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## CM2019 Conference - Keynote Speakers



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Dave Young is known artistically as **The Shouting Mute**. He is a performance artist, writer and director striving to promote inclusive arts and encourages all voices who want to express themselves in an artistic way. In 2012 Dave's career took off when he performed in 'Breathe: Battle of the winds' on Weymouth Beach to celebrate the Olympics and Paralympics. Since that pivotal moment, Dave has been writing and performing poetry, leading creative writing workshops, undertaking commissioned installations at arts festivals, and representing young voices on the board of trustees for Diverse City. Dave's focus in 2019 is the production of his new show 'Grow Up and Just Love Chocolate', which is a performance piece debuting at the Salisbury Playhouse for Fest West, and touring venues across the South West. It is a production that examines the relationships we have with people, and objects, while growing up. Dave is looking forward to presenting this production to new audiences, continuing his variety of work, and speaking at the Communication Matters conference in September.

