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Friday 20th AGM Postponed

Our Annual General Meeting was due to be held from 2-4pm on Friday 20th March.

We have taken the decision to postpone the AGM.

During this time of uncertainty, especially around travel, we thought it best to take a moment to revisit our ideas for the AGM.

The Board are proposing a delay to allow the situation to become clear. We will advertise the new date once plans can be reliably confirmed.



At the AGM we will be looking to elect a new member to the board, as we are saying goodbye to Donato Wharton. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Donato for all his hard work as board member and treasurer.

If you are interested in becoming a trustee of the ASD, please [email us](#) and check out [what the role entails here](#).

During this uncertain and unprecedented time we know that our members are feeling the strain. The cancellation of gigs, undetermined future of tours and postponement of shows is causing many of us anxiety and distress.

We will attempt to keep our social media channels up to date with the most

If you're feeling the strain and would like to talk, please [email us](#) for information and advice.

Below are a list of resources we've found helpful. If you know of any others that we should include please email us, or pop a link in an email to the forum.



Entertainments Union Bectu has launched a survey for freelancers asking how the Coronavirus is impacting upon them. We encourage ASD members whether a member of Bectu or not to complete this survey and provide information on your current situation.

[BECTU Freelancers Survey](#)



**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**

The Arts Council has issued a statement today and intends to continue to update as the situation develops.

[Arts Council Statement](#)



Image by Quinn Fenlon, Photo by Ann Marie Lonsdale from the deYoung Museum.

This [resource](#) is specifically designed to serve freelance artists, and those interested in supporting the independent artist community. The list includes



The [Theatre Helpline](#) is a free, independent and confidential phone and email service that provides support to people working in the theatre industry.

Trained staff are available to offer support and signposting on any topic which affects your wellbeing.



The [NHS website](#) has a great page as part of their Mood Zone. It features all sorts of links to mental health resources.

Guidance

Support for those affected by COVID-19

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small businesses. [This page](#) will help guide you through the options. When the guidelines are clarified we will update you all with further links to information and assistance.



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