A detailed breakdown of the activities, times, and procedures scheduled for Day 1of the film festival:

LIST OF FESTIVAL VENUES WITH ACTIVE LINKS FOR DIRECTIONS

Freedom Church, Worcester (Opening & Closing Ceremonies, Film Screening on Sunday, from 2:00 PM)
The Guildhall, Worcester (Film Screening, Panel Discussions, Exhibitions, Black History Event, Networking - Refer to Film Screening Schedule for Film Shows)
The Hive, Worcester (Film Screening, Panel Discussions, Exhibitions, Tea Breaks, Networking - Refer to Film Screening Schedule for Film Shows)
Swan Theatre, Worcester (Film Screening, Panel Discussions, Exhibitions, Networking - Refer to Film Screening Schedule for Film Shows)
Origin Restaurant, Worcester (Food, Drinks & Buffet on Saturday at 9:00 PM)
Jamaica Wah Gwan (Food, Drinks & Open Mic Session on Sunday, at 3:00 PM)
Worcester Bowling (Fun and Games on Saturday, at 7:00 PM)

Kindly be informed that the Red-Carpet ceremonies are formal black-tie events. We won't turn anyone away, but you might not fancy "standing out" in the photos & videos.

Film Festival Day 1 Schedule and Event Breakdown

Time	Event/Activity	Venue & Key Details
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM	**Arrivals & Accreditation / Tourist Visits**	**Venue:** The Guildhall / Tourist Information Centre at the Guildhall, Worcester.
	Details: • Guests arriving earlier can visit the Worcester Tourist Information Centre and the Worcester Museum. A team member will lead these visits.	
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	**Official Welcome, Tour, and Reception**	**Venue:** Inside the Guildhall (Council Chamber, Mayor's Parlor, Fore Court).
	Activities:	

1. Welcome speech by the Mayor at the Council Chamber.
2. Multimedia showcases featuring attending filmmakers and the **51 countries represented**.
3. A tour of the Guildhall led by the Mayor of Worcester, **Cllr. Dr Matt Lamb**.
4. Reception at the Mayor's parlor, including light refreshments.
5. Photographs will be taken at the Guildhall.
6. The **Walk of Fame** will take place right outside at the Fore Court of the Guildhall.

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	**Transit to Red Carpet Venue**	**Activity:** Transit to Freedom Church Auditorium for Red Carpet Commencement.
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	**Red Carpet Commencement**	**Venue:** Freedom Church Auditorium.

- Red Carpet, Interviews, and 360-degree camera photo/video splash.
- The sequence is Photography while walking down the aisle, 360-degree Photo/video booth, Photos against the branded backdrops, and Interviews.
- During this time, a Montage of Selected Films, Nominees, and possibly Red-Carpet Videos will be displayed on the big screen. Guests will be given a seat number upon arrival, as seats are numbered.

Brief Interruption:

1. Guests are seated.
2. Welcome remarks/note by the Festival Director (Red Carpet Suspended briefly).
3. Music rendition by **Questle**.

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM	**Music, Mingling, and Refreshments**	**Venue:** Freedom Church Auditorium.

Activities:

1. Music and mingling, during which the Red Carpet recommences.
2. More Red-Carpet Interviews and a 360-degree camera photo/video splash.

	Procedures: Refreshments are **strictly served between 5:20 PM and 5:30 PM** and must be taken only at the designated area at the back of the hall.	
5:30 PM – 5:45 PM	**Ceremony Start & First Introductions**	**Venue:** Freedom Church Auditorium.
	Activities: 1. Red carpet activities are suspended until the end of the ceremony. 2. Festival Montage. 3. Welcome remark by the Festival Director, **Stan Ohikhuare**. 4. Music by **Kess David**. 5. Introduction of the nominees in the **BEST MICRO-FILM CATEGORY**. 6. Montage of Selected Films, Pictures of Nominees, and possibly Red-Carpet Videos will be on display on the big screen.	
5:45 PM – 6:25 PM	**Official Speeches and Unveiling**	**Venue:** Freedom Church Auditorium.
	Activities: 1. Roll Call of the filmmakers in attendance, with multimedia display. 2. Music by **Aasritha**. 3. The **Mayor of Worcester, Cllr. Dr Matt Lamb** is introduced by the MC, **David Shard**, with Aasritha playing strings. 4. The Mayor's welcome speech. 5. Unveiling of the movie trailer for **"AMBIENT NEMESIS"**—the festival's closing film. 6. Introduction of Worcester's notable officials, creative industry & Film professionals in attendance, including representatives from the council, the university, the film office, and the Worcester Film Festival.	
6:25 PM – 6:40 PM	**First Award Presentation**	**Venue:** Freedom Church Auditorium.
	Activities: 1. Music by **Kome and Osazuwa**. 2. Presentation of the festival's first award for the **Best Micro (short) Film**. 3. Remarks by the winner(s). 4. Showcase of shortlisted micro films.	

5. Showcase of select AI Films (Award Winners at the AI Film Academy Awards)
6. Music by **Aasritha**.

6:40 PM – 8:00 PM	**Film Showcases and Final Remarks**	**Venue:** Freedom Church Auditorium.
	Activities: 1. Showcase of selected short films nominated for awards this year (the list of films will be a surprise and will not be published). 2. Musical interlude. 3. Spotlight on Films represented by crew members. Spotlight on the filmmakers present (One minute on the mic to promote their films). 4. Closing remarks by the Mayor. 5. Music and Photography, encompassing a 360-degree Photo/video booth, Photos against branded backdrops, and Interviews.	
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM	**Post-Ceremony Hangout**	**Venue:** Origin Restaurant Hangout.
	Details: This hangout is **not** the same as the buffet scheduled for Saturday, the 18th of October. Food and drinks will be subsidized for registered attendees bearing festival tags.	