



SOUND THE KLAXON, IT'S TIME FOR ... THE COFFEE HOUSE PROJECT

Round up your fellow coffee fiends, throw together some hipster threads and pack an unquenchable thirst for exceptional brew; Bristol's first speciality coffee festival is gearing up for a two-day caffeinated blow-out this September

THE LOW-DOWN

With the flat white gone mainstream and locally roasted beans becoming the benchmark, the South West's interest in speciality coffee has reached fever pitch in recent years. And to celebrate the region's rockstar coffee roasters, badass baristas and glorious local grub, the good folk at The Coffee House Project are bringing together the industry's best at The Passenger Shed from September 7-8 for two days of espresso pulling, caffeinated competitions, live music and late night shenanigans.

FESTIVAL HIT LIST

You've got one day (two if you're lucky) to try as many coffees, scoff as much street food and tick off as many of these as possible. Good luck and remember: espresso responsibly

1. ROAST OFF

Reckon you've got the skills to roast speciality standard coffee? Compete against other home-hobbyists to perfectly bronze green beans into gorgeous nuggets of caffeinated goodness – then see where you rank on the cupping table. In collaboration with Tate Collective, money raised from the casual competition goes towards the Partnership for Gender Equality and Equal Origins.

2. GET STUCK IN

You'll need to be speedy if you want to bag a spot at latte art champion Dhan Tamang's milky masterclasses. More bartender than barista? Shake up an espresso at the Tia Maria workshops.

3. SWOT UP

Whether you're an aspiring barista or part-time coffee follower, you'll find something to get your brain buzzing from the busy timetable of informal talks. Featuring industry bods and speciality pioneers, topics range from gender equality and sustainability to coffee cocktails and barista basics.

4. BECOME BFF WITH YOUR BEAN BAKER

Cafes and roasters from across the South West and South Wales will be exhibiting at the festival. Swing by Bristol faves like Extract and Clifton and Cornish stalwarts Origin to chat brewing gear, sample 'spros and buy beans to brew at home.

5. GET IN THE SPIRIT

Watch all of the cocktail action live from the Speciality Coffee Association's Coffee in Good Spirits competition.

For more information about the event and tickets at
www.thecoffeehouseproject.co.uk