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Edinburgh People's Festival Performer Wins Top Literary Prize

Edinburgh People's Festival Chairman Colin Fox today sent his warmest congratulations to Scots author AL Kennedy on winning the 2008 Costa's Book of the Year Award.

Alison Kennedy performed at last years Edinburgh People's Festival (EPF). Speaking today from New York she expressed her thanks to the EPF both for their kind message and their past support and wished the organisation continued success.

Colin Fox said today:

"Alison's success is wonderful news. She works very hard indeed both as a writer and in her career as a stand up comedian and this Book of the Year award is thoroughly well deserved. All of her friends in the Edinburgh People's Festival were delighted to hear she had won."

"We so enjoyed having her perform at last year's People's Festival. I contacted her as soon as I heard the news to remind her of her appearance at the BMC Club in Gorgie last August and to offer her our warmest congratulations. She was in touch this morning, from New York, jetlagged but nonetheless overjoyed and thanked us by expressing her continued support for the Edinburgh People's Festival."

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