

CODECABIN20 CANCELLATION

Hi there all you lovely CODECABIN fans.

This week, Friday 12th to be specific, should be the deadline for CODECABIN20 applications. We did say we may extend the application period to allow for further assessment of the current COVID-19 situation, if things were still unclear or unknown regarding lock down and social distancing rules in the UK, in the run up to the event.

However, given there are so many unknowns and after much discussion, it is with an incredibly heavy heart that we have decided to cancel CODECABIN20.

There are a number of factors we had to consider when making this decision. Primarily the health and safety of our attendees and suppliers, as well as the public at large, when we're expecting people to travel and use public transport to attend the event.

We feel the essence of CODECABIN would be lost if we needed to start to implement social distancing rules for the gathering, if we're even allowed to gather come October, which may mean we need a reduced number of people and potentially to restrict the event to UK attendees only, due to international travel restrictions, which simply would not be fair and not in line with our ethos for inclusivity.

There are financial costs to think of. We would hate for attendees to feel they can no longer attend due to financial issues from being furloughed, not only to cover the ticket costs, but for travel and any additional accommodation required, for which they may not get a refund for, should we need to cancel nearer the time. Not to mention our own out of pocket costs, for which we're still liable, as unfortunately our event insurance and venue cancellation policy doesn't cover cancellation due to the pandemic.

There are also potentially a number of organisational and logistical issues with the current restrictions.

But all is not lost. We will be back next year! All current applications will roll over to CODECABIN21 and we will advertise dates for this as soon as we have them booked.

While this is very disappointing, we hope you all understand our thinking and support us in this decision.

**All the Love
Lucy, Matt & Lee - Team CODECABIN.**

