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SRA statement regarding Conference and COVID-19

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In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and recent developments across the country, the SRA have made the decision that the National Student Radio Conference will not be going ahead in April and will be **cancelled** until Spring 2021.

It would be wrong of us to bring hundreds of people together with the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. Whilst some people might still be happy to attend, we don't want to risk aiding the spread of the virus and endangering others beyond the conference.

As many of you will be aware, the UK Government has now moved to the 'delay' phase of their strategy which aims to reduce and delay the impact of the virus. We see postponing April's event as being part of these efforts for social distancing.

We know this is a highlight of the Student Radio calendar, but we are committed to making it worth the wait. We'll be making all efforts to host said Conference in Salford, as they won the 2020 bid, but the event can't go ahead. However, failing this, we will rerun the bids over summer as normal.

I Love Student Radio Awards:

We understand that stations and individuals have worked incredibly hard on submitting award entries this year and it would be a shame to see this work go to miss. We are currently planning to create a live streamed show that'll take place later this year. More information about this will be released as soon as it is available.

For now, entries will be kept open until 6pm on Friday 27th March, so please nominate your station or someone who has been amazing this year as we will be going ahead with the ceremony, just not as a live event.

Demo Factor:

Due to the nature of Demo Factor, we are unable to proceed with this year's edition. Alternative options are being discussed and we are currently exploring how we can make this possible.



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Conference Talks:

We are currently working to deliver conference content in a non-live format. This will require a large amount of coordination and will take some time to be made available. However, we are making every effort to provide as much insightful industry content our Conference is known for.

Annual General Meeting & Elections:

Our AGM usually takes place at the conference, however, due to the circumstances we are currently discussing the best course of action with our Executive Officers and Advisors.

Your ticket:

Refunds will be taking place over the next two weeks and the sales of tickets have been suspended immediately.

If you've already made travel or accommodation bookings for April, you should contact your provider or insurer to check their amendment or refund policies. Some companies are waiving charges for changes or cancellations and/or refunds as a result of the coronavirus.

If you have any concerns or issues, please reach out to us via exec@studentradio.org.uk.

We are all disappointed to have to make this decision. However, no conference or talk is more important than the health of our members, speakers or officers and those they come into contact with. We all have a responsibility to look out for others who may be more vulnerable than us.

Thank you,
The Student Radio Association

