The Office of Social Welfare of the Consell de Formentera, together with the Intercultural Festival Association, is pleased to present the 18th Intercultural Festival of Formentera to be held Sunday 2 April, from 12.30pm, in Plaça d'Europa in Es Pujols.

In the words of Rafael Ramírez, social welfare councillor, "the Intercultural Festival is part of the Formentera Intercultural project, which was designed as a space for reflection and integration around migration, and which we have brought back after a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic". Councillor Ramírez called the Intercultural Festival "the best example of our island's interculturalism".

Argentina, Morocco, Italy, Indonesia, Ecuador, Andalusia, Bolivia, Galicia, Formentera, Catalonia, Colombia, Venezuela, Chile, Germany, Castilla y León, Dominican Republic, Valencia, Romania, Cuba, California (USA) and Brazil will participate in this year's festival, giving islanders the chance to travel round the world.

From 12.30pm until 6.30pm, children and young people can enjoy a variety of activities and workshops including bouncy castles, traditional and world games, a hamabeads workshop, the wishing tree, bookmark- and world flag badge-making and, to finish, a holi party.

From 2.00pm to 3.30pm, attendees will be able to taste the typical cuisine of each of the participating countries and regions: from Venezuelan *arepas* and Formentera's famous *frita de matances*
to Romanian
sarmale
(exquisite meat-stuffed cabbage rolls), Italian lasagne and much more. It will be a true spectacle of smells and flavours.

From 2.45pm, local groups will liven things up with a batucada drum performance, Cuban salsa music, a bagpipe performance and other music and dance. Afterwards, Timba Tumbet will have the crowd dancing with a repertoire encompassing the cha-cha, cumbia, Cuban son, boleros and bugalú. To crown the musical programme, singer Lia Kali will perform original R&B, soul, rap and trap songs from her first album.

Reducing waste

In a first for the festival, to cut down on waste, QR codes posted around the venue will mean festival-goers can see the full programme on their phone. Participants in the tasting portion of the Intercultural Festival must purchase "cheques" (€5 for adults and €3 for children) which entitle the holder to biodegradable cutlery. Even still, islanders are encouraged to bring plates and cutlery from home. Water fountains will be available on the premises.

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