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## WEST SIDE World

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Hello and welcome to your weekly Westside World news digest. Each Friday, Westside BID brings you the top stories from in and around Broad Street, Brindleyplace, Five Ways, Centenary Square, Broadway Plaza and surrounding areas...



### New permanent street café rules are welcomed by city's nightlife chiefs

Nightlife chiefs in Birmingham have welcomed new legislation to make street café culture a permanent part of the city's hospitality offering.

The government has announced that temporary pavement licensing provisions introduced in 2020 as a result of the Covid lockdown and social distancing rules will now remain in force for good.

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### Don't stop the music, says festival

Organisers of the annual Birmingham Jazz & Blues Festival have launched an urgent crowdfunding appeal to ensure that the 40th anniversary of the event survives city council spending cuts.

A GoFundMe campaign has begun aimed at raising £20,000 towards the cost of staging the prestige music festival, which continues to be supported by Westside BID, between 19 and 28 July this year.

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### Global sports summit in Westside

Around 1,500 delegates from over a hundred countries met on Westside this week as sport's most important global gathering took place in Birmingham.

The SportAccord World Sport & Business Summit was held at the International Convention Centre in Centenary Square, bringing together leaders from more than 120 International Federations (IFs), the International Olympic Committee, and other sports businesses and organisations.

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### Free arts events underway at Ikon

A series of exciting free exhibitions and other events are currently taking place at the contemporary Ikon art gallery on Westside throughout April.

The events, which take place at Ikon's premises in Cozzells Square, Brindleyplace, include the finale of the innovative Start the Press! exhibition, which involves printmakers producing artwork on a real antique printing press.

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### Lille fans on the bench for big match

It was only ever meant to be a quick balade (walk) up Broad Street to get their match tickets from Rosies.

But oh magnificent! Once Lille fans discovered the joys of Westside yesterday, there was nothing that could tear them away - and they just loved posing for pictures on the world-famous Black Sabbath bench.

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