

# **Live music weekends – now every month at Waverley Mall**

**There was another successful weekend of LIVE music on the stage at Waverley Mall in partnership with The Youth Radio Network last weekend.**

There were 11 acts from Edinburgh and further afield who took to the centre's stage across the weekend – the youngest of whom was 11-year-old Daniel Mackin from Dreghorn, Irvine, who performed his debut in the East of Scotland.

Other new acts to the stage included sisters 'Blue Grisha' from Glasgow, Eleanor Good from Edinburgh, Roman Scott from Fife, Conall Adam from Dunfermline and Jen Athan – also from Glasgow.

Sam Blott, Katelin Tierney, Jordan Stewart and David Mochan all returned and demonstrated an outstanding standard of musical talent. The audience was stunned to silence on many occasions across the weekend due to the high level of talent on the stage.

The event was, once again managed by volunteers from The Youth Radio Network, who broadcast live from the Centre throughout the day on Saturday. Self-mastery Mentor, Life Coach and Author Leila Khan, also hosted the showcase on Saturday and added another dimension of empowerment to the whole initiative, while Keiran Harvey, CEO of The Youth Radio Network, hosted on the Sunday. The event was hugely popular with performers and audiences alike, with youngsters gaining valuable confidence and experience in performing in front of a live crowd as well as a much needed outlet in day to day life.

These showcases will be running every month, in collaboration with The Youth Radio Network, becoming a regular attraction for the centre and welcoming previous and new artists to come and showcase their talent.

The next showcase event is planned for 15 and 16 June 2019. Anyone interested in performing should get in touch via Waverley Mall's or The Youth Radio Network's Social media channels.

Waverley Mall's collaboration with The Youth Radio Network for this new series of stage showcases has developed out of a successful showcase partnership at the end of 2018 at the centre, part of Scotland's official national events programme to celebrate Scotland's Year of Young People 2018. The Youth Radio Network's ethos is to Teach, Empower and Entertain young people aged 13 to 25 years old through the power of music and digital technology, with a passion for getting young people heard.



Music and the arts are a growing theme at Waverley Mall. In March 2019, Edinburgh based Scottish music enthusiast Kevin Buckle of Avalanche Records and artist, musician and writer Gerry Gapinski, opened Avalanche Gapinski in the centre, which sells local music and art. In Spring 2018, Edinburgh based

artist Nick Harrigan ran a pop-up at the centre to celebrate the release of Marvel's 'Infinity War' movie. Nick has now taken up a permanent, dedicated space at the centre, where he creates his incredible art.



Jacquelyn Stewart, Centre Manager, Waverley Mall says: "The Waverley Sessions are going from strength to strength. Every month we are attracting more and more talent and the audience is growing too. It's a fantastic free event that members of the public can duck in and out of throughout the day to enjoy – which is a concept that seems to be going down well. We'd like to say a big thanks to The Youth Radio Network team, who are incredibly professional in the running of the event."

Keiran Harvey, CEO, The Youth Radio Network says: "We're blown away at the success of this weekend's event. We thought April's went really well, but this month's was even better – and so was the talent. We are really pleased to be working with Waverley Mall on this rewarding initiative to bring music and young, fresh talent to the heart of the capital."