

Roots N Rhythms

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A venue in Darwin, as the name 'Missing Link' would suggest, has already filled the void for fans of a variety of music genres including Reggae and Dubstep through nights like 'Echo Logik', and this trend is set to continue when 'Roots N Rhythms' returns for its second event at the Missing Link on Friday 27th February.

The first Roots N Rhythms - held just before the end of last term - highlighted the potential of the night with its unique offering of a diverse selection of sounds and a live African drumming room, so it is no surprise a similar setup is in place this time around. The atmosphere was very much in the style of a 'happening' house party with an assortment of



small rooms blasting out different beats with the focal point coming in the form of a hall-esque area

(or should I say living room!?) which contained a licensed bar. The only negative feature of

the event was a lack of publicity which meant the venue wasn't a full as it could have been, but needless to say that this should be rectified on this occasion.

Although the evening is worth a look in and by itself, the fact it is organised by UoK's student representatives for the charity READ International adds gravitas to the idea behind Roots N Rhythms. READ's main aim is to collect and send educational text books to Tanzania and all of the £3.50 entry fee will go towards this cause; in short, helping a worthy charity while having fun has never been easier. The night is part of a wider fundraising target of raising £5000 for READ by March so by attending you can make a real difference in achieving this.

The line-up for Roots N Rhythms is a promising one with CSR's 'Selecta Skruffy' playing Reggae along with Brighton's 'Comrade Fluxman' and Hamburg's 'Selecta Hyafya' creating a continental vibe to proceed-

ings. Add this to 'Sov' and 'Fox B2B' sampling the ever-popular Dubstep and Drum & Bass in the main room (who come thoroughly recommended after keeping my feet glued to the dance-floor at various events and house parties all over Canterbury throughout my time at university), as well as a live/acoustic room for those who want to get creative, it really does make for good 'READ-ing'! Cheap drinks at the licensed bar will again be on offer to ensure wallets and purses don't feel the pinch too much.

All in all, Roots N Rhythms has a distinct appeal while backing an important charity - so there really isn't a better time to part with your cash in return for a night you're bound to remember. Doors open at 8pm until midnight so be sure to get there early to make the most of the evening. READ will also be attending WorldFest on Thursday and Friday so please donate what books you can.