

EDINBURGH PEOPLE'S FESTIVAL

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People's Festival Secures Charitable Status

The Edinburgh People's Festival has reached yet another important milestone by becoming Scotland's newest registered charity.

The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator [OSCR] this week acknowledged that the People's Festival meets the criteria laid down in sections 7 and 8 of the Charity and Trustees Investment [Scotland] Act 2005. It has further confirmed that the purposes of the People's Festival - 'the advancement of education, the arts, science, heritage and culture' - mean it can now be entered onto the Scottish Charity Register.

Edinburgh People's Festival spokesman Colin Fox believes their achievement will put the arts group on even stronger foundations.

Colin said, "The Edinburgh People's Festival has come a long way in recent months. We held another successful festival in August [for the sixth year running] and took the decision then to begin organising arts events throughout the whole year. In October we hosted a fantastic evening at 'The Stand' to mark the 90th anniversary of the Russian Revolution and brought the Oscar nominated playwright Trevor Griffiths to the city to address the sell out event. Last week we published our first book and held a very successful launch in the city's 'Word Power' bookstore."

"Our decision to seek charitable status came out of our desire to move the group onto a sounder administrative footing. We are proud as punch to announce that the Edinburgh Peoples Festival is now a registered charity [charity number SC039006] and believe this will help with the development of our future plans. We would like to thank Steve Kent and his team at the Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council [EVOC] for their invaluable assistance. The people of the Lothians can expect their People's Festival to go onto even bigger and better things from here."

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