

*I believe that the most important single thing, beyond discipline and creativity is daring to dare. - Maya Angelou*

The AEC PJP working group wholeheartedly invites you to join the ONLINE MEETING 2021 on Friday 12 & Saturday 13 February 2021.

Needless to say or explain that it has been a great challenge for all of us to explore new ways of doing what we love most whilst making sense of the impact of the pandemic. More than ever it seems we have the chance to reset and evaluate some of the assumptions that have been blocking our views and perspectives. In doing so we are finding out what are the valuable add-ons and absolutely indispensable ways of connecting and working.

The day-to-day struggles can make it hard to dream of a future or to dare to put a new dot on the horizon. But after seeing the response to this great adversity there is much reason to believe in the spirit and resilience of all of us as human beings in our specific field as musicians, students, educators, learners, makers, producers and performers.

Witnessing the great surge of creative collaborative diversity in finding new pathways has made it very clear that music and the arts are essential parts of our society. This is true more than ever when times get tough as they have been for a long time now.

In moving forward, the PJP WG decided to host and design the online meeting with a lot of support from Paulina Gut and the AEC office, as well as from the volunteer guest hosts for the pre-conference sessions and the Vocon meeting. We are hoping that many of you will answer the call for topics and presentations and will apply for the popular Open Floor sessions.

The AEC makes it possible to have five participants on one ticket which means that more of you can join all activities during the PJP online event.

We will be asking you to experiment with us in using some online digital tools of which you can find all information on the Whova app.

The four online pre-conferences on February 11, 2021 for Students, Pop, Jazz, World, Folk and Traditional Music will make space for more in-depth talks about developments in the specific areas you are working in or which you would like to get to know better.

We have invited some wonderful guests to get the conversation going. There are meet ups in digital space, Think Tank and Open Floor sessions. And there will of course be MUSIC ! – to be announced !

So don't miss the AEC PJP ONLINE meeting 2021 ! We are looking forward to meeting you all online.

Stay healthy and safe !

Linda Bloemhard - chairwoman AEC PJP working group