

WHAT IS IT?

Performing is about 'taking your music out' – be it playing a gig, doing a couple of songs at an open mic night or folk club, playing your DJ set at a friend's party, busking, or playing a professional concert.

You need to think about

Your stage performance skills – can you put your message across in a way that makes people want to listen?

Gigging and touring – what do you need to consider when taking your music out and about, other than simply music? No matter what style of music you are playing, whether you are in a covers band, promoting original material or working as a session musician there are a lot of common considerations when preparing for the gigging circuit.

WHY DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THIS?

You might write great songs, or be a fantastic musician – but if your performance sends people to sleep, you'll never get the credit you deserve.

You can improve the impact of your performance by careful planning – and by watching out for common problems you're likely to face when gigging and touring.

Most musicians and DJs have to perform in order to make their name and forge a career in music.