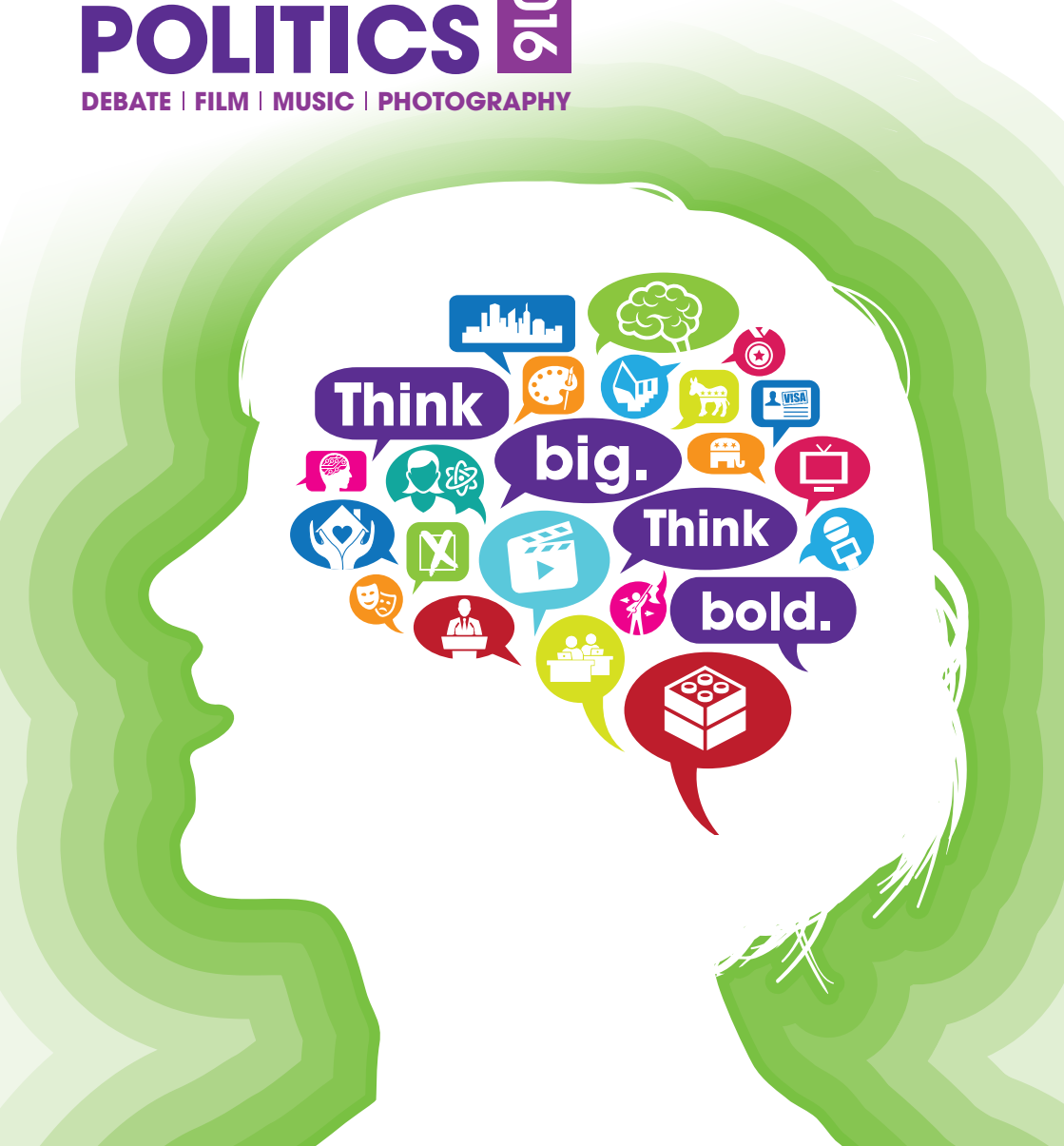


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## Presiding Officer's Welcome

The Festival of Politics is where people of all political beliefs - and none - come to find the stimulating and provocative debate expected at Holyrood.

In our 12th year, the Festival of Politics programme is themed around **The Architecture of Democracy**.

We are as ever bursting with big and thoughtful ideas. From dissecting the concept of democracy and getting the inside track on political statesman the Rt Hon Sir Vince Cable to political dramas such as *Borgen*; and from the art of the political speechwriter to the future themes of neuroscience and artificial intelligence.

We have partnered with the Festival of Architecture 2016 on a series of challenging panels including the Scotstyle event celebrating the best 100 buildings in Scotland from the last 100 years as nominated by you.

Our Festival Café Bar has its own giant LEGO® map of Scotland and programme of music, choirs, poetry, exhibitions and dance. We hope Saturday's LEGO® and Minecraft events will inspire the imaginations of a future generation of architects, designers and thinkers alike.

We look forward to welcoming you here at the Scottish Parliament for three days of stimulating political debate and conversation.

**Ken Macintosh MSP**  
Presiding Officer

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# Thursday 18 August



## Scottish Solutions to the Refugee Crisis

*In partnership with The Royal Society of Edinburgh*



16:30 - 18:00, Members' Room, £6.00/£4.00

Globally in 2016 more people - over 60 million - have been displaced from their homes and countries by conflict, disaster and destitution than ever before. How should Scotland respond? Join Chair, the **Rt Hon Sir George Reid** and panellists including **Dr Alasdair Allan MSP**, Minister for International Development and Europe; and **Iain Gray MSP**, Labour politician and former Oxfam Campaign Director, to explore Scotland's solutions and attitudes.



## Switch on to Future TV

16:45 - 18:15, £6.00/£4.00

Join the debate on whether the rise of streaming services, YouTube and vloggers will extinguish conventional TV channels and what that means for quality of output with our Chair, **Stuart Cosgrove**, writer, broadcaster and former Director of Creative Diversity at Channel 4 and including panellists **Professor Neil Blain**, Communications, Media and Culture at the University of Stirling; **Damien Love**, TV critic with *The Sunday Herald*; and **Alistair Brown**, Chief Technology and Platforms Officer with STV Group PLC.

## The Future of Scottish Sport

17:00 - 18:30, Debating Chamber, £8.00/£6.00

After the high of the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in 2014 and the promises to raise the bar and embed sport in the lives of all Scottish people, are we on track to achieve gold in the effort and outcome race? Join panellists **Louise Martin**, former President of the Commonwealth Games Federation; **Eve Muirhead**, 2014 Olympic medallist and 2013 World Champion curler; and **Jason White**, former Scotland rugby captain and British and Irish Lion. Chaired by Presiding Officer **Ken Macintosh MSP**.



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## ***Borgen* v the Rest of the World**

19:30 - 20:30, Members' Room, £6.00/£4.00

Who knew Danish coalition politics could be so compelling? *Borgen* is the ultimate political TV drama with millions of fans worldwide including Hillary Clinton and former French Presidents. Join *Borgen* producer **Camilla Hammerich** and *Borgen* writer **Jeppe Gjervig Gram** to discover the secrets of this Danish phenomenon.

## ***Borgen* (1.5)**

21:00 - 22:00, Members' Room

There will be a free screening of the first episode of *Borgen* introduced by series producer **Camilla Hammerich**. All spaces must be booked in advance due to limited availability.



# Friday 19 August



## The Future Brain in the Future City

10:30 - 12:00, £6.00/£4.00

Today's screen technologies create environments that could alter how we process information, take risks, empathise and view our identity. Technology can make us safer, smarter and sustainable, but the long-term impact on the human brain is unknown. Join our panel including **Professor Kevin Warwick**, expert in Artificial Intelligence, cyborgs and robotics at Coventry University; and **Gary Walker**, Future City Glasgow, to discuss how humans will adapt to a tech-laden world in 2050.



## Can Neuroscience Build a Safer World?

*In association with Beyond Borders Scotland*

10:45 - 12:15, £6.00/£4.00

As experts in conflict resolution and prevention look to neuroscience to greater understand how emotions such as prejudice and fear erode democracies, we ask if we can really re-wire our brains, and address the emotions that threaten to destabilise peace-talks. Chaired by Beyond Borders Scotland and including panellists **Professor Laura Cram**, Director of NRLabs Neuropolitics Research, University of Edinburgh; **Dr Nicholas Wright**, School of Government and Society, University of Birmingham; and **Dr Abdelafattah Abusrour**, Al-Rowwad Cultural Centre, Palestine.

## Malcolm Tucker: the art of the special adviser

11:30 - 13:00, £6.00/£4.00

Dubbed mendacious Machiavellians aka Malcolm Tucker from TV show *The Thick of It*, join our panel of special political advisers (SPADs) and discover whether these party politically motivated media advisors/speech writers and policy wonks deserve the mud-slinging or are they essential cogs in the political machine? Chair **Mandy Rhodes**, Editor, *Holyrood Magazine* will be joined by former special advisers from a range of political parties including **Kevin Pringle**, **Paul Sinclair** and **Sam Ghibaldan**.

## Baroness Susan Greenfield - the 21st century mind: problems and possibilities

12:00 - 13:00, Debating Chamber, £8.00/£6.00

**Baroness Susan Greenfield CBE** is an internationally recognised research scientist, author and broadcaster whose latest book *Mind Change* explores how digital technologies leave their mark on our brains. This lecture will discuss both the transformative effects of new technologies upon the human brain, our minds and in particular the unprecedented changes that could occur in the young developing brain. Baroness Greenfield will also discuss what she calls - "one of the biggest problems of our time" - Alzheimer's disease - and the research that may one day lead to detection and a therapy that will stop degeneration in the future. Chaired by Deputy Presiding Officer **Christine Grahame MSP**.



*There will be a book signing immediately after this event in the Festival Café Bar.*

## Power to the People – community architecture

*In partnership with Festival of Architecture 2016*

13:30 - 15:00, £6.00/£4.00

How democratic is architecture? Join our panel to discuss how and why local communities should be involved in local projects that directly involve them, from school conversions to housing associations. Join our Chair **Ian Gilzean**, Chief Architect at the Scottish Government and panellists **Jude Barber**, Collective Architecture; **Graham Hogg**, Lateral North design agency; **Sue John**, Glasgow Women's Library; and **David Page**, Page/Park architects.

## Frontier Women - where are all the women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)?

*In partnership with The Royal Society of Edinburgh*

13:45 - 15:15, £6.00/£4.00 

The 2012 report '*Tapping all our talents. Women in STEM*', highlighted that the majority of women who qualified in STEM subjects do not work in STEM fields and this has a serious impact on the economy. Join Chair, **Tom Freeman**, *Holyrood Magazine* and our panellists **Professor Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell**, Chair of RSE working group and astrophysicist; **Morna Simpson**, Girl Geek Scotland; and **Professor Lesley Yellowlees**, Professor of Inorganic Electrochemistry, University of Edinburgh to discuss what has changed, if anything, to address this STEM deficit.



# Friday 19 August *continued*

## Healing Architecture: from Maggie's Centres to dementia-friendly homes

*In partnership with Festival of Architecture 2016*

14:00 - 15:30, Members' Room, £6.00/£4.00

The Maggie's Centres initiative embraces the ethos that architecture really can help improve cancer patients' health. What are the architects, health providers and designers doing to meet the challenge of one million people estimated to be living with dementia by 2021 in the UK? Join Chair **Sir Kenneth Calman**, Scottish cancer researcher and panellists **Professor June Andrews**, Director of the Dementia Services Development Centre, University of Stirling; **Neil Gillespie**, Reiach and Hall Architects; **Andrew Anderson**, Centre Head of Maggie's Edinburgh; and **Niall McLaughlin**, architect on dementia-friendly spaces.



## Chris Mullin in Conversation

14:30 - 16:00, Debating Chamber, £8.00/£6.00

Author, journalist and former Labour minister **Chris Mullin** discusses his new book, a memoir entitled *Hinterland*. He is the author of three widely acclaimed volumes of diaries and the novel *A Very British Coup*, the television version of which won several BAFTAs and an Emmy. His investigation into the Birmingham pub bombings has been described by the *Independent on Sunday* as - "one of the greatest feats ever achieved by an investigative reporter". Chaired by Presiding Officer **Ken Macintosh MSP**.



*There will be a book signing immediately after this event in the Festival Café Bar.*

## Future Cities, Smart Solutions

16:15 - 17:45, £6.00/£4.00

The way we live, work and engage in cities across the globe is transforming due to urban innovation. Technology can help with more flexible and convenient lives but how do we use the same technology to solve major city issues such as climate change, population growth and social mobility? Join our Chair **Craig McLaren**, President of Royal Town Planning Institute Scotland and panellists **Ms Foo Chi Hsia**, High Commissioner of the Republic of Singapore; and **Gary Walker**, Future City Glasgow to debate the shape of our future cities.





## Barton Swaim - the political speechwriter

16:30 - 18:00, £6.00/£4.00

From the barnstorming to the profound, the political speech has the power to inspire or deflate. Should the speechwriter convey feeling over content and what happens if the politician is a serial language abuser who mangles all aspirational or poetic intent? Join Chair **Michael Russell MSP** and former speechwriter **Barton Swaim**, author of *The Speechwriter: A Brief Education in Politics*, to dissect this specific art.

*There will be a book signing immediately after this event in the Festival Café Bar.*

## Artificial Intelligence Revolution

16:45 - 18:15, £6.00/£4.00

Some experts believe that artificial intelligence (A.I.) and robots will lead to income inequality, unemployment and revolution of blue and white collar workers, while others believe human ingenuity will create new jobs, just as it has since the Industrial Revolution. Join our Chair, **Robert Moran**, Brunswick Group, Washington DC to discuss who is correct, along with panellists **Professor Kevin Warwick**, expert in A.I., cyborgs and robotics, Coventry University and **Professor Burkhard Schafer**, Computational Legal Theory, University of Edinburgh.



### FESTIVAL COMBO

## Ex-Machina (15)

18:30 - 21:00, Members' Room, £6.00/£4.00

There will be a special screening of *Ex-Machina* followed by a short panel discussion. A special Festival discount will apply if tickets are bought for this film screening and the panel **Artificial Intelligence Revolution**, £10.00/£7.00



## Scotstyle

*In partnership with Festival of Architecture 2016*

17:00 - 18:30, Debating Chamber, £8.00/£6.00

Celebrate the best 100 buildings in Scotland from the last 100 years as nominated by the Scottish public. The top ten buildings will be announced in the Debating Chamber. This special event is chaired by Deputy Presiding Officer **Linda Fabiani MSP**, with panellists **Neil Baxter**, Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland (RIAS); **Ruaridh C. Moir** architect, writer and lecturer; **Fiona Sinclair**, architect, author and historian; and **Andrew Wright**, Past President of RIAS.

*There will be a book signing immediately after this event in the Festival Café Bar.*



# Saturday 20 August

## Yes, Minister: power without responsibility

11:30 - 13:00, £6.00/£4.00

Revered throughout the world for their political neutrality no matter which government they serve, why is the British civil servant so unique? Does the Sir Humphrey character in the TV sitcom *Yes, Minister* bear any relation to the reality? Join our Chair **Sue Cameron**, writer and broadcaster and a panel including **Sir John Elvidge**, former Permanent Secretary to the Scottish Government 2003-10.

## Who Will Win America?

12:00 - 13:30, Debating Chamber, £8.00/£6.00

As the US election heats up to sizzling point and the nominees for both Democratic and Republican parties having been decided by mid-August, it is time to analyse the respective campaigns and place all bets on the likely outcome of the next President of the United States of America. Helping us do that will be Chair, Presiding Officer **Ken Macintosh MSP** and panellists **Jason Bost**, US pollster and communications and political strategist; **Robert Moran**, US pollster and political strategist; **Barton Swaim**, author and former speechwriter to a Republican Senator; and **Glenn Thrush**, Chief Political Correspondent for *Politico* and former Senior White House Correspondent.



## The Democratic Space

*In partnership with Scotland's Futures Forum*

13:45 - 15:15, £6.00/£4.00

From Ancient Greece to the Roman Republic, Arbroath and the United States of America, the notion of "democracy" has evolved across the centuries. Join our panel of academics to discuss the ideal democracy, lessons from the past and how civil society can contribute to decision-making on a future democracy. Chair **Richard Holloway**, writer, broadcaster and former Bishop of Edinburgh is joined by panellists **Professor John Dunn**, Emeritus Professor at King's College, Cambridge; **Professor Catherine Steel**, Professor of Classics, University of Glasgow; and **Dr Claire Hawes**, University of Aberdeen.



# Saturday 20 August *continued*

## I Could Do That! - art in the public space

14:00 - 15:30, £6.00/£4.00

Most people do not visit art galleries and museums but works of art in a public space such as a street or supermarket make us think of art ownership in a way art galleries cannot. So what makes a good public space for public art and what should it achieve? Join Chair, arts writer **Jan Patience**, and panellists **David Harding**, former head of department and tutor to several Turner Prize winners, Glasgow School of Art; and artists **Jacqueline Donachie** and **Gerard M Burns**.



## Is Polling Good for Democracy?

16:15 - 17:45, £6.00/£4.00

Is polling opinion research a sensationalist tool or a quantifiable science? Join our panel of UK and US pollsters and experts who will reveal the secret skills and tools of the trade in analysing the power of the 21st century political campaign. Chair **Mandy Rhodes**, Editor, *Holyrood Magazine*; **Jason Buxt**, US pollster and communications and political strategist; **Robert Moran**, US pollster and political strategist; **Professor Ailsa Henderson**, Professor of Political Science, University of Edinburgh; and **Mark Diffley**, Research Director, Ipsos MORI.

## Building our LEGO® and Minecraft future

*In partnership with Festival of Architecture 2016*

16:30 - 18:00, £6.00/£4.00

LEGO® and Minecraft are both phenomenally popular outlets for both children's and adults' imaginations. So what is the appeal of these most simplistic of games and how can we apply Minecraft and LEGO® skills to educate and encourage a younger generation to design the spaces of the future? Join Chair, **Jackie Cassidy**, Children in Scotland educationalist and panellists **Warren Elmore**, professional LEGO® builder and author of *Brick History: Amazing Historical Scenes to Build from LEGO®*; **Stephen Reid**, 3D modeler; and **Hanneke Scott van-Wel**, community engagement architect and Director of Stone Opera.



*There will be a book signing immediately after this event in the Festival Café Bar.*

## Reporting from the Political Frontline: political journalism

16:45 - 18:15, £6.00/£4.00 

Reporting from the frontline of any of the UK's legislatures is a job of democratic importance. Is the political journalist there to cut through the party hype and deliver the truth? Or are they too close to the political power sources that feed the 24-hour news cycle? Join Chair **Sue Cameron**, writer and broadcaster and panellists **Julia Langdon**, political journalist and former political editor of *The Mirror* and *The Sunday Telegraph*; **Brian Taylor**, BBC Scotland; and **Glenn Thrush**, Politico's Chief Political Correspondent and former Senior White House Correspondent.

### FESTIVAL COMBO

## All The President's Men (15)

18:30 - 21:30, Members' Room, £6.00/£4.00

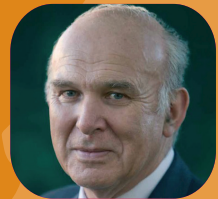
There will be a special film screening of *All the President's Men* followed by a short panel discussion. A Festival discount will apply if tickets are bought for both this screening and the panel **Reporting from the Political Frontline: political journalism** - £10.00/£7.00



## A Life in Politics - Rt Hon Sir Vince Cable

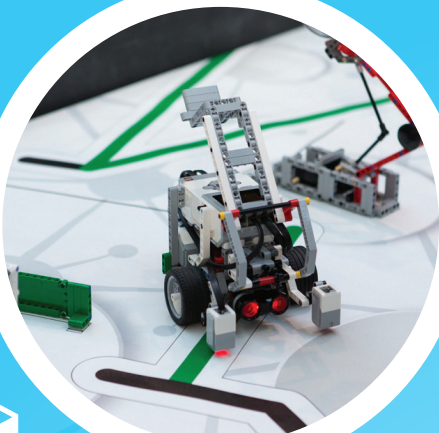
17:00 – 18:30, Debating Chamber, £8.00/£6.00

The **Rt Hon Sir Vince Cable** served as an MP from 1997 until 2015 having served as Deputy Leader and Acting Leader (2007) of the Liberal Democrats and as Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills in the coalition government. He is credited by some as predicting the global financial crisis of 2007-10 and his book *After the Storm: The World Economy and Britain's Economic Future*, provides a unique insight on the post-crash global economy. Join him in conversation with Presiding Officer **Ken Macintosh MSP** as he discusses life in politics.



*There will be a book signing immediately after this event in the Festival Café Bar.*

# Family Events Saturday 20 August



## **FIRST LEGO® League**

14:00 - 17:00

Join the future innovators at FIRST LEGO® League as they tackle real-world problems using their imaginations to design, build and program a robot using LEGO MINDSTORMS® technology.



## ***The Lego Movie (U)***

Screenings at 11:00 and 14:00

"Everything is awesome!" - if you join us for this free screening of the classic animation story of a good guy embarking on an epic quest to beat an evil tyrant – all rendered in LEGO®.





## LEGO® Big Build

Come and help build the giant LEGO® map of Scotland with our professional LEGO® builders and watch it get bigger by the hour! You can also let your imagination loose on 25 kilos of mixed LEGO® at our general play table.

## The Scottish Parliament's Clay Climate Change Challenge

10:30 - 16:00 Drop-in sessions

Your challenge, if you choose to accept it, is to design a solution to climate change challenges for Scotland! Build it in clay, place it on the giant map of Scotland, tweet your photo and take your genius solution home at the end of the day.

# Festival Café Bar Exhibitions



## **Maggie's Just Incase**

*The travelling exhibit is part of Festival of Architecture 2016*

Maggie's Centres were inspired by the experience of Maggie Keswick with the aim of ensuring free support to people affected by cancer. Beginning in Edinburgh there are now 19 Maggie's Centres across the UK. This beautifully-crafted and poignant exhibition is a repository of 12 objects from 12 people associated with the Scottish Centres. It includes an item called 'Maggie's hair' from husband Charles Jencks, a hand-print from the late architect Zaha Hadid and an origami image by renowned architect Frank Gehry. The case was designed by Willie Brown and students from Edinburgh College of Art.



## **Brick History**

Proving that politics and LEGO® do mix! Marvel at the models of famous political figures and inspired recreations of political and democratic scenes by professional builder Warren Elsmore. From Martin Luther King to the suffragettes and even the inauguration of Barack Obama, President of the United States of America, this is truly awesome!

## **Scotstyle - Building the Century**

*The travelling exhibit is part of Festival of Architecture 2016*



This nationwide touring exhibition showcases Scotland's best architecture from the past 100 years from 1916 – 2015, as nominated by the Scottish public.

## **It's OK to fail, 2015**

*Film, 4 minutes 20 seconds*

Made in the significant St Peter's Seminary building by artist Lydia Levett, this film explores the relationship between the geodesic dome structure and the human body. Levett was born in Yemen in 1990 and graduated from Glasgow School of Art in 2014.



# Festival Café Bar Friday 19 August

## Edinburgh Contemporary Choir

Enjoy the best of contemporary pop and rock songs rendered through the collective joyful voices of this Edinburgh choir.

## Lothian Gaelic Choir

The Choir holds the An Comunn Gaidhealach Puirta-Beul (Mouth Music) Trophy, won at the Royal National Mòd in Oban in October 2015 and is a former winner of the prestigious Lovat and Tullibardine shield – the premier choral award at the Royal National Mòd.

## Beautiful Resistance

*In association with The Amos Trust*

The dancers and singers from the Al-Rowwad Arts and Cultural Centre in Aida Refugee Camp Bethlehem perform in the Festival Café Bar.



## FLINT & PITCH

### SPOKEN WORD - THEATRE - MUSIC

## Flint & Pitch present News from Nowhere

16:00-17:30

A brand-new spoken word show from the founder member of lyrical cabaret artists Rally & Broad. **Jenny Lindsay** brings a line-up of spoken word, theatre and music from top Scotland-based artists. Tales from reimagined cities; utopian dreams meet dystopian visions; and explorations on how our built environment affects our politics, society and culture. Join **Bram E Gieben**, **Lake Montgomery**, **Rosanna Hall** and **Dog On A Swing** for a late afternoon of playful and thought-provoking entertainment.



# Festival Café Bar Saturday 20 August



## Young Musicians Showcase

11:30 - 14:00

Scotland definitely has talent if this young musicians' showcase is anything to go by. Featuring some of the *Holyrood Rocks* music competition winners including **Gus Harrower**, **Kate Kyle** and **Amy Louise Rogers**, the future is looking very bright for these accomplished singer-songwriters.

Be prepared to be very impressed by our second wave of bright, young musical talent courtesy of Edinburgh's **Totally Sound** team including **Bonnie Higgs**, **Emma Milligan** and **Brian Hughes**.



## Folkville

15:00 - 17:00

Returning after last year's triumph, Edinburgh's favourite live music club, Folkville bring you the most heart-warming and heart-twanging range of songs you'll hear in these parts.

Exact timings for all Festival Café Bar acts can be seen at **[www.festivalofpolitics.scot](http://www.festivalofpolitics.scot)**




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# Festival Information



## Ticketing Information

Tickets for all events can be booked online at **[www.festivalofpolitics.scot](http://www.festivalofpolitics.scot)**

Advance booking is advised to avoid disappointment.

An email confirmation will be sent to you when you book.  
Please bring this confirmation with you.

Online tickets will be taken off sale two hours before each event.

A limited number of tickets are available to be booked in person  
at the Scottish Parliament.

Unallocated tickets may be available on the day of the event  
from the Festival Desk in the Festival Café Bar.

## Other Information

Information is correct at time of going to print but we reserve the right to change or cancel any event. Please check for updates at **[www.festivalofpolitics.scot](http://www.festivalofpolitics.scot)** or contact the Scottish Parliament. We cannot offer refunds or exchanges unless an event is cancelled.

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We are a 15-minute walk from Edinburgh Waverley train station. The nearest car parks are St John's Hill (off Holyrood Road) or adjacent to Waverley Station, via New Street.

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## Pricing

The full price is indicated under each event title. The concession ticket price is shown next to the full price.

Concessions are available to children aged 5 to 16, people aged 60 and over, students, unemployed people and disabled people. All events listed in the Festival Café Bar are **FREE**.

A carer accompanying a disabled person is admitted free of charge.

**FESTIVAL COMBO** The Festival Combo discount logo indicates where a discount is available for a combination of a panel and a film screening.

## Festival opening hours

**Thursday 18 August** 15:30 - 18:00

(Except audience attending Borgen event and screening)

**Friday 19 August** 09:30 - 18:30

(last entry 18:00 - Except audience attending film screening)

**Saturday 20 August** 10:00 - 18:30

(last entry 18:00 - Except audience attending film screening)

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