

EDINBURGH PEOPLE'S FESTIVAL

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People's Festival Booklet Marks 90th Anniversary of Russian Revolution

The Edinburgh People's Festival has published a booklet to mark the 90th anniversary of the Russian Revolution. The booklet entitled 'What the Russian Revolution means to me?' will be launched at Word Power Bookstore on Wednesday night [12th Dec 2007 at 7pm].

People's Festival spokesman Colin Fox believes the publication marks another stage in the progress of the project which began in 2002 to promote a 'for the people, by the people' approach to the arts in the city. The idea for the book, he told us, arose out of an event the People's Festival held in October with the Oscar nominated playwright Trevor Griffiths.

'We felt it right that we acknowledge such an important 'people's event' as the Russian Revolution and we had such a terrific evening [in October] at The Stand with Trevor Griffiths outlining his involvement in the Oscar winning film REDS [which he co wrote with Warren Beatty] that we decided to publish a small keepsake. There are lots of fascinating contributions in the book including some from history like John Reed and Rosa Luxemburg. But essentially it contains replies from contemporary figures like award winning film director Ken Loach, campaigning human rights lawyer Amer Anwar, journalist Robert McNeil, actor Billy McElhaney, author and dramatist Suhayl Saadi, stand up comedian 'Vladimir McTavish and Jim Slaven of the James Connolly Society.'

Copies of the book priced £2 can be obtained in the first instance at the launch on Wednesday 12th December at 7pm or thereafter from Word Power Bookstore in West Nicholson Street, Edinburgh.

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Notes to editors

- Graphic of cover by award winning designer Norman Gilfillan attached.

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**An Edinburgh People's Festival
publication to mark
the 90th anniversary of the
1917 Russian Revolution.**

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