

Afurotaku Cosplay: SYLA

Creative and vendor stalls

Afurotaku Cosplay: SYLA is a day of cosplay, craft, games and food for all ages, run as a nonprofit community event. This brief explains the creative stall and the vendor stall side by side, so you can see which one suits your work before you apply.

At a glance

- **Date:** Saturday 28 November 2026
- **Hours:** 9:00 to 17:00, and closing may run later
- **Venue:** BNYC multipurpose hall, Gaborone
- **Admission:** BWP 20
- **Creative stall fee:** BWP 200, no commission
- **Vendor stall fee:** BWP 250, no commission

If the venue changes, you will be notified.

Creative stall (Artist Alley), BWP 200

A showcase for Botswana's makers and artists, and a chance to share your work with the Afurotaku community. We welcome work you have made yourself, whether it is your own idea or your own interpretation of an existing series or character.

- **What fits.** Your own art printed on paper, such as art prints, stickers and zines, as well as handmade crafts, one-off pieces, commissions, live drawing, and creative services such as nails or makeup.
- **What is placed in a vendor stall instead.** Items printed onto blanks, such as T-shirts, frames, mugs, phone cases and acrylic keychains, even when the design is your own, and bought-in or factory-made goods.
- **How we choose.** We want every creative stall to offer something unique, so we aim to avoid having two stalls selling the same type of work. Selections are made based on your portfolio or shop link.
- **Fan-inspired work.** We welcome your own interpretation of a series or character. However, straight copies or tracings of official artwork are not what creative stalls are for.
- **To apply.** Include a link to your portfolio or shop.

Vendor stall, BWP 250

For merchandise, collectibles, gaming gear and mass produced goods. We welcome vendors selling items printed onto blanks, such as T-shirts, frames, mugs, phone cases and acrylic keychains, even when the design is your own.

- **What fits.** Anime and pop culture merchandise, collectibles, gaming gear, and printed goods in any quantity.
- **Fan-created merchandise.** We welcome independently made, fan-created merchandise. We do not check for bootlegs or counterfeits, so please sell only items you are sure are legitimate. You are responsible for what you sell, and if a rights holder raises a concern about an item, we will ask you to remove it from your stall.
- **Not sure where you fit?** Include your portfolio or shop link with your application. This helps us assess your work and find the best fit for you. If another stall category would suit your work better, we will let you know.
- **To apply.** Include a link to your portfolio or shop, and photos of your products.

Where does my work go?

- A crochet One Piece hat, or other handmade work inspired by a character: **Creative stall**
- Hand-painted, resin, clay or sewn keychains and accessories: **Creative stall**
- Your own art printed on paper: prints, stickers and zines: **Creative stall**
- Commissions and live drawing: **Creative stall**
- Nails or makeup: **Creative stall**
- Acrylic keychains, T-shirts, frames, mugs and phone cases with a printed design: **Vendor stall**
- Collectibles, gaming gear and other mass produced goods: **Vendor stall**

What we provide, and what you bring

- **What we provide.** Your 2 x 2 m space, free power, **free entry for 4 people** on your stall (extra helpers pay the BWP 20 entry), a Stall badge, and a designated Afurotaku guide as your contact on the day.
- **What you bring.** Your own table, shade, cables and water. Power points are limited, so please bring a safe extension cable and tell us what you plan to plug in.
- **What is not allowed.** No alcohol or smoking products anywhere on the premises, and no drugs, adult material or live animals. Cosplay props must be safe: metal items, toy guns that shoot pellets, and real knives or swords are not allowed. Stalls do not play music; the only music is the DJ's on stage.

Straight answers

Can I sell fan art of existing characters?

We welcome fan art in the creative stall when you have made it yourself and brought your own interpretation of the series or character, for example a Goku eating pap at the village. Straight copies or tracings of official artwork are not what creative stalls are for. We do not verify licensing, so you are responsible for the work you sell. If a rights holder raises a concern about an item, we will ask you to remove it from your stall.

Can I sell my own fan-created merchandise?

We welcome independently made, fan-created merchandise, and an official licence is not required. Handmade items, such as resin, clay, sewn or hand-painted pieces, fit the creative stall. Items printed onto blanks, such as acrylic keychains, fit the vendor stall. We do not verify licensing, so you are responsible for the work you sell, and if a rights holder raises a concern about an item, we will ask you to remove it from your stall.

What applies to both

- **The stall.** Each stall is **2 x 2 m**.
- **On the day.** Saturday **28 November 2026, 9:00 to 17:00**, at the Botswana National Youth Council hall in Gaborone. If the venue changes, you will be notified.
- **Setup and trading.** Setup is expected from **8:30**. We confirm the setup time and your trading times with you when you are approved.
- **Pack-down and rubbish.** Please stay until the event closes. We confirm the pack-down time when you are approved. Please put rubbish in the nearest bins and leave your space tidy.
- **Prices and commission.** You set your own prices and keep your own takings. We take no commission on any stall.
- **If you cannot make it.** If you withdraw, you get **85% back up to 14 November** (the remaining 15% covers the charges on the refund), **50% from 15 to 20 November**, and **nothing from 21 November** or if you do not arrive. If Afurotaku cancels or postpones, you get a full refund with nothing taken off, or you can move to the new date.
- **Food stalls.** Food stalls apply separately. See the food vendor brief.

How to apply

- Applications open on **Friday 16 October 2026** at afurotaku.com/calls.
- Include a link to your portfolio or shop, so we can see your work. Vendor applications also include photos of your products.
- If you applied in March 2026, please apply again. Earlier applications do not carry over.
- You get an answer **within 7 days** of applying, from info@afurotaku.com.
- Pay **within 1 week** of approval, using only the payment details we email you. Your stall is confirmed when payment arrives.

Questions: info@afurotaku.com, or call 74 658 575, 76 731 824 or 74 433 017.

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