



edinburgh people's festival

The Edinburgh People's Festival is a registered charity established to promote art and cultural excellence in communities throughout Edinburgh.

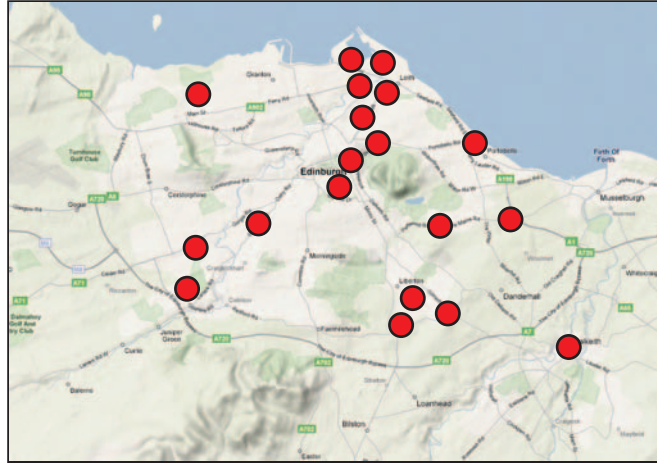
The original festival dates back to the 1950's and was re-established in 2002 when we presented what was intended to be a one off tribute night to the legendary Hamish Henderson who sadly passed away earlier that year. Amongst the entertainers at our 'one off' cabaret night at the Jack Kane Centre in Craigmillar was a young musician called David Sneddon who went on to win the BBC Fame Academy talent show three weeks later. Such was the success of that first People's Festival we have gone from strength to strength these past 9 years.

In 2003 for example we persuaded the Hollywood actress Nancy Cartwright [the voice of Bart] to perform at Edinburgh's new maternity in 'Bart Goes to the Simpsons'. That was also the year we 'smuggled' Paddy Hill, one of the Birmingham Six INTO Saughton prison for our show 'a good night in'. During the past 9 years we have presented shows all over the city and we design our programme particularly in August away from the saturated city centre venues to ensure working people in communities throughout Edinburgh are also 'invited' to the world's biggest arts festival.



Ian Rankin, the author of the Rebus novels, said 'The Edinburgh People's Festival makes for a refreshing change. It is local, varied and goes to places other festivals would never dream of going. Edinburgh isn't just Princes Street and the Castle, and most citizens don't live in the city centre, so I congratulate the People's Festival - and hey its always an absolute bargain to boot!'

Make sure you get along to some of our events in the Edinburgh People's Festival 2010. You will always be guaranteed a warm welcome. All our shows are normally free, where space is limited tickets will cost no more than £4.



The map highlights the many communities The People's Festival has involved since 2002. [Craigmillar, Newcraighall, Portobello, Saughton, Muirhouse, Dalkeith, Inch, Gilmerton, Wester Hailes, Gorgie, St Leonards, Ocean Terminal, Leith, New Royal Infirmary, Scottish Parliament].

www.edinburghpeoplesfestival.org

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2010 Programme

August 7th - 14th



Sat 7th August

FILM DRAMA 'MORTICIA'

The story of a little girl whose only ambition is to be a vampire. Written, produced and directed by Nabil Shaban. This remarkable film shot in and around Edinburgh using local actors will be shown inside St Cuthbert's cemetery.

ST CUTHBERT'S CEMETARY, LOTHIAN ROAD.

FILM STARTS AT 9PM. TICKETS £4.00.

Sun 8th August

TOURING EDINBURGH'S RADICAL PAST

Local historian Allan Armstrong leads a sedate walking tour around Edinburgh's remarkable and relatively unknown radical, revolutionary past.

TOUR STARTS 2PM FROM OUTSIDE 'THE LAST DROP' PUB IN THE GRASSMARKET. RETURNS 2 HOURS LATER. FREE.

Mon 9th August

INVESTIGATING REBUS'S EDINBURGH

Colin Brown's award winning tour of Edinburgh made famous by Ian Rankin's fictional detective John Rebus begins outside The Royal Oak public house at 6.30pm and ends there 2 hours later.

FREE.

Tue 10th August

**'THE BAD AND THE BEAUTIFUL'
PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION**

Introducing the arresting images of Edinburgh's rising photographic talent Paul Jordan from Oxfords. This is the official opening of Paul's most recent exhibition. Show runs from 1st August to 5th September at 'The Wash', top of the Mound. Official opening 7pm

FREE.

Wed 11th August

**THE THIRD ANNUAL HAMISH HENDERSON
MEMORIAL LECTURE**

This year's lecture will be delivered by the former West of Scotland MSP Campbell Martin on the themes Hamish Henderson believed in most of all, his internationalism, independence and anti-imperialism and their continuing relevance today.

WORD POWER BOOK SHOP 7PM.

FREE.

Thu 12th August

AID FOR AFGHANISTAN

A concert Musical entertainment from David Bruce and The Irrissitible Urges in favour of bringing home British troops from Afghanistan. All proceeds on the night will go to the Malalai Joya Foundation a democratic, secular and progressive organisation in Afghanistan opposed to imperialism and religious fundamentalism.

VALLEY PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE, BURDIEHOUSE.

7PM -9.30PM. FREE.

Fri 13th August

COMEDY NIGHT TO BEAT THEM ALL

Friday the 13th! Unlucky for some? Not for those with tickets to this fantastic night of comedy at the BMC Club in Gorgie! Back for a 6th consecutive year and better than ever. Featuring 4 of the best comics in Edinburgh courtesy of The Stand Comedy Club.

BMC CLUB, WESTFIELD STREET. SHOW STARTS 7.30PM.

TICKETS £4.00.

Saturday 14th

SPARTAKI THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS...

Four wonderful pieces of drama from Dalkeith playwright Cecilia Granger. Produced by Karen Douglas and set in this wonderfully atmospheric location.

INCH HOUSE, INCH PARK. DOORS OPEN AT 7PM SHOW.

STARTS AT 7.30PM. TICKETS £4.00.