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Luminate: Scotland's creative ageing festival

1-31 October 2013

Invitation to take part in Luminate 2013

Luminate 2012 was an outstanding success and plans are well underway to ensure that this year's festival will again embrace the length and breadth of Scotland. Luminate celebrates our creative lives as we age, reaching audiences and participants from across the generations, showcasing theatre, dance, music, visual arts and community projects.

The festival includes an independently-run programme from artists, cultural organisations and community groups, and we are now inviting submissions for this programme during Luminate 2013.

In 2012 Luminate comprised over 280 arts activities with, by and for older people, stretching from the Scottish Borders to Shetland. Events ranged from projects bringing younger and older people together, to activities in care homes, and from theatre productions for audiences of all ages to workshops aimed at older people. **October 2013** will once again see a lively nationwide programme which proves that creativity has no age, and you are invited to put an event forward to be a part of it.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 28 June** and it is easy to apply – visit www.luminatescotland.org/luminate-application and fill in the online form. Guidance notes are also available online and you can request hard copies of this information by phone on **0131 668 8066**.

Anne Gallacher, Luminate Director, said: *"our first festival in 2012 was an incredibly exciting year for us, and in 2013 we are creating an even more diverse and engaging programme of events that will take us across Scotland this October."*

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Notes to editors

1. Highlights from the independently organised programme at Luminare 2012 included:
 - An exhibition of artwork by **Perth University of the Third Age**. Most of the artists had never exhibited before and the project attracted many new members.
 - **Scottish Opera** took their bite-sized performances of *Little Bit of Magic Flute* to care homes, sheltered housing communities and older people's groups across Scotland.
 - Musselburgh's **Brunton Youth Theatre** presented *Lana's Nana*, a new play written by young members in collaboration with older people from Dunbar Day Centre. The piece was performed at the **Brunton Theatre** and toured East Lothian.
 - **Merkinch Community Centre** in Inverness presented *The Big Singaround*, a community singing event for older people.
 - **CatStrand** in New Galloway organised a one-off screening of *Singin' in the Rain*, followed by a cream tea and a sing-along.
2. Information on the programme for **Luminare 2013** will be available for audiences and participants by early September.

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