

Calendar of Events for Ukie Members

Welcome to Ukie's **Calendar of Events**, highlighting key industry events taking place around the country, over the coming three months. These include events Ukie is hosting, events we'll be attending or have a presence at, and events hosted by Ukie members. Each event represents a valuable opportunity to engage, network and connect with fellow Ukie members and the wider games industry. Wherever possible, we will share discounts and special offers you can take advantage of as a Ukie Member.

In addition, please check out our <u>Events</u> page online, and sign up to our <u>Newsletter</u> for weekly industry updates

If you would like to have your event listed in Ukie's Calendar of Events, or want to find out more information, please email Leo.

November 2024

Pocket Gamer Connects Jordan 2024

Date: Sat 9th - Sun 10th November 2024

Location: King Hussein Bin Talal Sweimeh, Balqa Governorate 12345 Jordan

Link for more details and to register

Pocket Gamer Connects returns to Jordan! Over 700 games industry professionals will gather in Jordan on November 9-10 to network, discover, pitch and learn from 100 of the world's top experts. Mobile PC and console blockchain VR/AR and more will be

Mobile, PC and console, blockchain, VR/AR and more will be covered, across 14 unmissable conference tracks. Our speakers and panellists will share their expert insight into design and development, monetisation and growth, new technologies, company culture and loads more. The event is called Connects because that's what we help you do; connect with the whole gaming industry, from students and indie studios to the media, international investors and publishers. We offer our MeetToMatch meeting platform free and unlimited to all delegates, so you can find that perfect contact and arrange to meet them in person. We'll be running a whole host of side activities and curated matchmaking events to cater to everyone's networking needs.

Ukie Members receive 20% discount when using code: UkieJOR20

Belfast Media Festival

Date: Wed 13th - Thu 14th November 2024

Location: The MAC, 10 Exchange St,

West, Belfast BT1 2NJ

Link for more details and to register

The Belfast Media Festival is a hub for inspiration, imagination and innovation. It's a place to make new partnerships, rekindle old connections and discover new outlets for creative ideas. After two years without a live event, our return in 2022 yielded our largest turnout ever: across two days, the festival offered the knowledge and opinions of 40 brilliant speakers to over 1000 registered delegates, including students, freelancers, indies, broadcasters, commissioners, developers, producers, writers and famous faces. The festival audience is dominated by local attendees, with special guests from the UK, Ireland, Europe and beyond.

The Belfast Media Festival is free to attend.

Develop:North

Date: Thursday 14th November 2024

Location: The Spine, 2 Paddington Village, Liverpool L7 3FA

Link for more details and to register

The UK's biggest game developer conference is coming to Liverpool and will bring something for everyone.

Develop brings together the entire UK game dev industry to learn from each other, share ideas and experiences, network, and do business in a friendly and inclusive environment. The event also offers high quality conference sessions - from the industries brightest minds and talents - with practical takeaways that allow delegates to 'skill-up' and be inspired to make better games.

Attendees can expect seven tracks covering almost every discipline, as well as a keynote and post-conference networking. The tracks are: Art, Audio, Business, Coding, Design, Discoverability, and Indie. Amongst the speakers announced so far are Lovewish's Nina Roussakoff who joins Dr Jackie Mulligan from Game Republic as one of the panellists in Running a Studio in Turbulent Times. Attendees can also look forward to Tips and Tricks from a Music Supervisor to Navigate Music Licensing in Games from renowned music supervisor, Irma de Wind.

Conference passes are available <u>now</u>. Secure your place at the Super Early Bird rate of £250 + VAT until Thursday 10 October. Micro Indies and Student Early Bird rates are also available for £120 + VAT.

Bonus Stage – A Celebration of the Music of Video Games

Date: Thursday 14th November 2024

Location: The Electric Theatre, Onslow

Street Guildford GU1 4SZ

Link for more details and to register

Come join us at The Electric Theatre for an intimate, exclusive and simply unmissable night taking the audience on a musical journey through video games, starting with the hottest new talent, pushing on to massive indie game soundtracks, and culminating in the music of one of the biggest sci-fi exploration games of all time. All music includes writers of the original music playing live on stage. The evening includes multiple world-firsts, making it a true one-off music event.

We start the night by introducing you to some of the most exciting new talents from **The Academy of Contemporary Music** (ACM), playing tracks they have created as part of their work on their courses at the Academy. It's incredible music; a testament to the talent that's out there looking for their first opportunities in the industry.

Next we'll be diving into a special video games music segment with involvement from the audience, live-voting on the games we attack, as **Soho Live Studios** bring their world-class, diverse talents to the stage.

Following this we have the uber-talented **Cassette Beasts** team, playing their incredible soundtrack live for the first time ever, and featuring a six-piece in-house band including the original writer/guitarist, as well as the vocalist who performed on the original soundtrack.

Next we have the **Vampire Survivors** team, supported by the Bonus Stage Orchestra, performing their take on chiptune music that they call "epic, nostalgic, and unexpected, packed with rad riffs and high-impact drum fills alike". This is guaranteed to be highly idiosyncratic, a lot of fun and include some fantastic surprises.

Rounding off the evening we have the **No Man's Sky** soundtrack played by the Bonus Stage Orchestra, helped by both Paul Wolinski of 65daysofstatic and Paul Weir, Audio Director of Hello Games. The orchestra will be playing a series of tracks from No Man's Sky, including some never heard before live, and some tracks that have never been heard before at all!

Link for more details and to register

Games Talks Live: Scotland

Date: Tue 19th-Thu 21st November 2024

Location: Edinburgh, Dundee and Glasgow

Glasgow

Link for more details and to register

A series of short talks interspersed with general networking over 3 days across Edinburgh, Dundee and Glasgow to encourage collaboration and communication between local games developers, and networking with visiting publishers and guests. The events run over three days, one in each of Scotland's games hubs of Edinburgh, Dundee and Glasgow. The dates are:

- *Tues 19th Nov*; Edinburgh (Voodoo Rooms, 19a West Register St, Edinburgh EH2 2AA)
- Weds 20th Nov; Dundee (Beat Generator, 70 N Lindsay St, Dundee DD1 1PS)
- Thurs 21st Nov; Glasgow (Sloans Ballroom, 108 Argyle St, Glasgow G2 8BG)

<u>Ukie members receive 20% discount on full priced tickets via this</u> link.

Virtual Business & Financial Surgeries with Moore Kingston Smith

Date: Wednesday, 20th November

2024, 14:00-17:00

Location: Online

Link for more details and to register

In light of the new Labour government presenting their latest economic plans in the upcoming Budget at the end of October, Ukie Members, Moore Kingston Smith are offering one-to-one 20-minute virtual business surgeries on Wednesday, 20th November (2pm-5pm) to go through any queries members may have directly relating to the announcements, or any ongoing financial or business issues.

If you would like to book your free virtual session, please use the link and select your preferred time(s) and the adviser(s) you would like to speak to - https://forms.office.com/e/ngpvuaZnNh. Moore Kingston Smith will be in touch to confirm the time and Teams joining details with you directly.

If you are unavailable on Wednesday 20th November but would still like to take up the opportunity of a free consultation, please email Edwina Kesner directly on – ekesner@mks.co.uk.

Virtual Trade Missions

Date: Mon 18th-Mon 25th November

2024

Location: Online

Link for more details and to register

<u>Ukie's Virtual Trade Missions</u> are a series of webinars (hosted on Zoom) aimed at helping UK businesses understand the landscape of opportunities there are in markets in Africa, Brazil, China and UAE and what steps they can take to overcome any challenges of doing business there. These virtual trade missions serve as both a chance to gain insight into these markets as well as an opportunity to begin establishing connections with useful contacts there.

- <u>Virtual Trade Mission: Africa</u> Monday, 18th November at 14:00 GMT
- <u>Virtual Trade Mission: Brazil</u> Tuesday, 19th November at 14:30 GMT
- <u>Virtual Trade Mission: China</u> Wednesday, 20th November at 14:00 GMT
- <u>Virtual Trade Mission: UAE</u> Monday, 25th November at 12:00 GMT

To register and find out more information on speakers and content for each Virtual Trade Mission, please click on the individual links above.

Navigating Data Protection in the Games Industry with Charles Russell Speechlys LLP

Date: Friday, 29th November 2024,

10:00-13:00

Location: 18a, Blackbull Yard, 24 - 28 Hatton Wall, London EC1N 8JH

Link for more details and to register

Join us in-person on Friday 29th November from 10am at Ukie's offices for a training session on how to address data protection within the gaming industry, presented by Ukie members Charles Russell Speechlys. This event is designed to empower developers, publishers, and all stakeholders within the gaming sector with the knowledge and tools to navigate and understand their obligations under data protection laws. Whether you're an indie developer, a growing publisher, or an established business in the industry, this event will equip you with the understanding and best practices to protect your players' data.

10% discount for Ukie Members using discount code: "UKIE10"

December 2024

Africa Games Week 2024

Date: : Mon 2nd - Sat 7th December 2024

Location: Workshop 17, V&A Waterfront Dock Road, Cape Town, South Africa

Link for more details and to register

Africa Games Week is a centralized platform for the African gaming industry. The event brings together game developers, publishers, industry professionals, and enthusiasts to facilitate partnerships, business opportunities, and capacity-building initiatives. It also showcases African talent, provides industry insights, and fosters a sense of community among gaming enthusiasts. Africa Games Week contributes to economic development and job creation, unlocking the economic potential of the industry and creating sustainable livelihoods for African game developers, entrepreneurs, and professionals. In summary, Africa Games Week is a catalyst for growth, sustainability, and global competitiveness within the African gaming ecosystem.

40% discount on VIP Tickets for Ukie Members using discount code: "UKIE40" here.

Ukie Friends Festive Drinks 2024

Date: Thursday 5th December 2024, 17:30-22:30

Location: 18a, Blackbull Yard, 24 - 28 Hatton Wall, London EC1N 8JH

Link for more details and to register

Join us for an evening of drinks and festivities at the Ukie office. Come along in your festive jumper (not essential) to network and meet friends old and new. We will have video games set up for some extra fun! There will be a festive raffle with all money raised going to SpecialEffect - this is a season for giving after all. And a massive thank you to Green Man Gaming and Playing for the Planet for sponsoring this event!

Link for more details and to register

Pocket Gamer Awards 2024

Date: Friday 6th December 2024, 19:00-22:30

Location: Ham Yard Hotel, 1 Ham Yard, London W1D 7DT

Link for more details and to register

Join us for awards, networking, and festive fun. With voting now under way, the next stage of the Pocket Gamer Awards sees the winners revealed at a live gala event in central London — expect canapés, drinks, a formal presentation, and lashings of informal networking within a wonderfully festive setting of the West End's Ham Yard Hotel. The great and the good of the mobile games industry will be there in a celebration of the greatest games as voted by the world's players — if your game or team is a finalist in any of the 20 categories, make sure you don't miss out on the festivities and a most excellent way to wrap up 2024!

Link for more details and to register.

Office Hours in partnership with Xsolla at Red Bull Gaming Sphere

Date: Wednesday, 11th December 2024, 09:00-22:30

Location: Red Bull Gaming Sphere London, Whitby Street London E1 6JT

Link for more details and to register

This event is running on Wednesday, December 11th from 09:00 - 16:00 as a free co-working space for game developers, with networking, game showcases and a panel event from 16:30 - 22:30. In partnership with Xsolla. For game developers of any level and function! Whether you're a sole developer, a small team of five or a team of 10 who want to work off-site, all are welcome. We strongly encourage developers to also bring their games for others to try.

Link for more details and to register.

Future Events

Beyond the current three months, we have the following events to look forward to during the rest of the year and beyond. In the meantime, check our **Events** page online, sign up to our **Newsletter** for weekly industry updates and make sure you have the **latest version of our events calendar downloaded here**.

HR in Games Event 2025 (January, TBC)

PG Connects London (20th-21st January) –Ukie Members receive 20% discount when using code: UkieLDN20. <u>Link for more details and to register</u>

Guildford.Games Festival 2025 (14th February) – <u>Link for more details and to register</u>.

Ukie Members Day 2025 (4th March)

Ukie Video Game Awards 2025 (4th March)

GDC San Francisco 2025 (17th – 21st March) <u>join our upcoming Trade Mission to GDC 2025</u>, in partnership with the Department for Business and Trade. <u>For any questions, please email Sam.</u>

London Games Festival (April 2nd - April 13th)

Barclays London Games Frenzy (15th May)

SXSW London (2nd-7th June)