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Luminate: Scotland's Creative Ageing Festival



Luminate Photography Challenge

In 2015 we are thrilled to announce an enthralling new project and an opportunity for anyone living in Scotland to become part of our festival. The **Luminate Challenge** is a chance for you to create something new this summer, enjoy yourself and share it with others around the country.

The challenge – we would like to invite you to create a photographic portrait of someone from a different generation, and tell us what inspired you to photograph them. As part of Luminate 2015 a range of portraits will be chosen and exhibited online, and as part of a pop-up photography exhibition touring to various community venues including halls, libraries, care homes and sports centres across Scotland in the month of October. Venues confirmed to date for the exhibition include Rutherglen Library, East Kilbride Library and The CatStrand, Castle Douglas.

To guide and inspire you, we have commissioned portraits from photographic artist **Robin Gillanders**, who has also shared some thoughts and tips on things you might like to think about when you're setting up and taking your portraits. A selection of Robin's images will also be included in the touring pop-up exhibition.

The deadline for entries is midnight on **Monday 7 September 2015**, and full details of how to enter – along with Robin Gillanders' images and advice – can be found on the Luminate website: <http://www.luminatescotland.org/resources>. Anyone interested in entering the challenge can contact Luminate by email at challenge@luminatescotland.org or by phone 0131 668 8066.

Luminate, Scotland's creative ageing festival, celebrates our creative lives as we age and takes place from 1 to 31 October each year. Launched in 2012, Luminate is supported by Creative Scotland, the Baring Foundation and Age Scotland.

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Notes to editors: About Robin Gillanders

Robin Gillanders is an Edinburgh based photographic artist and taught history at the Royal High School, Edinburgh, until 1983, and then worked commercially from a studio in Edinburgh. He began teaching photography full time at Edinburgh Napier University in 1988, and became Reader in 2004. He left teaching in September 2012 and was awarded an Honorary Fellowship by Edinburgh Napier University in October 2014. He has exhibited frequently in Scotland and internationally in France, Spain, Poland, Norway and USA. His work has been included in several publications and he has published four solo books with the National Galleries of Scotland, Birlinn and David & Charles.

For Robin Gillanders' images see attached.

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