



Hi friends, I hope September sees you all doing as well as possible! This is a time of flux and chaos, and many people are suffering from overdoses of fear-mongering and the crap coming at us through the media. I can't bear it. I have been consciously going against this flow and looking for the good in everyday situations: remembering to smile at the checkout person, saying thanks to the bus driver, smiling at people as I walk along the street. It's crazy that it takes such an effort, but it's the only way. I know I'm not the only one doing this...

I'm recently back from a few days up on Lismore to come down from the Edinburgh Fringe run of Pulse. I needed to feel that limestone ground under my feet and let the porous rock pull me back to earth. To be honest, I've been pretty knackered after the show. But there's an afterglow too, with the responses, positivity and resonances that Pulse has made. I've been touched to meet so many folk who came to see the show. All the positive feedback has fed me deeply – thank you all! Those smiles and comments will stay with me for a long time.

This week also sees the start of the Taproot festival on Lismore. I can't wait for this, to feel my feet on the Lismore ground again, feel the beat of one collective, creative heart, and be assisted to rise up to that resonance that will keep us healthy and well.

I look forward to seeing you up on Lismore or, if you can't make it, at an upcoming event. Or drop me a wee message, to let me know how you're doing, if you feel so moved.



## Taproot... happening... this week...

September 14 - 17, 2017 on Lismore.

Taproot is a festival to celebrate land and Lismore. It's the wee festival that will dig deep. If you're free this week, and feel so moved, why not join us.

Musicians and writers are coming together to celebrate the special island of Lismore, its extraordinary heritage and current creative renaissance. A special element is that all the artists are giving their work for very little money. It's a fundraising festival to assist the continuing work of the Lismore Heritage Centre.

of writers and singers, many of whom will be presenting their work.

Taproot is an extension of the book festival, which the Heritage Centre ran for the last few years. This is a new start and an amazing lineup. There's something for everyone, from children's theatre and storytelling workshops with Alice Fernbank to Pulse which was born on Lismore. Liz Lochhead and James Kelman will be sharing a stage along with local West Coast poets Donald Meek and Norrie Bissell.

So why not book come along, pitch up with your tent, and enjoy the fruits of Scotland's leading writers and musicians.

Tickets are available here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/isle-of-lismore-taproot-festival-near-oban-scotland-tickets-34303135602>

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## Upcoming gigs

**14 – 17 September:** Taproot Festival, Isle of Lismore

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**5 October:** Mairi Campbell: Pulse TOUR, Paisley Arts Centre

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**6 October:** Mairi Campbell: Pulse TOUR, Macrobert Arts Centre, Stirling

**7 October:** Mairi Campbell: Pulse TOUR, The Lemon Tree, Aberdeen

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**14 October:** Mairi Campbell: Pulse TOUR, Cromarty Arts Trust

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There's still the chance to see Pulse on Lismore or in Paisley, Stirling, Aberdeen or Cromarty. Or the album Pulse featuring music from the show is available as a download or CD in [Mairi's shop](#).

With love,

Mairi, Kate (producer) and Marianne (admin) xx

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PS Public money for the arts is now scarcer. If you'd like to support Mairi to continue to make music and take it to communities in Scotland and further afield, you can do so through [PayPal.me](https://www.paypal.me)



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