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Luminate: Scotland's creative ageing festival



Thursday 1 – Saturday 31 October 2015

Invitation to take part in Luminate 2015

Luminate has once again invited groups and organisations across Scotland to take part in this October's festival.

In 2014 Luminate incorporated over 430 arts activities with, by and for older people and is firmly established in the country's events calendar. Plans are now underway to ensure that this year's festival will again embrace the length and breadth of Scotland with an even more wide-ranging programme than last year.

The festival showcases projects and events run by communities and arts organisations nationwide - including theatre, dance, music, visual arts and community projects – and offers a chance to celebrate creativity, share stories, and to explore what ageing means to all of us.

Luminate includes an independently run programme led by artists, cultural organisations and community groups, and the festival is now inviting submissions for this programme during Luminate 2015. Events could range from creative projects bringing younger and older people together, to activities in care homes, exhibitions and theatre productions for audiences of all ages, to workshops aimed at older people.

October 2015 will once again see an innovative and vibrant nationwide programme offering a wealth of creative experiences that prove that creativity has no age, and you are invited to put an event forward to be a part of it.

The closing date for inclusion in the printed brochure is **Friday 26 June 2015**, and for inclusion on the website only is **Friday 7 August 2015**. It is simple to apply: visit www.luminatescotland.org/luminate-proposal 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** or by email at info@luminatescotland.org.

Anne Gallacher, Luminate Director, said:

"As Luminate moves into its fourth year, I am looking forward to another inspiring festival across Scotland this October. The creativity of Scotland's communities, arts organisations and event organisers has each year given us a wonderfully diverse programme across Scotland, and it will be exciting to see this year's programme coming together over the next few weeks."

Luminate takes place from **Thursday 1 – Saturday 31 October** each year. Information on the programme for **Luminate 2015** will be available for audiences and participants by early September.

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Notes to editors: Major projects from Luminate 2014 included:

- *Love Letters Straight from Your Heart* by Uninvited Guests, a tour that was somewhere between a wedding reception, a wake and a radio dedication show.
- *The Falkirk Cabaret*, a singing project for older people in Falkirk including participants from 2 care homes and a local social group, and led by Love Music.
- A tour of *Let Me Stay*, a tender and unique exploration of Alzheimer's by Julie McNamara who shares a lifetime of love as seen through the eyes of her mother.
- *Changing Rooms*, an installation exploring women's experiences of the menopause, created by artists Jo Hodges and Denise Zygadlo working with women in Dumfries and Galloway.
- *Still Life: An Audience with Henrietta Moraes*, created and performed by Sue MacLaine, taking the form of a life drawing class where audiences were invited to engage with the intriguing and uncrowned Queen of 1950s Soho.
- Vanishing Point's *Tomorrow* at Tramway which was also part of the Scottish Mental Health Arts and Film Festival.
- The annual Luminate Poetry Slam at the Ghillie Dhu, Edinburgh.
- John Byrne's new version of *Colquhoun and MacBryde* at the Tron Theatre (also part of Glasgay!)
- Company Chordelia's *Dance Derby* told the story of the dance marathons of 1930s American depression, directed and choreographed by Kally Lloyd-Jones.
- *You Said You Liked Dancing*, the second part of a series of art works created by Janice Parker, working with people with dementia and their carers at Town Break Stirling.

- *A Guid Blether*, older people from Deaflinks working with Solar Bear Theatre Company performed their new production.

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