

WAMfest Felixstowe



Report for Annual Grant 2025

Event Structure and Activities 2025

WAMfest 2025 featured a mix of performances, workshops, and wellbeing-focused activities across multiple days.

Live Entertainment, Workshops, Wellbeing and Creative Sessions

A key highlight of the year was an evening event titled “WAMfest Introducing” on **International Women’s Day** which was held at The Alex Brasserie on the seafront. The line up for this sold-out event included music acts and collaborative performances, emphasizing diversity in style and artistic expression. The event showcased emerging and established female performers in a live setting. A band of young women from 13 to 17 performed, specially created for WAMfest,



On **7th June** - the Summer Folk and Roots event was at the Dooley Inn in association with Felixstowe Community Radio as fundraiser for the station – programming all female soloists including Ella Spenser, Lauren Jennifer and a local folk band Hedgeriders.

24th August – WAM by the Waves took place all day from 10 am till 9 pm on the Spa Gardens – a first for WAMfest - in collaboration with Music in Felixstowe.



WAM by the Waves incorporated a day dedicated to wellbeing activities, arts and music, organised in collaboration with a local charity. This event focused on mental health, relaxation, and community support, reinforcing the festival’s holistic approach creativity and wellbeing.

WAM by the Waves included well-being workshops such as meditation and yoga, an art workshop, a therapeutic writing workshop, women musical artistes -solos, and trios, Spanish and Salsa dance, and a woman DJ completed the day in the sunset.

These sessions aimed to encourage participation from attendees of all skill levels.

Community and Cultural Impact

WAMfest plays a significant role in the local cultural landscape of Felixstowe. Its impact includes:

- Providing **visibility for underrepresented voices**
- Strengthening **community engagement** through inclusive programming
- Supporting **local venues and organisations**
- Encouraging **creative expression among women and young people**

The festival also contributes to the local economy by attracting visitors and supporting small businesses.

Conclusion

WAMfest 2025 represents an important cultural initiative that combines artistic celebration with social purpose. By prioritising women’s voices and fostering community involvement, the festival not only entertains but also empowers. Its blend of music, art, and wellbeing activities demonstrates how local festivals can contribute meaningfully to both cultural enrichment and social change.