

Chris Arnold

Chris Arnold was born in Harlow, Essex and spent 5 years of his childhood living in France. There he developed a love for other cultures, languages and music. His family returned to England and he spent his adolescent years in Essex before moving to Sheffield to embark on a languages degree. His interest in music was intensified during his teenagehood where he spent most of his time writing, recording, performing and touring in bands.

When he first moved to Sheffield, Chris focused on his languages degree yet his passion for performance remained, spending even more time in bands and exploring the Sheffield scene. In his third year he embarked on his obligatory year abroad (teaching French children English in the Parisian suburbs) where he harnessed a variety of integral skills including increased independence, leadership and organisation. Upon returning to Sheffield in 2010 Chris set about grabbing every opportunity the city would allow him.

In October 2010, Chris launched *Cool Beans*, an all encompassing club night and radio show. The premise was relatively simple; embrace diversity and original forms of entertainment. In an already vibrant Sheffield scene, *Cool Beans* quickly stood out as being innovative, exciting and extremely entertaining. By taking the club night to a different venue each time, Chris was able to showcase talent right across the board; from DJs, live bands, artists, comedians and a whole variety of other performers. Today *Cool Beans* events are a Sheffield institution; regularly selling out, promoting exciting acts and raising funds for local charities & community projects.

The radio show had an equal amount of success, standing out from the rest of the programs on the Forge Radio network. The work Chris put in caught the eye of Mary Anne Hobbs (Radio 1, XFM and Radio 6 Music presenter) who then invited him to work at XFM Manchester on her own show and *The Mixmaster Mike Show* as a tech op after he graduated. There he prepped mixes, edited tracks, previewed demos and was left in sole control of the London/Manchester network during the station crossovers. Following on from his time at XFM, Chris released *The Cool Beans Podcast* to positive critical acclaim and was featured in the Comedy Charts on iTunes. Since 2014 he has presented a weekly radio show on Sheffield Live 93.2FM.

Chris's online DJ tracks and mixes caught the attention of many and as a result he has travelled extensively around the UK and beyond performing *Cool Beans* DJ sets. These include high profile performances at Glastonbury Festival, Silverstone, Bestival and Ibiza Rocks as well as gigs in Berlin, the Alps, Indonesia and the Scottish Highlands. Additionally, he writes a monthly comedy column in the Sheffield-based independent publication *Now Then Magazine*, has curated stages at various UK festivals and runs his own booking agency *Cool Beans Management*. He also wrote a musical comedy show, *The Cool Beans Guide To Life*, which he performed daily during the final week of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2013.

In 2014, local Sheffield television station SLTV picked up Chris's comedic creation *The Cool Beans Television Show* and commissioned a six episode long series. Released late 2014, the show was deemed one of the best programmes on the station and was subsequently broadcast on the local Bristol, Leeds, Newcastle and Cardiff TV channels via Sky, Virgin and Freeview. In 2015 the MADE Television Network commissioned the show for a second series (again released to critical and public acclaim) and a Christmas episode. Chris's roles within the show include writer, producer, director, presenter, character actor and chief editor. Off the back of the success of the TV Show, Chris toured a stand up comedy show throughout the UK in the summer of 2015 with three of his fellow performers from the tv programme and has also appeared on other shows within the MADE Television Network. It also resulted in the birth of

Cool Beans Productions, a television production team fronted by Chris.

Accolades/Credits

- *Cool Beans Radio Show* - Winner of Best Off Playlist Radio Show and Best Interview at the Forge Media Awards 2011
- *Cool Beans* - Audience Award Winner at the 2W2MI Competition 2013 for the music video *Fine Line Between Love & Crime*
- *Arnivore Presents...Beans, Rhymes & Life* – Winner of Best DJ mix at Symmetry Festival 2013
- *The Cool Beans Collective* – Included in the top 20 acts of the Musical Comedy Awards 2014
- *Newsjack, BBC Radio 4 Extra* – Series 10, Episode 4 and 6 writing credits, 2014
- *The Cool Beans Television Show, MADE TV* – Writer/Producer/Presenter/Director/Editor, 2014/2015
- *MADE TV Sales Advert* – Producer/Director, 2015
- *Billionaire Boy, BBC One* – Floor Runner/Third AD, 2015

Education

- 2:1 BA Hons in French
- 4 A levels (German, French, Maths, General Studies) and 1 AS level (History)
- 12 GCSEs (Dual Science, Maths, English, English Lit, Statistics, Geography, History, Business Studies, French, German, Electronics)

Other information

- Fluent in French, semi-fluent in German, knowledge of basic Spanish
- Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Clean driving license
- Can play guitar, bass guitar, piano, drums as well as being able to DJ

Computer skills

- Word/Excel/Powerpoint/Web designing/Wordpress/HTML
- Premiere Pro/Audition/Myriad/Audition/Serato/Traktor
- Facebook/Twitter/LinkedIn/YouTube/Soundcloud/Mixcloud/iTunes Podcasting

Web links

Web: www.coolbeansproductions.co.uk

LinkedIn: <http://www.linkedin.com/pub/chris-arnold/64/163/742>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/chrisarnoldinc>

Soundcloud (DJ page): <http://soundcloud.com/arnivore>

YouTube: <http://youtube.com/coolbeanstelevision> (150,000 + views)

The Cool Beans Television Show: www.madeinleeds.tv/programme/cool-beans



Still from The Cool Beans Television Show, Series 2.



Latest head shot.

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