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### **Edinburgh People's Festival Secures Lottery Funding For Historic Exhibition**

The Edinburgh People's Festival [EPF] has secured National Lottery funding for an exhibition on its 50 year history. The 'Awards for All' Fund has agreed to provide £5,000 towards the cost of the show to be held in August this year.

People's Festival Chairman Colin Fox welcomed the news and expects to announce details of the venue for the exhibition in the next couple of days on the website at [www.edinburghpeoplesfestival.org.uk](http://www.edinburghpeoplesfestival.org.uk)

'This award from the National Lottery is terrific news for the Edinburgh People's Festival. Our organisation has grown in leaps and bounds in recent months and we are delighted that the 'Awards For All' fund has recognised the great merit in our proposal.'

'It's our intention to use the £5,000 grant to present 'Fifty Years of the Edinburgh People's Festival'. I hope the people of the city will come along and learn of this remarkable story. I want them all to know about the original festival and also to support our modern version. I am confident we have secured the perfect venue for the show and once one or two details are finalised we will reveal all.'

'The exhibition explains the origins of the Edinburgh festival itself and the emergence of the People's Festival in 1951. It will also highlight the achievements of the original project as well as the reasons behind its revival in 2002 and its 6 year run to date.'

'This award follows a similar donation received last month from The Barry Amiel and Norman Melburn Trust. The London based foundation chose to back the Edinburgh People's Festival as it 'advances public education, learning and knowledge of the working class movement.'

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