**LFest 2018 :** **A Seaside Success**

After three fun-filled days, L Fest concluded its 8th anniversary on the Sunday with an unbeatable performance by headliner Toyah on the festival’s Main Stage in front of a packed out crowd. She was the icing on the cake of a weekend that was literally brimming with amazing artists on the main stage, comedy acts to split your sides, unsigned emerging stars who we will be able say “We saw them at L Fest first”, a variety of workshops, a sports field arena that kept us active, an inflatable obstacle course that challenged and as always a dog show where our four legged friends showed us their stuff!

‘Well what can I say, in the 8 years people have always loved the festival but this year more than ever people kept stopping me saying how wonderful the venue was, how lovely Llandudno is and how amazing the acts were. As with any new venue we already have new plans in place for next year to tweak it but all in all it was a fantastic weekend’ – Cindy Edwards, Festival Founder and Director.

2018 saw a venue change after moving from Prestwold Hall Park in Leicestershire to Bodafon Farm in Llandudno. Cindy’s continual desire is to find that perfect location continues. She is looking for one that offers an atmosphere and location that will appeal across the whole L Fest family from the young families looking for a place to relax and be surrounded by likeminded folks all the way through to the L Fest Solos who certainly showed everyone how to party! It’s very possible she may have found that gem of a location in North Wales.

Over 100 artists and bands performed across numerous stages and performance tents, with dozens of late-night DJ sets and a brilliant silent disco to round out each day.

The audience were treated to several new and returning acts and workshops, and there was even a retreat where you could get pampered in a relaxed setting. This year there was no author panel or cinema but instead we had an action-packed sports programme, huge increase in the number of theatre shows on the Barn Stage. The Arts Immersion tent who were awarded a £9k grant from the National Lottery Find kept us busy with everything from headdress making, yoga and meditation through to portrait sketching. We were joined by a number of different press agencies but most notably the famous Red Sofa from BBC 1!

The new move to the seaside of course had to feature a ‘Seaside’ dress-up theme and we were not disappointed with the result. Who knew ‘Flip n Flop’ would win the show! The final hurrah of the festival though must go to the ever present ‘Green Army’. Wherever you saw a green Crew shirt you were guaranteed of a friendly face and for them there was never anything too much trouble.

We are all still smiling with pride at how amazing the weekend was and we hope to see you with us next year.