WHY REBEL TATTOO FEST?

HI, I'M KAYLEIGH, THE WEIRD AS FUCK ONE BEHIND REBEL TATTOO FEST.

I'VE NEVER REALLY FITTED IN ANYWHERE. I'M TATTOOED, SWEARY, RIDDLED WITH ADHD AND CONSTANTLY COMING UP WITH IDEAS THAT ARE PROBABLY FAR BIGGER THAN ANYTHING ONE WOMAN SHOULD SENSIBLY ATTEMPT.
BUT FUCK SENSIBLE.

I CREATED REBEL MAKERS BECAUSE I WAS SICK OF BORING, BEIGE MARKETS WHERE ALTERNATIVE TRADERS FELT LIKE AN AFTERTHOUGHT. SOMEHOW, THAT GREW INTO A BLOODY BRILLIANT COMMUNITY FULL OF TALENTED MAKERS, ARTISTS, ODDBALLS AND GENUINELY LOVELY HUMANS. I CARE ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO TRUST ME WITH THEIR BUSINESSES. MY TRADERS AREN'T JUST A PAYMENT OR A NAME ON A FLOOR PLAN. I WANT THEM TO MAKE MONEY, FEEL LOOKED AFTER AND LEAVE MY EVENTS WANTING TO COME BACK.

REBEL TATTOO FEST IS THE NEXT MASSIVE, SLIGHTLY TERRIFYING STEP.
I DON'T WANT TO CREATE ANOTHER SOULLESS CONVENTION WHERE EVERYONE TURNS UP, WORKS THEIR ARSE OFF AND IMMEDIATELY FUCKS OFF HOME. I WANT IT TO FEEL LIKE A PROPER FESTIVAL, SOMEWHERE PEOPLE COME FOR THE WHOLE WEEKEND, CAMP TOGETHER, MAKE FRIENDS, LISTEN TO LIVE MUSIC, EAT GOOD FOOD AND ACTUALLY HAVE A LAUGH.
ARTISTS WILL HAVE THEIR OWN PRIVATE CHILL OUT AREA AWAY FROM THE PUBLIC, BECAUSE TATTOOING ALL DAY IS FUCKING EXHAUSTING AND SOMETIMES YOU NEED SOMEWHERE QUIET TO SIT DOWN, EAT AND DECOMPRESS.

THEN, ONCE TATTOOING FINISHES AND THE PUBLIC LEAVE ON SUNDAY, WE'LL HAVE A PRIVATE PARTY FOR THE ARTISTS, TRADERS AND CREW. YOU'LL HAVE SPENT THE WEEKEND WORKING YOUR ARSES OFF HELPING ME MAKE THIS THING HAPPEN, SO YOU DESERVE TO ENJOY IT TOO.
THE WHOLE POINT OF REBEL TATTOO FEST IS TO CREATE THE KIND OF EVENT I WOULD ACTUALLY WANT TO ATTEND: WELCOMING, EXCITING, INCLUSIVE, A BIT CHAOTIC AND FULL OF COOL AS FUCK PEOPLE THAT DON'T QUITE FIT THE 'NORMAL' MOULD AND DON'T FUCKING WANT TO!

THIS ISN'T BEING PUT TOGETHER BY SOME MASSIVE CORPORATE EVENTS COMPANY WITH UNLIMITED MONEY AND A TEAM OF TWENTY. IT'S BEING BUILT FROM SCRATCH BY ME, WITH A LOT OF AMBITION, A LOT OF HEART AND ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA WHEN TO STOP ADDING MORE SHIT.

I'M NOT LOOKING FOR RANDOM PEOPLE TO FILL SPACES. I WANT BRILLIANT ARTISTS AND TRADERS WHO UNDERSTAND THE VISION, CARE ABOUT WHAT THEY DO AND WANT TO BE PART OF SOMETHING FUCKING SPECIAL FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.
IF THAT SOUNDS LIKE YOUR KIND OF WEEKEND, I'D BLOODY LOVE YOU TO APPLY.

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