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**Stoke-on-Trent
City Centre
(Hanley)**

11am - 5pm



Now I am Become d/Deaf
(Destroyer of Words) by
Tit for Tat Circus

**Friday 22 &
Saturday 23
August 2025**

Event Funders



Programme Funders



Consortium



Welcome to The Big Feast 2025

A warm welcome from the Appetite team to this year's Big Feast.

Stoke-on-Trent's much-loved celebration returns, transforming the city centre (Hanley) over two packed days and bringing the city centre to life with colour, energy and imagination.

This year's programme is a rich and vibrant mix of high-quality performances with artists from across the UK and around the world. Each one has been carefully chosen by Appetite's incredible community decision makers and Supper Club members. By placing local people's voices at the heart of everything we do, our communities help turn our city's streets into joyful spaces of connection, creativity and celebration.

Whether you're following a BoomBike along Piccadilly, seeking a restful moment in Bethesda Chapel, or sharing a VR experience at Smithfield - this is your Feast, and we're so glad you're part of it.

See you out there.

Rachel Adams
Director, Appetite



Appetite Community Decision Makers choosing this year's programme in February 2025.

On the screen is ARCADE by Casson & Friends (page 5) who you can see on Friday and Saturday.

Access and Inclusion

At Appetite, we believe that everyone should have access to creativity and culture. That's why we're committed to making The Big Feast as welcoming, inclusive and accessible as possible.

Across the weekend, you'll find quieter spaces available for anyone who needs a moment to pause, as well as friendly volunteers on hand to offer support and guidance throughout the event. We also have a dedicated Access Support Coordinator whose role it is to oversee access across both days - helping to make sure everyone can enjoy their Big Feast experience to the fullest.

If you'd like to plan in advance with us, we're here to help. Whether it's support with getting around, information in alternative formats, or just a friendly face to meet you on the day - get in touch and we'll do our best to make your visit comfortable and enjoyable.

And if there's something that might prevent you from taking part - let us know. We'll do all we can to remove barriers and support your experience of The Big Feast.

For access queries contact Appetite General Manager, Heather, on heather@appetite.org.uk or call 07951 357 404.

At the event



Stewards are in blue Appetite T-shirts. **Access Stewards** are in green. Please ask for any help.



See the Map (page 12 & 13) for locations of:

- Ear defenders & AD kits
- First Aid & Appetite safe space
- Changing Places toilets
- Quieter spots in the city centre
- Suggested accessible route



Performances with British Sign Language or Audio description are indicated with this symbol and times in **BOLD** followed by **(BSL)** or **(AD)**.



There is a bookable Touch Tour for Ancient Giants. See page 6 for details.



Find Easy Reads and full access information at appetite.org.uk

Fri

Sat



Thingumajig Theatre A la Puppet Carte

On the 'A la Puppet Carte' menu is a pop-up show full of surprises, fun and a heart-warming story of friendship.

Friday

12:10: **Piccadilly Stage**

14:00: **Parliament Square**

16:00: **Fountain Square**

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Saturday

11:00: **Fountain Square**

13:10: **Piccadilly Stage**

14:50: **PMAG Outside**

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Fri

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Inspirate

Ancient Giants

Young girl, Shanti, imagines an epic battle between Gods and Demons from ancient South Asian tales, brought to life through an extraordinary fusion of giant puppetry, dance and martial arts.

Moving **Upper Lichfield St** to **Fountain Square**

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Friday: 12:25 & 15:15

Saturday: 11:45 & 14:15

Bookable on Saturday:

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11:00: Audio Described Intro

11:25: Touch Tour

15 spaces. See appetite.org.uk

Sheila Ghelani

A Restorative

Create a dream pillow filled with your personal mix of aromatic herbs, then test it out as you take a moment to revive and renew your spirits as you lie back and listen to the soothing voice of local sound artist, Anthea Clarke.

Bethesda Chapel 12

Friday

12:00, 13:45, 14:45 & **15:45 (BSL)**

Saturday

11:00, 12:00, **13:00 (BSL)**, 4.45 & 15:45

Fri

Sat



Casson & Friends

ARCADE

Join interactive dance 'games' set to a fun and bouncy electronic soundtrack and reconnect with your joy of play - and each other!

Friday

11:30: **Potteries Centre***

13:00: **Smithfield**

15:00: **Bus Station**

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Saturday

11:00: **Bus Station**

13:30: **Smithfield**

15:30: **Potteries Centre***

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* Upper Mall by H&M

Fri

Sat





Sur Mesure **Barrière**

Four guardians of an unused barrier understand that the duller place at any event is the queue. But they are on a mission to prove that life can be great while you wait!

Bus Station 11

Friday
11:00 (AD) &
13:30 (AD)

Saturday
11:50 (AD) &
14:30 (AD)



Bedlam Oz **Big Mob**

A trio of giant slinkies combine bursts of hilarious energy with gentle fun audience participation.

Friday

11:00: **Smithfield**
13:45: **Potteries Centre***
16:30: **Bus Station**

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Saturday

11:00: **Smithfield**
12:30: **Potteries Centre***
14:30: **Lower Piccadilly**

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* Upper Mall by H&M



Fatt Projects **Big Fatt Dance Party**

Throw yourself into disco, soul train and even square dancing as a crack team of the UK's leading drag entertainers, voguers, DJs and dancers lead you through a riot of dancefloor faves and club classics.

PMAG Outside 13

Saturday
16:30 - 17:15 (BSL)



Sound Intervention **BoomBikes**

Good vibes everywhere! Pied Pipers of pop, delivery drivers of dance, putting pedal to the (heavy) metal. Whatever's on the playlist, BoomBikes bring the party to you!

Saturday
13:00: **Smithfield**

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15:50: Moving, ending at Big Fatt Dance Party

Starting **Piccadilly Stage**
to **Fountain Square**
to **Regent Theatre**
to **PMAG Outside**

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Linden Dance Company
Caged

Explosive, evocative dance experience following four characters on a journey of solitude to connectedness. Inspired by real life stories of isolation and set within, around and atop a three-metre high birdcage, the emotive themes are reflected in an athletic, daring physicality and a punchy soundtrack.

Town Hall 9

Saturday
12:50 (AD) &
15.50 (AD)



A Line Art
Fold Your City

Join us to create an origami model city inspired by your community! Fold your own house, bus, landmark, or whatever else represents the local area. Then doodle, draw and decorate your creation to see your city emerge.

Potteries Centre 1

Friday & Saturday
11:00 - 17:00

Last entry: 16:15

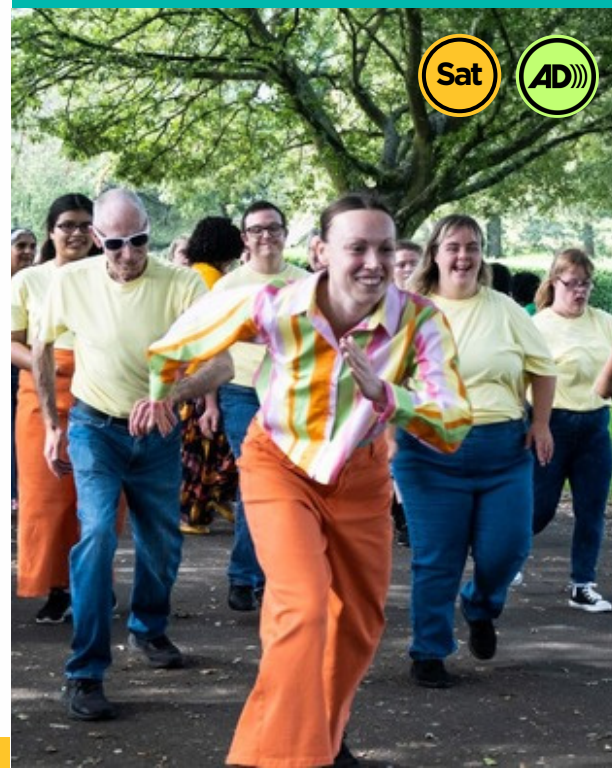


2Faced Dance
Fish Boy

This poignant yet joyful adventure follows young Tommy on an unforgettable adventure to discover where his best friend 'fish' has gone. This outdoor dance adventure celebrates friendship, uncovers what's polluting our rivers, and demonstrates the power of never giving up!

PMAG Outside 13

Friday
11:15 (BSL) (AD) &
14:00 (BSL) (AD)



FRONTLINEdance
Presents: Uproot

Exploring Stoke-on-Trent's Living Heritage Trail through movement, Uproot inspires new connections and imagines a new shared identity, redefining the place we call home.

Brought to life by a vibrant cast of 18 community and professional performers to a varied soundtrack including Northern Soul.

PMAG Outside 13

Saturday: 13:00 (AD)

Just More Productions
**Fussy Foodies:
 Battle of the Pans**

A celebration of food, music, roots, and culture, it's a kitchen party where the audience joins in the fun. Join in the game show and try your best at foodie challenges as you take on Messy Mama T for the prize!

Albion Square 8

Friday
 11:15 & 14:00 (BSL)

Saturday
 12:05 (BSL) & 15:00



**Mr Wilson's
 Second Liners**

New Orleans meets '90s club classics. Mr Wilson's combine their collective musical talent with a raucous deep south vibe to pay homage to the diehard days of the Hacienda, 90s club culture and its greatest hero: Mr Tony Wilson.

Friday
 11:40: Moving from
Parliament Square
 to **Potteries Centre**



16:00 **Piccadilly Stage**



Tit for Tat Circus
**Now I am Become
 d/Deaf (Destroyer
 of Words)**

What if we just forgot language for a moment? A clown exploring their own degenerative hearing loss and personal identity through moments of chaos and play conjures a visual spectacle that celebrates silence.

Town Hall 9

Friday
 12:45 (AD) & 15:30 (AD)

Guidance Coloured smoke, confetti



Jeanfer Jean-Charles
Patois

What happens when two unwritten languages meet? Patois tells a story of culture, lost languages and belonging, exploring the spoken language of Patois (French Creole) and the movement language of dance.

Town Hall 9

Friday
 11:55 (AD) & 16:20 (AD)

PMAG Outside 13

Saturday
 11:30 (AD) & 14:00 (AD)

Yellow Zone

- 1** Potteries Centre
Inside, various locations
- 2** Fountain Square **4** Parliament Square
- 3** Tontine Square **5** Crown Bank

Red Zone

- 6** Piccadilly Stage **7** Lower Piccadilly

Pink Zone

- 8** Albion Square **10** Upper Lichfield Street
- 9** Town Hall **11** City Centre Bus Station

Green Zone

- 12** Bethesda Chapel
- 13** Potteries Museum & Art Gallery (PMAG)
Inside Old Spitfire Gallery, Outside New Spitfire Gallery
- 14** Smithfield

Access Points

..... Suggested accessible route

-  Ear defender & AD kits **1** **6** **9** **13**
-  First Aid & Appetite Safe Space Gazebo **5**
-  Changing Places toilet
Indoor market **1** Bus Station **11** Library **14**
-  Quieter spots
Potteries Centre Lower Mall (Lamb St) **1**
PMAG **13** Library **14**



Reallynice
See Saw

Welcome to the other side of the Sun!

Meet Sunrise and Sunset, two siblings who have never met. That's because Sunrise loves to get up early and play, while Sunset loves to sleep in late and perform her beautiful evening dance when Sunrise has already gone to bed.

So it always was. Until one day some visitors arrive...



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Can you engage your senses and help Sunrise and Sunset rediscover their balance as you play, swing and move?

From playing in dawn's first light with Sunrise to swinging in the twilight with Sunset, See Saw is a fully interactive sensory circus experience for small groups of young people with disabilities, and their companions! Crafted by, with, and for young people in SEND contexts, this enchanting adventure lets you join the circus and be part of the story.



Spaces are limited to six participants per session, with space for six more (parent/carer) in the audience. Booking is advised.

To book a spot, visit appetite.org.uk

PMAG Inside 

Friday: 12:00 & 15:00 (AD)

Saturday: 12:00 & 15:00 (AD)



Fri

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AD



Fri

Sat

"Does what it says on the van."

The Poetry Takeaway

A talented team of poet chefs will carefully craft a free personalised poem for you, perform it and wrap it up to take away.

Tontine Square 

Friday

2:00 - 17:00

13:15 - 14:00 (BSL)

Saturday

2:00 - 17:00

14:00 - 14:45 (BSL)

Last orders: 16:00

Studio Go Go

VOLO VR Swings

Fancy taking flight in one of four award-winning virtual da Vinci flying machines?

Grab a Virtual Reality headset and a swing and you can flap, soar and glide your way through worlds like you've never imagined. So come fly with us at The Big Feast!

Smithfield 

Friday & Saturday

11:00 - 17:00

Piccadilly Stage - Friday



11:00 Welcome to Friday!
With 6 Towns Radio host
Dan Townley.



11:10 Cruisetopia
Welcome aboard a luxurious
cruise to ... Barrybados!?!
Comedy Theatre with
Kitsch n Sync.



11:40 Nick Degg
Nick Degg is a Potteries
poet who takes his
inspiration from the
wrung-out dishcloths of
everyday life.

12:10 A la Puppet Carte
Playful pop-up puppetry.
(See page 4)



**12:50 City of Stoke-on-Trent
Symphony Orchestra**
Brass Quartet flying the flag for
live music - and the city!



13:30 Capoeira Workshop
Explore the unique Brazilian
fusion of martial art and
dance with ART BRASIL.

14:45 Stu & Si
Acoustic pop/rock
duo covering your
favourite classics.



**16:15 Mr Wilson's
Second Liners**
New Orleans meets
'90s club classics.
(See page 10)

15:45 Cruisetopia
(See above)

Piccadilly Stage - Saturday



11:00 Welcome to Saturday!
With everybody's favourite
Bingo Caller (when Brenda's
off sick) Mavis Davis!



11:10 Circus Workshop
Have-a-go circus skills with
Circus in a Box.
Also 2.15pm at Smithfield



12:25 Ukulymies
"You can't play the ukulele without
smiling!" This group's infectious brand
of joy will soon have you smiling too!

13:10 A la Puppet Carte
Playful pop-up puppetry.
(See page 4)



**13:50 Dharshanodiya
School of Bharathanatyam**
Celebrate the vibrant spirit of
Indian culture through a
captivating blend of Indian
classical dance and
Bollywood.



14:45 Mara Liddle
A dynamic new voice in
pop, fusing hyperpop,
drum and bass, and
garage into a sound that
refuses to be overlooked.



**15:25 (BSL)
Emily Rose Galvin-Wilson**
Honest, passionate poetry
from Staffordshire's first
female Poet Laureate.

15:50 BoomBikes
Pedalling good vibes!
(See page 7)

Friday Timetable

Start	End	What	Page	Location	Map	Access
11:00	11:10	Welcome to the Piccadilly Stage!	16	Piccadilly Stage		
11:00	11:30	Barrière	6	Bus Station		
11:00	11:30	Big Mob	7	Smithfield		
11:00	16:15*	Fold your City	9	Potteries Centre		
11:00	17:00	VOLO	15	Smithfield		
11:10	11:30	Cruisetopia	16	Piccadilly Stage		
11:15	11:55	Fussy Foodies: Battle of the Pans	10	Albion Square		
11:15	11:55	Fish Boy	8	PMAG, Outside		AD)))
11:30	12:00	ARCADE	5	Potteries Centre		
11:40	12:00	Nick Degg - Poetry	16	Piccadilly Stage		
11:40	12:25	Mr Wilson's Second Liners	10	(M) from Parliament Square		
11:55	12:25	Patois	11	Town Hall		AD)))
12:00	12:45	A Restorative	4	Bethesda Chapel		
12:00	13:00	See Saw (B)	14	PMAG, Inside		
12:00	16:00*	The Poetry Takeaway	15	Tontine Square		
12:10	12:00	A la Puppet Carte	4	Piccadilly Stage		13:15 - 14:00
12:25	12:40	Ancient Giants	5	(M) from Upper Lichfield Street		
12:45	13:15	Now I Become d/Deaf (Destoryer of Words)	11	Town Hall		AD)))
12:50	13:15	Brass Quartet	16	Piccadilly Stage		
13:00	13:30	ARCADE	5	Smithfield		

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Start	End	What	Page	Location	Map	Access
13:30	14:00	Barrière	6	Bus Station		AD)))
13:30	14:30	Capoeira Workshop	16	Piccadilly Stage		AD)))
13:45	14:15	Big Mob	7	Potteries Centre		
13:45	14:30	A Restorative	4	Bethesda Chapel		
14:00	14:30	A la Puppet Carte	4	Parliament Square		
14:00	14:40	Fish Boy	8	PMAG, Outside		AD)))
14:00	14:40	Fussy Foodies: Battle of the Pans	10	Albion Square		
14:45	15:30	Accoustic Classics	16	Piccadilly Stage		
14:45	15:30	A Restorative	4	Bethesda Chapel		
15:00	15:30	ARCADE	5	Bus Station		
15:00	16:00	See Saw (B)	14	PMAG, Inside		AD)))
15:15	15:45	Ancient Giants	5	(M) from Upper Lichfield Street		
15:30	16:00	Now I Become d/Deaf (Destoryer of Words)	11	Town Hall		AD)))
15:45	16:05	Cruisetopia	16	Piccadilly Stage		
15:45	16:30	A Restorative	4	Bethesda Chapel		
16:00	16:30	A la Puppet Carte	4	Fountain Square		
16:15	17:00	Mr Wilson's Second Liners	10	Piccadilly Stage		
16:20	16:50	Patois	11	Town Hall		AD)))
16:30	17:00	Big Mob	7	Bus Station		

Saturday Timetable

Start	End	What	Page	Location	Map	Access
11:00	11:10	Welcome to the Piccadilly Stage!	17	Piccadilly Stage		
11:00	11:25	Ancient Giants: Audio Description Intro (B)	5	Upper Lichfield Street		AD)))
11:00	11:30	ARCADE	5	Bus Station		
11:00	11:30	Big Mob	7	Smithfield		
11:00	11:30	A la Puppert Carte	4	Fountain Square		
11:00	11:45	A Restorative	4	Bethesda Chapel		
11:00	16:15*	Fold your City	9	Potteries Centre		
11:00	17:00	VOLO	15	Smithfield		
11:10	12:10	Circus Workshop	17	Piccadilly Stage		
11:25	11:45	Ancient Giants: Touch Tour (B)	5	Upper Lichfield Street		
11:30	12:00	Patois	11	PMAG, Outside		AD)))
11:45	12:15	Ancient Giants	5	(M) from Upper Lichfield Street		
11:50	12:20	Barrière	6	Bus Station		AD)))
12:00	12:45	A Restorative	4	Bethesda Chapel		
12:00	13:00	See Saw (B)	14	PMAG, Inside		
12:00	16:00*	The Poetry Takeaway	15	Tontine Square		14:00 - 14:45
12:05	12:45	Fussy Foodies: Battle of the Pans	10	Albion Square		
12:25	12:55	Ukulymies	17	Piccadilly Stage		
12:30	13:00	Big Mob	7	Potteries Centre		
12:50	13:15	Caged	8	Town Hall		AD)))
13:00	13:15	BoomBikes	7	Smithfield		

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13:00	13:30	FRONTLINEdance Presents: Uproot	9	PMAG, Outside		AD)))
13:00	13:45	A Restorative	4	Bethesda Chapel		
13:10	13:40	A la Puppert Carte	4	Piccadilly Stage		
13:30	14:00	ARCADE	5	Smithfield		
13:50	14:30	Indian Dance	17	Piccadilly Stage		
14:00	14:30	Patois	11	PMAG, Outside		AD)))
14:15	14:45	Ancient Giants	5	(M) from Upper Lichfield Street		
14:15	15:15	Circus Workshop	17	Smithfield		
14:30	15:00	Barrière	6	Bus Station		AD)))
14:30	15:00	Big Mob	7	Lower Piccadilly		
14:45	15:15	Mara Liddle - Vocals	17	Piccadilly Stage		
14:45	15:30	A Restorative	4	Bethesda Chapel		
14:50	15:20	A la Puppert Carte	4	PMAG, Outside		
15:00	15:40	Fussy Foodies: Battle of the Pans	10	Albion Square		
15:00	16:00	See Saw (B)	14	PMAG, Inside		AD)))
15:25	15:45	Emily Rose Galvin-Wilson - Poetry	17	Piccadilly Stage		
15:30	16:00	ARCADE	5	Potteries Centre		
15:45	16:30	A Restorative	4	Bethesda Chapel		
15:50	16:30	BoomBikes	7	(M) from Piccadilly Stage		
15:50	16:15	Caged	8	Town Hall		AD)))
16:30	17:15	Big Fatt Dance Party	6	PMAG, Outside		

Also On



Appetite

Arthur Berry on the Streets

Arthur Berry: playwright, poet, painter, cultural icon. In his centenary year, Appetite presents this pop-up, open-air exhibition honouring Arthur's life, work and extraordinary contribution to art.

The exhibition 'cubes' will also feature some of the Three Counties Open Art Exhibition Arthur Berry Prize-winners, shining a light on his lasting legacy.

Find more at arthurberry100.co.uk



Crown Bank

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4 August - 14 September

**Newcastle-under-Lyme
Town Centre:**

17 September - 2 November

The National Gallery, London Art on the Streets

The National Gallery is one of the greatest art galleries in the world. Founded by Parliament in 1824, it houses the nation's collection of paintings dating from the late 13th to the early 20th century.

Stoke-on-Trent City Council is the first partner in the National Gallery's new national touring project *The National Gallery: Art on Your Doorstep*. 15 full-sized printed masterpieces are installed in an outdoor exhibition in Bethesda Gardens, opposite The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery, bringing people and paintings together as part of the city's centenary celebrations.

Find more at sot100.org.uk

Bethesda Gardens

Opposite Potteries
Museum & Art Gallery
Until 7 Jan 2026

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THE
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With thanks to our lead organisation **New Vic Theatre** and Consortium partners: **Partners in Creative Learning**, **6 Towns Radio**, **University of Staffordshire**, **GO Kidsgrove**, **Keele University** and **Newcastle-under-Lyme Business Improvement District**, who together deliver the Appetite programme.

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We hope you had a brilliant Big Feast!

Survey

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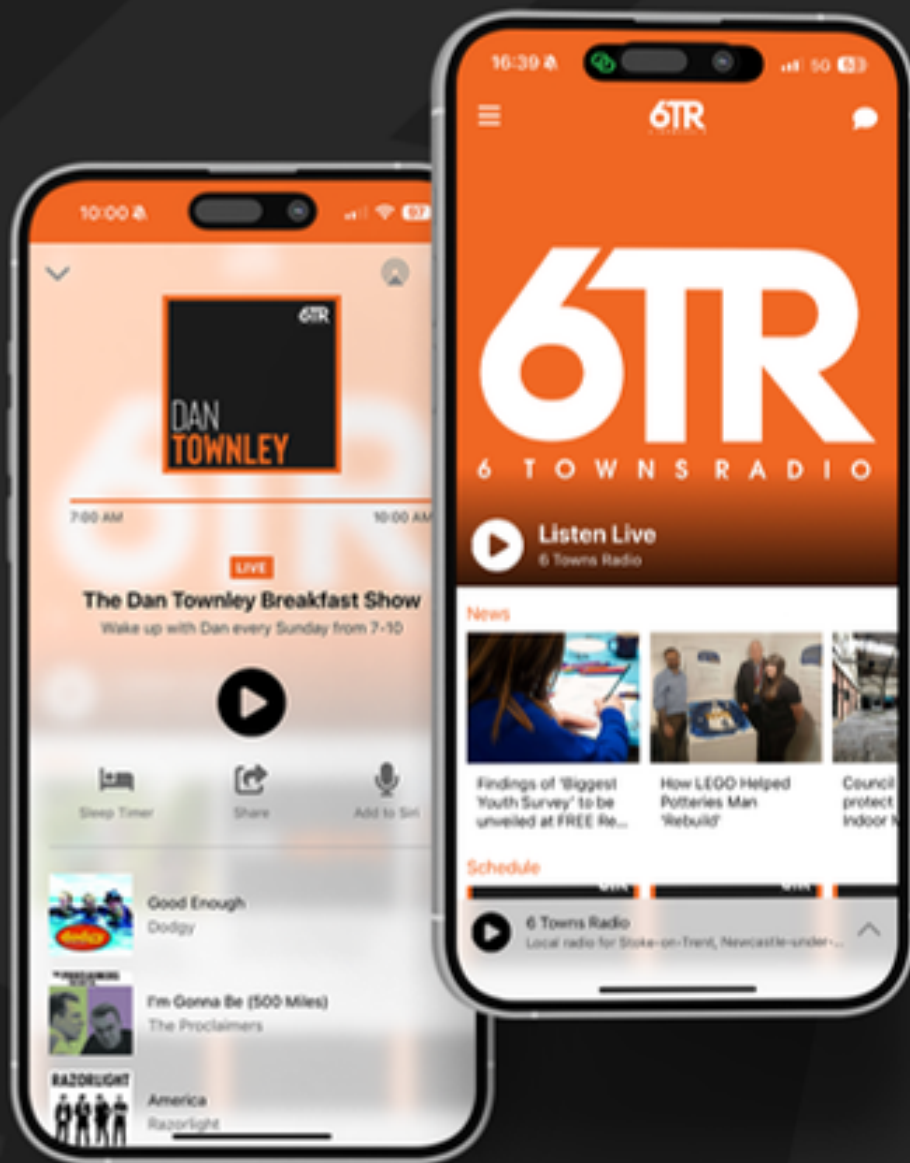


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