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The creators of Shambala Festival un-veil new event: KIN

It's a festival, an immersive art show, a temporary autonomous zone for people with big imaginations - and mostly, a massive, unprecedented experiment.

From Thursday November 8th until Sunday November 11th, 2018, hundreds of innovators, influencers, artists, scientists, djs, activists and creative technologists will gather at the Arnolfini in Bristol to design a new world with kindness at its heart. And everybody is invited to play.

KIN is one of the most ambitious events Bristol has seen. A hotbed of provocation, hope and new ideas, it will highlight the myths that are shaping our world, and reveal the rich collaborative possibilities which, against a backdrop of Brexit, climate change and Trump, can feel remote.

Live art, huge board games, album previews, panel discussions and films are all part of a packed programme. In the crowd will be some of the sharpest progressive thinkers of the day, including writer and broadcaster, **Paul Mason**, body positivity champion, Chidera Eggerue aka **The Slumflower**, ecological rights lawyer **Polly Higgins**. Together with thousands of members of the public, they will investigate what happens when all the rules are broken - and then remade.

The sound track to the party will be fresh, eclectic and diverse. It includes well known artists such as **RAS G** – from the African Space progamme; **Krust** who will be previewing his forthcoming album; BBC Radio 6Music DJ - **Tom Ravenscroft** who'll be bringing an up-tempo mash up of pioneering underground music, as well as the figureheads of folk: **Martin and Eliza McCarthy**.

Rising stars include: the stylistically versatile **DJ Haram**, the ruthlessly creative and unique **Alabaster de Plume** and fierce revolutionaries - GRRRL and many more. Not forgetting **Hailu Mergia** – one of Ethiopia's leading jazz performers who is making a triumphant return to the music scene after being forced into exile for almost 30 years.

KIN has been born in Bristol, a city with a big, rebellious heart and a taste for pushing boundaries. The team behind Shambala Festival, best known for throwing the best sell-out festival of the summer, sparked the idea for the event.

Sid Sharma, co-founder of Shambala and KIN, says: "KIN is going to be unmissable! So many new ideas, fresh perspectives and radical approaches will come from this weekend, we can't wait. It will be a hive of the cerebral and silly." Day time and night time tickets can be bought from <u>www.kin.world</u> Priced from £15 - £110 for the whole four days.

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