<u>British Council brings new UK music</u> <u>through Paoa FM to Honiara</u>

It is here, new, hot and happening on Paoa FM at 12 noon this Saturday 13 August 2022. The British Council's Selector Radio, an hour of new UK Music on each show.

Every Saturday Selector Radio will share the best new UK music with the world. They play music from any artist, any band and any genre as long as it's new and exciting. Each week Selector puts together an eclectic playlist of music and artists who are leading the way in UK music.

Presented by BBC Radio 1 Xtra's Jamz Supernova, it is an insight to the bubbling underground scenes from every corner of the UK. Each week's show features guest interviews with emerging artists or exciting people in the music industry. The show also provides a gateway to music beyond the UK with features from countries where the show is broadcast, dipping into the key sounds emerging around the world.

Selector is broadcast to over 30 countries around the world including Cuba, China, Zimbabwe, Ukraine, Slovakia, Spain and Mexico and has a global audience of over 4 million listeners.

In Solomon Islands, Selector will broadcast on Paoa FM. Paoa FM is the largest FM radio station in the Solomon Islands, broadcasting to two-thirds of the country's population. They play top hits, including Reggae and local stars. Paoa FM covers Guadalcanal, Malaita, Central Islands, Russell Islands and parts of Isabel and Makira Ulawa provinces.

With Selector Radio launching this Saturday, you can now listen to UK music at 12pm Saturdays each week besides Paoa FM's usual top of the Hour news bulletins each day to keep up-to-date with the latest news in Solomon Islands.

British High Commissioner to Solomon Islands and Nauru, His Excellency Thomas Edward Coward said:

I can't wait to hear new UK music in Solomon Islands. Music has the power to bring us together and this is a celebration of the friendship between the UK and Solomon Islands.

British Council Director for Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific, Natasha Beckman said:

We are delighted to share the best of new music from the UK here in Solomon Islands. I hope we can use this to do more to connect with each other through arts, culture and creativity. Ahead of this Saturday's launch and the first ever show, Paoa FM's General Manager, an excited Joel Samuel Lamani said:

We are so excited to have this programme on Paoa FM, connecting us to the UK, keeping us up to date with what the people in the UK are listening to.

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