



Beyond Borders  
Scotland  
*The Platform for Small Nation  
Dialogue and Cultural Exchange*



# Beyond Borders

## The World in Scotland Scotland in the World

### *Summer Programme 2014*

*Including the Programme for Beyond Borders International  
Festival of Literature & Thought, 23–24 August*



# A Word of Welcome

*As Glasgow welcomes the Commonwealth Games and Scotland prepares for its referendum vote, Beyond Borders is delighted to announce its exciting programme of international cultural events for summer 2014.*

*This year it celebrates the World in Scotland and Scotland in the World and in this brochure you will find all the information you need on our visual arts exhibitions, film festival, lectures, dialogue events, literary walks, cycle rides, talks and debates both in Edinburgh and in the Scottish Borders. We hope you enjoy the programme and that you can join us to explore some of the key issues facing the world today.*

*Beyond Borders is dedicated to promoting international dialogue by using Scotland's unique cultural and political heritage to foster greater understanding between nations and cultures.*



Mark Muller Stuart QC,  
Executive Director

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# Beyond Borders International Festival of Literature and Thought 2014

23-24 AUGUST

Travel beyond borders to explore world cultures, peoples and ideas, with this eclectic festival of debate, books, art, film, music and nature, at Traquair in the tranquil Scottish Borders. Join us at the frontier for talks, walks and cycle rides.

## Tickets:

Day pass - £24

Includes drinks reception

Weekend pass - £45

Individual events - £9

Walks and cycle rides - £6

Children - go free

Students - 20% discount

## Box Office:

0131 557 7775

www.beyondbordersscotland.com



## FESTIVAL OVERVIEW

### Saturday 23 August

9:30am – 10:30am

#### Rob Penn's Road to Glentress

Rob Penn

10:00am – 11:00am

#### Truth and Lies in the Other-world

Mary Kenny

11:00am – 11:45am

#### Bearing Witness

Dr Margaretta Jolly, Dr Meg Jensen  
and Mark Muller Stuart QC

12:00pm-12:50pm

#### City of Peace, City of Blood

Justin Marozzi and Allan Little

1:00pm – 1:50pm

#### What's the Point of the Commonwealth?

Magnus Linklater, Kamalesh  
Sharma, Yasmin Alibhai-Brown  
and Sir Kieran Prendergast

### TÊTE-À-TÊTE

The main tent will be closed from 1:50pm until 2:45pm for lunch. Please feel free to explore other more intimate venues in and around Traquair House where you can meet and listen to some of our fascinating speakers while enjoying your lunch. For more information on each talk please see pages 18-21.

2:00pm – 2:30pm

#### Reclaiming Traquair's History

Geoffrey Baskerville, Flora  
Maxwell Stuart and Catherine  
Maxwell Stuart  
Venue: Chapel

2:00pm – 2:30pm

#### Rob Penn: Road to Nowhere

Rob Penn  
Venue: Croquet Lawn

2:00pm – 2:30pm

#### Paul Conroy: Seeking Sanctuary

Paul Conroy  
Venue: Exhibition Space

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Andrew Brown and  
Konstantin Akinsha  
Venue: Terrace Pavilion

2:00pm – 2:30pm

### Emin Milli and Dr Meg Jensen: Bearing Witness

Emin Milli and Dr Meg Jensen  
Venue: Library

2:00pm – 2:30pm

### Ludmila Nemyria: Behind the Scenes of 20

Ludmila Nemyria  
Venue: High Gallery

2:45pm – 3:35pm

### The Rule of Law: What it Means and How to Spread It

Sir Jeffrey Jowell QC, Andrew  
Gilmour, David Marshall and Oscar  
Guardiola-Rivera

3:45pm – 4:35pm

### A Parallel Life

Bonnie Greer and Steve Richards

4:45pm – 5:35 pm

### Spies, Whistle-blowers and the NSA

Luke Harding and Allan Little

5:45pm – 6:30pm

### An Act of Scottish Union?

Peter Sacks and Mark  
Muller Stuart QC

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Rob Penn

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### Where the Wild Things Are – A Borders Foraging Walk

Ian Edwards and Fi Houston

11:00am – 11:45am

### Are we Eating Ourselves into Oblivion?

Oscar Guardiola-Rivera, Paul  
McMahon, Iqbal Wahhab  
and Aaron Cezar

12:00pm – 12:50pm

### Lifting the Veil

Ramita Navai, Yasmin Alibhai-  
Brown and Bonnie Greer

1:00pm – 1:50pm

### Ukraine – Dispatches from the Barricades

Dr Brian Brivati and  
prominent Ukrainians

## TÊTE-À-TÊTE

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### Jim Naughtie: The Madness of July

Jim Naughtie and Allan Little  
Venue: Chapel

2:00pm – 2:30pm

### Paul Conroy: Seeking Sanctuary

Paul Conroy  
Venue: Exhibition Space

2:00pm – 2:30pm

### Peter Sacks: The Debatable Land

Peter Sacks  
Venue: Terrace Pavilion

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### Oscar Guardiola-Rivera: Story of a Death Foretold

Oscar Guardiola-Rivera  
Venue: Yurt

2:45pm – 3:45pm

### Time to decide - The Independence Debate

Jim Naughtie, Michael Fry, Stephen  
Gethins and Michael Moore MP

3:55pm – 4:35pm

### Princes and Painters in Mughal Delhi

William Dalrymple

4:45pm – 5:35pm

### How Do International Institutions Make Peace?

Joost Hiltermann, Andrew Gilmour,  
David Gorman, Tim Phillips and Sir  
Kieran Prendergast

5:45pm – 6:20pm

### The State of the Union

Steve Richards



## Rob Penn's Road to Glentress

Join author and cycling enthusiast Rob Penn on a relaxed short ride from Traquair House to Glentress Forest while he recounts stories from his recent Amazonian adventure with Freddie Flintoff, cycling the world's most controversial road.

Date: Saturday 23 August

Time: 9:30am – 10:30am

Venue: Traquair House



## Truth and Lies in the Other-world

Take a stroll - on the supernatural side - in the enchanting woods of Traquair House, as local Traditional Storyteller Mary Kenny invites you to join her for tales and ballads from 'the land seldom seen'.

Date: Saturday 23 August

Time: 10:00am – 11:00am

Venue: Traquair House



## Bearing Witness

Join Mark Muller Stuart QC and academics Dr Margareta Jolly and Dr Meg Jensen as they explore why the recording of life narratives is so crucial to the protection of fundamental freedoms.

Date: Saturday 23 August

Time: 11:00am – 11:45am

Venue: Chapel



## City of Peace, City of Blood

Join Allan Little as he quizzes author and adventurer Justin Marozzi about his new book on Baghdad and what it is like to travel on a wing and a prayer across the world's fault lines in Afghanistan, Darfur, Libya and Somalia in the 21st Century.

Date: Saturday 23 August

Time: 12:00pm – 12:50pm

Venue: Main Marquee



## What's the Point of the Commonwealth?

Join Magnus Linklater as he quizzes Commonwealth Secretary General Kamallesh Sharma, Ugandan born columnist and author Yasmin Alibhai-Brown and former High Commissioner Sir Kieran Prendergast about the future of the Commonwealth.

Date: Saturday 23 August

Time: 1:00pm – 1:50pm

Venue: Main Marquee

## TÊTE-À-TÊTE



## Reclaiming Traquair's History

Geoffrey Baskerville talks to Flora and Catherine Maxwell Stuart as they discuss the history of Traquair during the 20th and 21st centuries and how the family brought the House back to public life.

Date: Saturday 23 August

Time: 2:00pm - 2:30pm

Venue: Chapel



## Rob Penn: Road to Nowhere

Listen to cyclist and BBC's Rob Penn as he talks about the joys of cycling and his recent Amazonian adventure with Freddie Flintoff.

Date: Saturday 23 August

Time: 2:00pm - 2:30pm

Venue: Croquet Lawn



## Paul Conroy: Seeking Sanctuary

Meet war photographer Paul Conroy as he talks about his British Red Cross exhibition, *Seeking Sanctuary*, which sheds light upon the lives of Syrian Refugees in the UK.

Date: Saturday & Sunday 23-24 August Time: 2:00pm - 2:30pm Venue: Exhibition Space



## Emin Milli and Dr Meg Jensen: Bearing Witness

Meet Azerbaijan's top blogger Emin Milli when he talks to Dr Meg Jensen recounting his experience as a political prisoner.

Date: Saturday 23 August

Time: 2:00pm - 2:30pm

Venue: Library



## Caroline McNairn: Dreaming of Heroic Days

The late Caroline McNairn's work is exhibited at Edinburgh's Summerhall this summer. Talk to curator Andrew Brown and art critic Konstantin Akinsha and find out more about the Scottish Borders artist.

Date: Saturday 23 August

Time: 2:00pm - 2:30pm

Venue: Terrace Pavillion



## Ludmila Nemyria: Behind the Scenes of 20

Watch footage documenting a day at the barricades of the Maidan Revolution throughout the day, and talk to Ludmila Nemyria about her vision behind the documentary.

Date: Saturday & Sunday 23–24 August Time: 2:00pm – 2:30pm Venue: High Gallery



## A Parallel Life

Join critic, playwright, and all-round public intellectual, Bonnie Greer, as she talks about her extraordinary memoir, *A Parallel Life*, in which she charts her journey from her childhood in the poverty stricken South Side of Chicago, through the 1960s in the civil rights movement, onto to her rise in Britain as one of this country's leading cultural commentators.

Date: Saturday 23 August Time: 3:45pm – 4:35pm Venue: Main Marquee



## The Rule of Law: What it Means and How to Spread It

Meet Sir Jeffrey Jowell QC of the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law, the UN's Andrew Gilmour, and David Marshall, editor of an explosive new book on the rule of law movement, as they discuss what the rule of law means for today's international policymakers.

Date: Saturday 23 August Time: 2:45pm – 3:35pm Venue: Main Marquee



## Spies, Whistle-blowers and the NSA

Listen in when BBC Correspondent Allan Little talks to journalist and award-winning Guardian correspondent Luke Harding about this new book *The Snowden Files: The Inside Story of the World's Most Wanted Man*.

Date: Saturday 23 August Time: 4:45pm – 5:35pm Venue: Main Marquee



## An Act of Scottish Union?

Join artist Peter Sacks as he brings his monumental triptych *The Debatable Land* to life - a pictorial homage and treatise on Scotland- commissioned by Beyond Borders to celebrate Scotland's referendum year. Mark Muller Stuart QC introduces. Afterwards, enjoy a glass of wine with some music.

Date: Saturday 23 August

Time: 5:45pm – 6:30pm

Venue: Main Marquee



*At Beyond Borders International Festival of Literature and Thought, freethinking people from across the world debate new ideas without fear or prejudice. In celebration of this year's Festival and Scotland's 2014 Referendum*

*Beyond Borders has commissioned Traquair House Brewery to bottle a limited edition Referendum Ale - "A Strong Ale for the Independent Thinker." This special bottled ale is on sale at all Beyond Borders summer events and in the Traquair Brewery Shop. So why not start the debate with a tipples of ale?*



## Rob Penn's Road to St Mary's Loch

Join Rob Penn for a fast cycle from Traquair to the beautiful St Mary's Loch and back again.

Please note cyclists must be gathered before 8am as set-off will be prompt. For experienced cyclists only. 15mph. Transport will be provided back to Traquair from Tibbie Shiels Inn for those who require it.

Date: Sunday 24 August

Time: 8:00am – 10:00am

Venue: Traquair House



## Where the Wild Things Are – A Borders Foraging Walk

Delve into the wild in the surroundings of Traquair House with foraging experts to discover a delicious new side to the borders.

Date: Sunday 24 August

Time: 10:00am – 11:00am

Venue: Traquair House





## Are we Eating Ourselves into Oblivion?

Oscar Guardiola-Rivera talks to *Feeding Frenzy* author Paul McMahon, restaurant owner Iqbal Wahhab, and Delfina Foundation director, Aaron Cezar, about the politics of food in the 21st century.

Date: Sunday 24 August Time: 11:00am – 11:45am Venue: Chapel



## Lifting the Veil

Join journalist Ramita Navai as she lifts the veil on contemporary life in Iran in her explosive new book, *Tehran: City of Lies*, and Yasmin Alibhai-Brown – ahead of the publication of her newest book – as she examines the reasons why Muslim women in the West are in danger of retreating back behind the veil.

Date: Sunday 24 August Time: 12:00pm – 12:50pm Venue: Main Marquee



## Ukraine – Dispatches from the Barricades

Join Dr Brian Brivati discussing the implications of the Maidan Revolution with a number of prominent Ukrainian politicians, intellectuals and activists from both East and West.

Date: Sunday 24 August Time: 1:00pm – 1:50pm Venue: Main Marquee

## TÊTE-À-TÊTE



## Jim Naughtie: The Madness of July

Drop by for a chat with Jim Naughtie, when Allan Little asks him about his new spy thriller *The Madness of July*.

Date: Sunday 24 August Time: 2:00pm – 2:30pm Venue: Chapel



## Paul Conroy: Seeking Sanctuary

Meet war photographer Paul Conroy as he talks about his British Red Cross exhibition, *Seeking Sanctuary*, which sheds light upon the lives of Syrian Refugees in the UK.

Date: Saturday & Sunday 23–24 August Time: 2:00pm – 2:30pm Venue: Exhibition Space



## Peter Sacks: The Debatable Land

Drop by and find out how Peter Sacks created his monumental triptych *The Debatable Land* for this landmark referendum year.

Date: Sunday 24 August Time: 2:00pm – 2:30pm Venue: Terrace Pavilion



## Ludmila Nemyria: Behind the Scenes of 20

Watch footage documenting a day at the barricades of the Maidan Revolution throughout the day, and talk to Ludmila Nemyria about her vision behind the documentary.

Date: Saturday & Sunday 23–24 August Time: 2:00pm – 2:30pm Venue: High Gallery



## Oscar Guardiola-Rivera: Story of a Death Foretold

Meet Oscar Guardiola-Rivera as he recounts the circumstances that led to the fall of President Salvador Allende's regime in Chile.

Date: Sunday 24 August Time: 2:00pm – 2:30pm Venue: Yurt



## Time to Decide – The Independence Debate

Join Jim Naughtie as he grills political luminaries Michael Moore MP and Stephen Gethins about the Scottish Referendum and takes the long view with Scottish historian Michael Fry.

Date: Sunday 24 August

Time: 2:45pm – 3:45pm

Venue: Main Marquee



## Princes and Painters in Mughal Delhi

William Dalrymple returns to give a dazzling lecture on the art of the Mughals (1707-1857), as one great Empire gave way to another.

Date: Sunday 24 August

Time: 3:55pm – 4:35pm

Venue: Main Marquee



## How Do International Institutions Make Peace?

The International Crisis Group's Joost Hiltermann, the UN's Andrew Gilmour, the Centre of Humanitarian Dialogue's David Gorman and Beyond Conflict's Tim Phillips spill the beans about the realities of trying to make peace in an ever-fracturing world. Sir Kieran Prendergast asks the questions.

Date: Sunday 24 August

Time: 4:45pm – 5:35pm

Venue: Main Marquee



## The State of the Union

Enjoy a more satirical view on the state of the Union and laugh with Steve Richards as he brings his award winning Fringe show to Traquair.

Date: Sunday 24 August

Time: 5:45pm – 6:20pm

Venue: Main Marquee



## *Portraits of a Festival*

Photographer David Packard will be taking photos and portraits at Beyond Borders International Festival 2014 (BBIF), which will be featured on our website after the Festival.

Throughout the Festival, Sandy Neil and Elliot Campbell will, once again, be filming interviews with our speakers to capture their unique viewpoints on current key issues. You can watch some of these interviews being recorded live in the Beyond Borders Yurt, where guests are also invited to record their festival impressions.

If you are active on Facebook, Twitter, or any other social media sites, post something about the weekend while you are here! Learned something new? Heard an interesting debate? We'd be delighted for you to share it with your friends!

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Find out more about us on our website  
[www.beyondbordersscotland.com](http://www.beyondbordersscotland.com)

## *Shakespeare & Company at Beyond Borders International Festival*

Shakespeare and Company is an English-language bookshop in the heart of Paris, on the banks of the Seine, opposite Notre Dame. Since opening in August 1951, it's been a meeting place for anglophone writers and readers, becoming a Left Bank literary institution. Since that first day, writers, artists, and intellectuals have been invited to sleep in the shop, among the shelves and piles of books, on small beds that double as benches during the day. The bookshop hosts weekly author readings, Sunday afternoon tea parties, and special events—such as literary festivals, a biennial novella contest, and publishing projects.



Picture: Tobias Staebler



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# BEYOND BORDERS: VISUAL ARTS

26 JULY – 5 OCTOBER



## Dreaming of Heroic Days

Caroline McNairn

This exhibition showcases the work of the acclaimed, late Scottish artist Caroline McNairn, highlighting the influence of her experiences while spending a year in the former Soviet Union prior to its collapse on her work and aesthetic, alongside pieces that bring forward her unique point of view on Scotland itself. McNairn was the first foreign artist whose work was exhibited in the Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts and the exhibition, hosted in conjunction with Summerhall, celebrates her life and contribution to Scottish art.

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SUMMERHALL

Beyond Borders would like to give special thanks to Mark McLeod and Robert McDowell for their support and assistance.

Date: 1 August-26 September Time: 11:00pm – 9:00pm (6pm in Sep) Venue: Summerhall



## Seeking Sanctuary

Paul Conroy

Recovering from an injury from a rocket attack when reporting from Syria in 2012, acclaimed freelance and Sunday Times war photographer Paul Conroy exhibits his work from a frontline closer to home, highlighting the plight of Syrian refugees and the struggles they face while trying to build a new life in the UK. Commissioned by the British Red Cross, the families and individuals featured have been aided by the organisation in their efforts to help people affected by crisis.

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Date: 23-24 August Time: 10:00pm – 7:00pm Venue: Traquair: Exhibition Space



## The Debatable Land Exhibition

with Peter Sacks

A ground-breaking new artwork, inviting Scots to dig into their past and discover their own identity, will be exhibited at Traquair House this year from 26 July to 5 October. *The Debatable Land* by artist Peter Sacks takes the form of a 7ft high, 12ft wide triptych, which Sacks describes as "monumental yet intimate", and will be on show in the early eighteenth century pavilions at Traquair House.

The exhibition is accompanied by an Interpretation Centre in the West Pavilion. Through four short films and interactive images, the visitors are invited to explore new dimensions of the artwork and hear the story of how the painting came into being. For those with a deeper interest in Sacks' love of Scotland, his 2013 talk on Scottish Border Ballads at the Beyond Borders International Festival can also be found in the Centre. From September, you can watch the video of Peter bringing the painting to life at BBIF 2014.

Presented together with the Edinburgh Printmakers and in cooperation with Traquair House.

Date 26 July-5 October    Time: 12:00pm – 4:00pm    Venue: Traquair House - Pavillion



"Exhibited in the picturesque grounds of Traquair in the Scottish Borders, Scotland's oldest inhabited house, *The Debatable Land* constitutes a truly remarkable piece of modern artwork. More significantly its vast historical, literary, social and textual sweep both invites and challenges the people of Scotland to dig into what Scotland means, just as they begin the quest of determining its future identity. Accordingly, I urge everyone to try to visit Traquair, and experience both the Festival and the Exhibition. There could not be a more timely exhibition to visit this year, just as Scotland decides its future."

– Alex Salmond, First Minister of Scotland



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# Beyond Borders In Cooperation

16 & 25 AUGUST



## Rule of Law Lecture

Facilitated by Beyond Borders, the Rule of Law lecture is a joint venture between the Faculty of Advocates in Scotland and the Rule of Law Group of the International Committee of the Bar Council of England and Wales. The lecture, led by special guest speaker, Sir Jeffrey Jowell, from the Bingham Centre for the Rule on Law and accompanied by the author of an explosive new book on the UN and Rule of Law, David Marshall, will discuss the traditional approach to the Rule of Law, and consider what the concept means for the UN. This event will be held at the Faculty of Advocates in Edinburgh.

Date: Monday 25 August      Time: 5:30pm      Venue: Faculty of Advocates, Edinburgh



## Festival of Politics

Beyond Borders has previously worked with the Scottish Parliament to support the Festival of Politics, and this year, Executive Director Mark Muller Stuart QC will be chairing an event on 16 August. The session will include the screening of the film One Humanity and a Q&A session with film director, Tony Hollingsworth and Alan Miller from the Scottish Human Rights Commission. The film tells the story of how the world came to focus on a single cause – the end of the apartheid regime in South Africa - through two star-studded global television broadcasts produced by Tony Hollingsworth. Tickets can be booked directly through the Scottish Parliament website.

Saturday 16 August      Time: 7:00pm      Venue: Scottish Parliament



## Traquair's Beyond Beer

Beyond Beer is a new event to be held at Traquair this August that will feature the best of Scotland's Craft Beers, Fine Food & Eating Experiences, Events, Talks, lots of live music and A Beer Banquet held in the Dining Room at Traquair House. Free Shuttle Buses are running from Innerleithen. Find more information on [www.traquair.co.uk](http://www.traquair.co.uk)

Date: Saturday & Sunday August 2-3

Time: 11-8pm

Venue: Traquair House



## Peebles Art Festival

The Festival brings together local organisations and individuals that act, sing, play, paint, write, weave, dance, juggle, recite, march, and otherwise create the town's vibrant arts community. Artists from Peebles' twin town of Hendaye in France are headlining this year's Peebles Arts Festival. Other highlights this year include James Lattin's Museum of Imaginative Knowledge, a performance of Fawly Towers in the Tontine Hotel and Shakespeare at Traquair's youth wing performing Shakespeare's Canon at the Eastgate Theatre. To find out more about this year's Festival please visit [www.peeblesartsfestival.org](http://www.peeblesartsfestival.org)



Date: Friday 22 to Sunday 31 August

Time: All day

Venue: Peebles



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# Beyond Borders Film Festival

TALES FROM THE FRONTLINES

26 – 28 AUGUST

Returning to Edinburgh's Filmhouse, this year's Beyond Borders film season focuses on themes of peace and reconciliation. Entitled 'Tales from the Frontlines', each evening explores a different aspect of conflict. Learn from *The Peacemakers*, who tackle violence with words, those *Under Fire* hoping for a brighter future, and those dubbed *Collateral Damage*, whose lives will be forever changed by the destructive legacy of warfare.

★  
FILMHOUSE

### TICKETS

Admission £8.20

Concessions £6.00

BOX OFFICE: 0131 228 2688

Filmhouse,  
88 Lothian Road,  
Edinburgh EH3 9BZ





## Miles & War

*"When war rages, who fights for peace?"*

Anne Thoma – 2012 – 1hr 18min

– Switzerland/Germany

Today's wars and conflicts are increasingly complex and incomprehensible. When conflict takes centre stage, rarely do we get to see those behind the scenes trying to rewrite the ending. With surprising and emotional insights into the private peace industry, director Anne Thoma portrays three private mediators and their work, conducted in hotel lobbies, during business class flights and in secret conference rooms. As we follow the protagonists we begin to understand their motivation, share their hopes and disappointment, and witness rare moments of triumph. A personal view on today's conflicts, the endeavours to end them and the unusual career of 'making peace'.

Join us after the screening as we meet with director Anne Thoma and featured mediator David Gorman talking about the making of the film and discussing the challenges of 21st century peace building.

Date: Tuesday 26 August Time: 7:00pm Venue: Filmhouse, Lothian Road, Edinburgh



## First to Fall

*An unconventional coming of age*

Rachel Beth Anderson – 2013

– 1hr 23mins– UK/USA

Despite having never fired a gun, but fuelled by hatred of Muammar Gaddafi, Hamid and Tarek abandon peaceful lives in Canada and return to their home country of Libya to join the revolution in 2011. In an unconventional coming of age story, the cameras document how two friends discover who they are and what they are capable of.

Date: Wednesday 27 August Time: 6:30pm Venue: Filmhouse, Lothian Road, Edinburgh



## Aleppo. Notes from the Dark

*Life. Harder than Death.*

Wojciech Szumowski/Michal Predlaki

– 2014 – 1hr 28min – Poland

Next to exploding bombs and under sniper fire, seven Aleppo residents talk about the Syrian revolution and their own dreams. Over a period of 44 days this documentary, shot in the bombarded city of Aleppo, creates a unique and personal account of the situation in Syria.

Date: Wednesday 27 August Time: 8:40pm Venue: Filmhouse, Lothian Road, Edinburgh



## Evaporating Borders

*A Life Displaced*

Iva Radivojevic – 2014 – 1hr 13min

– USA/Cyprus

Exploring notions of belonging, exile and migration, *Evaporating Borders* poetically examines a series of vignettes on the lives of asylum seekers and political refugees on the island of Cyprus, one of the easiest access points into Europe. By dissecting their experiences, the film explores immigration practices throughout Europe and the degree to which a border is insurmountable depending on who stands before it.

Date: Thursday 28 August Time: 6:30pm Venue: Filmhouse, Lothian Road, Edinburgh



## For Those Who Can Tell No Tales

*Forget – me – not*

Jasmila Žbanić – 2013 – 1hr 15mins

– Bosnia/Qatar/Germany

Kym, an Australian tourist, travels to Bosnia during her summer holidays and is led to Visegrad, a historical town on the Serbian border, recommended by her guidebook as a must-see destination. Only after returning home does Kym discover the horrific events that had occurred there during the Bosnian civil war. She decides to travel back to Visegrad to investigate its hidden history.

Date: Thursday 22 August Time: 8:40pm Venue: Filmhouse, Lothian Road, Edinburgh



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# Beyond Borders Dialogue

Beyond Borders Scotland is dedicated to promoting international dialogue and to assist peace building processes and democratic reform around the world. In doing so, it draws upon Scotland's political settlement and cultural heritage as well as upon the expertise and experience of a unique collection of Scottish statesmen and women, diplomats, mediators, journalists and academics.

Throughout the year we host a number of international visits to Scotland. These include a range of both open and confidential conferences and workshops for a variety of international and civil society organisations. Beyond Borders uses Traquair House as retreat to facilitate exchange between key diplomatic and civil society actors from countries experiencing transition and emerging from violent and non-violent conflict.

Working in association with organisations like Beyond Conflict (Boston), the John Smith Trust (London), and the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (Geneva), Beyond Borders has welcomed delegations from Bahrain, the former Soviet Union, and Ukraine to our festival.

The dialogue initiative will also be hosting a civil society Commonwealth breakfast with leading members of the world's dialogue and conflict resolution community. The breakfast is intended to kick-start a discussion about how the experience of the Commonwealth and Scotland can be better put to use to help dialogue processes around the world.

For more information on the Dialogue Programmes, please contact us at [info@beyondbordersscotland.com](mailto:info@beyondbordersscotland.com) or through our website at [www.beyondbordersscotland.com](http://www.beyondbordersscotland.com).



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# About Beyond Borders Scotland

Beyond Borders is a non-profit organisation, dedicated to facilitating dialogue and international cultural exchange.

Beyond Borders works across several different mediums including literature, performing arts, visual arts, heritage, film, politics and dialogue. It uses Scotland's unique heritage as a platform for promoting greater understanding between different countries, peoples and cultures.



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Technical Manager



**Dr Brian Brivati**  
Academic Director



**Rosanna Brown**  
Film & Promotion



**Elliot Campbell**  
Film Production Manager



**Mark Muller Stuart QC**  
Executive Director



**Jenny Munro**  
Projects Officer



**Catherine Muller Stuart**  
Director of Heritage



**Sandy Neil**  
Communications Director



**Aaron Cezar**  
Visual Arts Consultant



**Georgia de Courcy Wheeler**  
Digital Communications



**Jessica Forsythe**  
Projects Director



**Emily Gifford**  
Logistics Manager



**David Packard**  
Photographer



**Lord Purvis of Tweed**  
Constitutional Consultant



**Catherine Smith**  
Advocacy Consultant



**Sylvia Whitman**  
Literary Consultant



**Pragya Kaul**  
Events and Exhibitions



**Ajanta Kaza**  
Legal Consultant



**Sarah Macdonald**  
BBIF Manager



**Allan Marson**  
Director of Development



**Kirsten Winterman**  
Projects Officer



The First Minister together with parts of the Beyond Borders Team, launching this year's Summer Programme in July 2014



**The Rt Hon. the Lord Browne of Ladyton** was a Labour MP from 1997 to 2010 and a member of the Cabinet under Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, serving as both Defence and Scottish Secretary until 2008. He also served as a minister in Northern Ireland and has extensive experience in conflict resolution, and Scottish constitutional and legal affairs.



**The Rt Hon. Sir Menzies Campbell QC MP** is the MP for North East Fife and was Leader of the Liberal Democrats from March 2006 until October 2007. He is also a prominent advocate, Chancellor of the University of St. Andrews and was a successful Olympic athlete. He has extensive experience of foreign affairs.



**Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws QC** is one of Britain's most distinguished lawyers. She has spent her professional life championing civil liberties and promoting human rights. Baroness Kennedy is also a former Chair of the British Council and a trustee of the British Museum with enormous experience of international cultural affairs.



**Sir Kieran Prendergast** is a seasoned British diplomat, who was born in Scotland, and served as Ambassador in Zimbabwe, Kenya and Turkey from 1997 until 2005 when he became Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs at the UN. In 2005 Kofi Annan thanked him for his "outstanding service" and "invaluable advice." He is currently a Senior Advisor to the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue in Geneva.



**Angus Robertson MP** is Scottish National Party (SNP) and Member of Parliament (MP) for Moray having first been elected in 2001. Robertson is the SNP Parliamentary (Westminster Group) Leader and Spokesperson for Foreign Affairs and for Defence and retains an abiding interest in small nation dialogue.



**Baroness Smith of Gilmorehill** is the Chair of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and President of Scottish Opera. Her other positions include being an Advisory Council Member of the Russo-British Chamber of Commerce and a Trustee of the Mariinsky Theatre Trust. She has unparalleled experience of Scottish cultural affairs.



**The Rt Hon. the Lord Steel of Aikwood** is a Liberal Democrat peer. He was leader of the Liberal Party from 1976 until 1988 and the first Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament between 1999 and 2003. Both he and his wife Judy are strong supporters of the arts in the Borders. He retains a deep interest in African affairs.



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