**Access Information**

Ear defenders are available to borrow from the box office for anyone who might find these useful.

There is an accessible toilet on every floor of the building.

There is a chill out space outside the performance space that is available anytime the building is open.

A dedicated Welfare Assistant will be on hand in the space to take care of guests’ welfare.

**The Space**

The event will take place in the Members’ Bar.

There will be seats laid out towards the sides of the space, with a large dance floor in the middle.

The band and caller will be on a small raised stage.

There will be swathes of fabric draped overhead to represent a barn roof.

**Lighting and Sound**

There will be no flashing lights or strobes.

There is no haze.

Sound level is fairly loud and fast paced.

**Photos/ Videos**

There will be a photographer present taking photos of the event.

If you don’t wish to be photographed, please alert a member of staff.

**About Barn Dance**

Barn dancing generally originates from British folk dancing, such as Morris, and refers to communal dancing that traditionally would have been held in a barn. Ceilidhs, Square dances and Contra dancing also fall under this bracket. Barn dances are usually held in celebration, to mark a special occasion or coming together.