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**Luminate: Scotland's creative ageing festival
Wednesday 1 – Friday 31 October 2014**

Entries now open for the Luminate Poetry Slam 2014

Following its huge success in 2012 and 2013, the **Luminate Poetry Slam** will be back again this year at **Ghillie Dhu**, 2 Rutland Place, Edinburgh, EH1 2AD at 7.30pm on **Sunday 12 October**.

Entries for the Slam are now open and, for poets new to performing, Luminate are offering a **Slam Poetry Workshop** at The Counting House, 36 West Nicolson Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9DD on **Sunday 7 September**.

The hugely popular **Luminate Slam** celebrates Scotland's unstoppable poetry scene. This year's judges are Edinburgh's newly-elected Makar **Christine de Luca**, doyenne of Scots poetry **Sheila Templeton** and **Miko Berry**, the reigning Scottish Slam champion, who will also be the guest performer.

For poets thinking of taking part but with something holding them back – those of a nervous disposition, perhaps, or completely new to slamming – the **Luminate Slam Poetry Workshop** on **Sunday 7 September** will help potential participants hone their skills and build their confidence. Led by poets and Luminate Slam organisers Rachel McCrum and Anne Connolly, spaces on this **FREE** workshop are strictly first-come-first-served. Booking is essential to poetryslam@luminatescotland.org. More details will be provided once booking is confirmed.

Contestants for the Luminate Slam should apply by email to poetryslam@luminatescotland.org by **Monday 22 September**. There will also be two Wild Card entries on the night and generous prizes for the winners. Tickets for the Luminate Slam are priced at £4/£3, on sale via the **Traverse Theatre Box Office**, 10 Cambridge Street, Edinburgh EH1 2ED, **0131 228 1404** or www.traverse.co.uk.

Launched in 2012, Luminate, Scotland's creative ageing festival takes place from 1 – 31 October each 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 explore what ageing means to all of us.

Information about Luminate's nationwide programme for 2014 will be available in late August. Visit www.luminatescotland.org.

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Notes to editors:

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Full programme information for Luminate 2014 will be available in late August.

In 2013 Luminate included 400 arts activities by, with and for older people, stretching from the Scottish Borders to Shetland.

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