



Beyond Borders  
Scotland —

*The Platform for Small Nation  
Dialogue and Cultural Exchange*

# Beyond Borders Cultural Programme 2017

Including the programme for the  
*Beyond Borders International Festival*  
26 - 27 August 2017



# Welcome



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Beyond Borders Scotland is proud to present this year's *Beyond Borders International Festival* programme, showcasing local and international writers, diplomats, politicians, broadcasters, and artists throughout a weekend-long programme at Traquair House. We are especially pleased to launch our inaugural Music & Arts Programme in Traquair's Walled Garden.

This brochure includes all the information you need to enjoy our programme of international debates, historical and literary talks, films, visual and performing arts, literary walks, cycle rides, lectures, and dialogue events across Edinburgh and the Scottish Borders.

Throughout the past year, we have been delighted to have welcomed 50 women from Syria, Yemen, Libya, Iraq, Palestine, and Turkey to Scotland for our *1325 Fellowship Programme*, which is supported by the Scottish Government and the United Nations. This August, we broaden our geographical scope and welcome a remarkable group of women from South Asia to take part in our programme.

Join the debate in the beautiful surroundings of the Scottish Borders as we explore local, national, and international issues through talks and debates, storytelling, music, film, and performing and visual arts with a host of cultural leaders and thinkers from Scotland and across the globe.

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# Beyond Borders International Festival

## 26 & 27 August



Travel beyond borders and join us in the tranquil setting of Traquair House in the Scottish Borders to explore world cultures, new ideas and peoples at this eclectic international festival of debate, books, art, film, music and nature.

**Box Office:** 0131 557 7775 or  
[www.beyondbordersscotland.com](http://www.beyondbordersscotland.com)

**Tickets:**

Weekend pass - £49  
 Day pass - £26  
 Walled Garden day pass - £12  
 Individual events - £9  
 Walks and cycle rides - £6  
 Students & Concessions 20% discount  
 Children go free



Join us for a weekend of panel discussions and debates exploring world cultures and new ideas in the tranquil setting of Traquair House. Whether it's to meet an author, take a storytelling walk around the grounds of Traquair, cycle the banks of the River Tweed, or to engage with a host of international writers, artists, and diplomats on some of the most pressing issues of our time, there is something for everyone in this year's programme.

New in 2017, we are pleased to announce the addition of a Music and Arts Programme, which will take place in Traquair's Walled Garden, and will showcase visual and performing art, music, meditation, and yoga from around the world, as well as offering space for smaller discussion sessions with a range of speakers from the Festival's Main Tent programme. With special thanks to Clouds Property Management.

**Well-being at the Beyond Borders International Festival**

Take a break and unwind with some well-being events at this year's *Beyond Borders International Festival*: cycle the banks of the River Tweed, take part in a storytelling or foraging walk in the countryside surrounding Traquair House, learn about Ayurveda with Ajanta Kaza, or drop in to our 'Yurt for 'Raja Yoga' meditation with Rajesh Rai.

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## Saturday 26 August

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- 2:10-2:40pm** **House of Exiles** (Chapel)  
Listen to playwright Bonnie Greer as she reads from her latest script *House of Exiles* and explains how she made Hedda Gabler an African woman.

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Award-winning Pakistani filmmaker Adnan Mian Ahmad leads a filmmaking workshop.

**Poems from Calais (Yew Trees) | 4:00-4:20pm**

Dame Harriet Walter reads poetry written by refugees living in the Calais Jungle.

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Razia Iqbal interviews Bettany Hughes about her journey as an author and historian.

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Palmyra: An exploration of revenge, the politics of destruction, and what we consider barbaric.

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Ajanta Kaza explains why our 21st century lifestyles are in need of the wisdom of Ayurveda.

#### Raja Shehadeh: Where the Line is Drawn | 11:10am-11:40am

Sir Kieran Prendergast talks to Palestinian author and lawyer Raja Shehadeh about his latest book, *Where the Line is Drawn*.

#### Theatre: Eurohouse | 11:50-12:40pm

Two performers – one Greek, one French – dance and shout, cry and sing, agree and disagree, about life in the Eurohouse.

#### Music: Heidi Talbot | 2:00-2:45pm

Acclaimed singer-songwriter Heidi Talbot performs a selection of her best-loved songs.

#### Dance Ihayami | 2:50-3:50pm

Dance Ihayami, Scotland's Indian Dance Company, showcase classical and contemporary Indian dance and lead an interactive workshop.

#### A New Art of War | 3:55-4:25pm

Oscar Guardiola-Rivera explores our understanding of war and peace in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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Rashed Rahman talks to Tufts University Professor Ayesha Jalal about her life and work.

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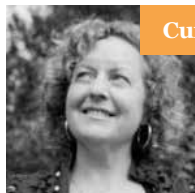
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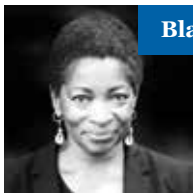
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### Sir Harold Evans: My Paper Chase

Jim Naughtie talks to award-winning journalist and author Sir Harold Evans about his life and work – the story of a career spanning five decades of political, social, and creative change.

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### Women in the World

Listen as First Minister Nicola Sturgeon interviews journalist, magazine editor, columnist, talk-show host, and author Tina Brown about her life in the media and beyond to her work on *Women in the World*.

**13:00-13:50pm | Main Tent**



### Making Peace in the 21st Century

Former Special Assistant to President Obama and Senior Director to National Security Advisor Salman Ahmed and Former South African Ambassador to the U.S.A. Ebrahim Rasool talk to Sir Kieran Prendergast about what it takes to make peace in today's world.

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**6:10-6:50pm | Clouds Marquee**



### The Rise of the Outsiders: Democratic Politics All Shook Up

From Brexit to Trump and the rise of Jeremy Corbyn widely held assumptions about politics are being challenged across the democratic world. Do the outsiders have much in common? The writer and broadcaster, Steve Richards, searches for answers and tries to make sense of a political world in turmoil.

**6:50-7:30pm | Clouds Marquee**

## All day events - Saturday and Sunday



### Exhibition: Memories of Partition

Memories of Partition is an artistic response to the traumatic legacy of the 1947 Indian/Pakistan partition. The exhibition explores the complicated histories of India, Pakistan, and Britain, and challenges the understanding of national borders, national memory, and national storytelling.

**Chinese hats**



### Exhibition: A Window on My Iran

Photographic exhibition *A Window on My Iran* hopes to tackle misconceptions about life in Iran by shedding light on everyday Iran and Iranians – giving us a window into their world.

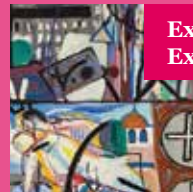
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**Chinese hats**



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An exhibition of paintings by the late Caroline McNairn created as a result of many years of cultural exchange in Russia.

**Pavilion**



### Henna

Experience traditional Indian Henna tattoos with Ananta Vangmai.

**Chinese hats/Outdoors**



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**Chinese hats**

## The Stabilisation and Recovery Network The Testimony Tent

We live in what has been called the age of the witness. 24/7 news brings an immediacy of images and words from the front lines of war, conflict and genocide. But the packages that make it onto the news and online are one form of testimony. There are many others. The Testimony Tent is a space for people to tell their stories and to reflect on the stories that are told. Meg Jensen has pioneered the use of expressive writing to help survivors of sexual violence in conflict in places like Kirkuk in Iraq find their voice and tell their story. States have stories, as do individuals. Brian Brivati reflects on the next stage of the story of Iraq and looks at the narrative of genocide to ask 'when does it end?' Nadine Saba is co-founder of the Akkar NGO that creates safe spaces for women in Lebanon and has contributed two of the short films being shown in the Testimony Tent. Her films are glimpses into the every day lives and everyday stories of refugees. They are part of the larger Day in their Shoes project. This features a set of six films made by human rights workers. Each of these stories is about the lives of people lived between states. Ghassan Jawad is the last optimist in Baghdad. In 2016 his story appeared in an essay and a new edition of that essay has been published for the Beyond Borders Festival. It tells the story of a remarkable man and his struggle to help his country.

### Saturday 26 August

- 10:00-10:30am** **Expressive Writing and Listening**  
The Power of Testimony – Dr Meg Jensen
- 10:30-11:30am** **Films free to watch**
- 11:30am** **Testimony: When Does Genocide End**  
Iraq: the Day After Daesh – Dr Brian Brivati
- 12:45-2:00pm** **Films free to watch**
- 2:00pm** **A Day in Their Shoes**  
A short talk on the films with reflections from Nadine Saba on the work of Akkar and the stories of the women they work with.
- 2:45-4:00pm** **Films free to watch**



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When you have watched the films and listened to the talks, please take a moment to leave your own Testimony on the Testimony wall.



## Conciliation Resources

Drop in to the Cinema Yurt throughout the weekend to meet the team from Conciliation Resources, who will be presenting their Cross-Line of Control Films, which will be playing throughout the weekend, and hosting a number of discussion sessions on the topic of Kashmir.

### Cross-Line of Control

Disaster: The Common Enemy (2016)

Emotional Capital: Building Peace Through Trade (2016)

Faith Divided: Spirituality Caught in Conflict (2014)

A Journey Through the River Visata (2012)



## Discussion Sessions:

### 'A journey through river Vitasta' Conversation with the filmmakers

Speakers - Muhammad Arif Urfi, Pawan Bali, Mohammad Irfan Dar, Dr. Mohsin Shakil

A journey through river Vitasta features the stories of people caught in the conflict and of families separated by the Line of Control (LoC) between India and Pakistan. It also depicts how recent openings for cross-LoC trade and travel are helping them reconnect after decades.

**Saturday 26 August | 1.35 – 2:00pm**

### Why the production of Cross-Line of Control films is significant

Speakers – Muhammad Arif Urfi, Pawan Bali, Mohammad Irfan Dar, Dr. Mohsin Shakil

The filmmakers will talk about the uniqueness and direct impact that the making of the cross-LoC films had during their productions.

**Saturday 26 August | 5.30 – 6:00pm**

### Gender sensitive peacebuilding in Kashmir

Panel Chair – Jonathan Cohen  
Speakers – Ezabir Ali, Atia Anwar

Ezabir and Atia will give an honest description of the challenges and opportunities for gender-sensitive peacebuilding while talking about their work to empower women in Kashmir.

**Sunday 27 August | 11:00 – 11:30am**



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**8:30-11:00am** | Yurt



### Workshop: Remembering Partition

Join in as St Andrews Professor Anindya Raychaudhuri leads a workshop exploring the history of partition, inviting the audience to read oral histories and write their own responses.

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Exhibition Tent



### Palestinian Song Workshop: Reem Kelani

Find your voice as Palestinian singer Reem Kelani leads a musical workshop exploring Arabic songs.

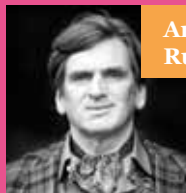
**11:20-12:50pm** | Clouds Marquee/Yurt



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### Andrew Brown: Caroline McNairn Russia Exhibition

Artist and curator Andrew Brown introduces the Caroline McNairn Russia exhibition.

**2:00-2:10pm**



### Where Next for the Rainbow Nation?

Former South African Ambassador to the USA Ebrahim Rasool and Constitutional and Human Rights Lawyer Christina Murray talk about the future of South Africa.

**2:00-2:30pm** | Chapel

Launch

## Saturday 26 August continued



### Barbara Dickson

Enjoy your lunch alongside an enchanting performance from Scottish singer Barbara Dickson.

**2:10-2:50pm** | Clouds Marquee

Lunch



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**3:10-3:40pm** | Clouds Marquee



### The Journey Within: Filmmaking Workshop

Award-winning Pakistani filmmaker Adnan Mian Ahmad leads a workshop on documentary filmmaking in hostile environments.

**4:00-4:50pm** | Chinese Hats/Yurt



### Filmed Interview: Women on the Frontline

Watch as Razia Iqbal talks to Bettany Hughes about her journey as an author and historian.

**4:15-4:45pm** | Clouds Marquee



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### What Can Ayurveda Do At This Moment in Time?

Immerse yourself in the ancient and timeless science of life – Ayurveda – as Ajanta Kaza explains why our 21st Century lifestyles are evermore in need of the wisdom of Ayurveda, and what it can do for you.

**10:00-10:30am** | Yurt



### Raja Shehadeh: Where the Line is Drawn

Listen as Sir Kieran Prendergast talks to Palestinian author and lawyer Raja Shehadeh about his latest book, *Where the Line is Drawn*.

**11:10-11:40am** | Clouds Marquee



### Heidi Talbot

Enjoy your lunch while acclaimed singer-songwriter Heidi Talbot performs a selection of her best-loved songs.

**2:00-2:45pm** | Clouds Marquee



### House of Exiles

Listen to playwright Bonnie Greer as she reads from her latest script *House of Exiles*, and talks about how she made Hedda Gabler an African woman.

**2:10-2:40pm** | Chapel

Launch



### Dance Ihayami

Dance Ihayami, Scotland's Indian Dance Company, showcase classical and contemporary Indian dance, before leading a short workshop.

**2:50-3:50pm** | Clouds Marquee

## Sunday 27 August continued



### A New Art of War

In the wake of Colombia's 2016 peace agreement, Colombian author and lawyer Oscar Guardiola-Rivera explores our understanding of war and peace in the 21st century.

**3:55-4:25pm | Yurt**



### Filmed Interview: Women on the Frontline

Rashed Rahman talks to Tufts University Mary Richardson Professor of South Asia Ayesha Jalal about her life and work as an author and academic.

**4:10-4:40pm | Clouds Marquee**



### Reem Kelani

Listen to the sounds of Palestine with singer and musician Reem Kelani as she plays a beautiful selection of songs from the Arab world, accompanied by the masterful Bruno Heinen on piano.

**6:10-6:50pm | Clouds Marquee**



### The Rise of the Outsiders: Democratic Politics All Shook Up

From Brexit to Trump and the rise of Jeremy Corbyn widely held assumptions about politics are being challenged across the democratic world. Do the outsiders have much in common? The writer and broadcaster, Steve Richards, searches for answers and tries to make sense of a political world in turmoil.

**6:50-7:30pm | Clouds Marquee**





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## Women in Conflict 1325 Fellowship Programme

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### Women in Conflict Peace Initiative



The *Women in Conflict Peace Initiative* seeks to highlight and capture the experiences of women in conflict, and to promote their role in peacemaking through a range of different mediums, including a programme of residential fellowships. The *Initiative* was launched in 2015 during the *Beyond Borders International Festival* by First Minister Nicola Sturgeon.

### 1325 Fellowship



The *1325 Fellowship* will support women peacemakers around the world through the building of a sustainable community of female activists working in mediation and dialogue, and reconciliation, and features renowned facilitators, mediators and specialists. Building on successful *Fellowships* involving women from Libya, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Turkey and Palestine throughout 2016 and early 2017, the 2017/18 *Fellowships* will continue to involve women from the MENA region, and will also expand its geographical scope to include women from South Asia, and Central and South America. The *Fellowship* is run with the support of the Scottish Government, and assistance of the United Nations.

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## Beyond Borders Film Festival *November 2017*

The annual *Beyond Borders Film Festival* exhibits documentary-style films about individuals and communities caught in conflict; shedding light on themes often overlooked by mainstream media; empowering and challenging audiences to engage with what they have seen.

The *Film Festival* includes Q&A discussions following the screenings, offering the chance to talk to filmmakers about their work, and the experiences of those captured on screen, and to debate the topics at hand in a forum for open discussion.

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## Beyond Borders in Cooperation



## Film at Eastgate Theatre and Arts Centre

### Gandhi

This acclaimed biographical drama explores the life of Mohandas (Mahatma) Gandhi, the Indian leader who stood against British rule of his country. Dedicated to non-violent resistance, Gandhi (Ben Kingsley) is initially dismissed by officials, including the influential Lord Irwin (John Gielgud), but over time his cause gains international renown, and his gatherings of passive protest move India towards independence. Directed by Richard Attenborough.

**23rd August | 7pm**

### Garam Hava ('Scorching Winds')

**Urdu with English Subtitles.** The first film to deal with the human consequences of the 1947 partition of India, Garam Hava focuses on the plight of a North Indian Muslim businessman who in the months after Gandhi's assassination in 1948, wrestles over whether to join many others in moving his family to Pakistan, or remain in India. Directed by M.S. Sathyu, this controversial film remains one of the most poignant examinations of the post-partition flight of Muslims in India.

**24th August | 7pm**

### The Journey Within

**English/Urdu with subtitles.** This award-winning docu-film details the origins of the Coke Studio – a Pakistani music show dedicated to reclaiming the rich musical heritage of the country. In a post 9/11 Pakistan full of conflict, the Coke Studio has grown from humble beginnings to become a major initiative that brings together a variety of musical genres, with artists creating music that resonates both within Pakistan and across the globe. Directed by Mian Adnan Ahmad. The film will be followed by a Q & A.

**25th August | 7pm**



## Rule of Law Lecture 2017 at the Faculty of Advocates



The annual Edinburgh Rule of Law Lecture is a joint venture between the Faculty of Advocates and the Bar Council of England and Wales, facilitated by *Beyond Borders Scotland*.

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## Festival of Politics at the Scottish Parliament



*Beyond Borders Scotland* works closely with the Scottish Parliament's Festival of Politics to curate panel discussions as part of their annual festival on a wide variety of global themes, such as the Arab Spring, the impact of cultural dialogue, and conflict resolution.

**19 – 21 October | Scottish Parliament**

Associated Shows

at Summerhall

Your Love Is Fire

70 minutes

**(Collective Encounter /Collective Ma'louba)** This production, directed by Rafat Alzakout, will be the world premiere of the new play by young Syrian author Mudar Alhaggi. It tells the story of a young writer and his inability to take a clear stance and break his silence in view of the horrible crimes and violence committed in his country. It's an honest, complex account of daily life

in the midst of the Syrian war that avoids simple stories of heroes and victims. Alhaggi explores the question of exile from a new perspective – the physical exile of leaving Syria for Europe and the internal exile of detachment and speechlessness.

**2-27 August | 11:30am  
Main Hall | 14+**

Chill Habibi

60 minutes

**(Kenmure Productions)** A cabaret with the best performance that Egypt, Syria, Palestine, Morocco and Scotland have to offer! Come relax and enjoy an eclectic mix of theatre, comedy, dance, music, and otherness from the Arab World, along with new work and collaborations from established and new Scottish voices, including David Greig, Julia Taudevin and Karl Sharro. 2017 has been a lot, and to tell you the truth, it's not been easy for the Arab World either, so kick back, have a beer, have a dance, hear some stories, and just chill habibi.

**4-27 August | 9:30pm  
The Library Gallery | 18+**

Taha

75 minutes

**(Amer Hlehel)** Taha Muhammad Ali (1931-2011) was a much-loved Palestinian poet. His work documents hopeful survival after 50 years of loss – loss of his home, his lover, his friends and his shop in Saffuriyeh in Galilee. Adapted from Adina Hoffman's biography of Taha, "My Happiness Bears No Relation to Happiness" and based on the poet's works, writer-performer Amer Hlehel has created a tour-de-force solo performance interweaving Taha's singular and exquisite poetry with his compelling life's journey. Directed by Amir Nizar Zuabi.

**2-13 August | 11:50am  
Demonstration Room | PG**



Your Love is Fire



Chill Habibi



Taha

Theatre

at Summerhall

**Ramy: In the Frontline**  
*75 minutes*

(*Virus Theatre/From Start to Finish*) Tahrir Square, 2011. The Arab Spring, 22-year old Ramy Essam stood singing battle songs with hundreds of thousands of other protesters, insisting on the resignation of President Mubarak. He became an iconic representation of the Egyptian people. Since then the violent events of the revolution have had a drastic impact on Ramy's life and values. Today he is exiled in Finland and Sweden, where he was offered sanctuary. He now tours internationally with his songs about democracy and peace. This is a live report where the audience gets to meet Ramy and bears witness to his testimony.

**2-13 August | 8:40pm**  
**Red Lecture Theatre | 16+**

**Becoming Scheherazade**

*50 minutes*

(*The Thief of Baghdad*) Magic and reality collide as one British Arab navigates the voyages of Sindbad and tries to make sense of his own family's migration from Iraq to the UK. This absorbing, moving, funny tale, full of unexpected twists and turns, is the first iteration of a project aiming to collect 1,001 stories from Arabs living in the West, to create a contemporary parallel of the 1,001 Arabian Nights stories.

**2-27 August | 3:00pm | Anatomy Lecture Theatre | PG**

**Hero**  
*60 minutes*

(*Rokkur Friggjar*) What drives young people to join violent organizations? How does the atmosphere in which we grow up change us as people? A show about the effects constant propaganda has on young people, focusing on war propaganda in particular. It follows eight youths through 10 years of their lives, seeing how their relationships, dreams and plans are affected by a war that rages around them. The show explores the fear of The Other, anything that's different from what we are used to. In this case, The Other is a nation with whom our protagonists are at war.

**4-14 August | 10:00am**  
**Upper Church | 14+**



Ramy: In the Frontline



Hero



Becoming Scheherazade



Theatre

at Summerhall

**The Sky is Safe**  
*60 minutes*

**(Dogstar)** They meet on an Istanbul street: she a Syrian refugee, he a privileged westerner. What follows is an intimate yet epic story of identity and power, choice and its absence, a story of beauty, brutality and love. Writer and performer Matthew Zajac and director Ben Harrison, creators of the multi award-winning *The Tailor of Inverness*, combine with composer Pippa Murphy, video artist Tim Reid and Syrian designer and artist Nihad Al Turk..

**2-27 August | 7:45pm**  
**Main Hall | 12+**

**Palmyra**  
*55 minutes*

**(Bertrand Lesca & Nasi Voutas)** Following the success of their debut show *Eurohouse*, Bert & Nasi return to Edinburgh with *Palmyra*, an exploration of revenge, the politics of destruction and what we consider to be barbaric. *Palmyra* invites people to step back from the news, looking at what lies beneath, and beyond, civilization. In 2016, Bert & Nasi were nominated for a Total Theatre Award for Innovation, Experimentation and Playing with Form.

**2-13 August | 1:15pmam**  
**Old Lab | 14+**



The Sky is Safe



Palmyra

Visual Arts

at Summerhall

**Return In Search of Stillness**

**(Annoushka Hempel)** Drawing from artists that have participated in editions of the Colombo Art Biennale since its inception in 2009, 'Return: in search of stillness' presents multi-media visual representation by ten artists and four projects from Sri Lanka and of Sri Lankan collaboration to deliver a visual trajectory of catharsis, displacement, exit and stillness. The exhibition is curated by Annoushka Hempel.

**2-24 August | Sciennes Gallery**



Return in Search of Stillness

# Beyond Borders Scotland: About us

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.

## Project & Dialogue work

Drawing on the expertise of a wide network of experienced statesmen and women, political and legal practitioners, mediators, academics, facilitators and trainers, *Beyond Borders* offers a range of services on constitutional and international cross-border matters.

### Constitutional and Devolution Study Tours

Throughout the year, we facilitate a number of Constitutional and Devolution Study Tours, which explore the Scottish and UK systems of government and seek to use the Scottish experience of devolution as a form of conflict resolution. These programmes can be delivered both abroad and in the UK at the Westminster or Scottish Parliaments. Most recently, we have hosted delegations from Iraq, Kurdistan, Oman and Bahrain, amongst others.

### NGO Partnerships

*Beyond Borders* works with a number of NGOs in order to facilitate its dialogue initiatives. These include the John Smith Trust, the Democratic Progress Institute, the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Conciliation Resources, and Beyond Conflict, amongst others.

### Residential Fellowship Programmes

*Beyond Borders* also curates international residential fellowship programmes on mediation, dialogue and cultural diplomacy processes. In 2016, *Beyond Borders* supported a partnership between the United Nations and the Scottish Government, which brought 10 members of the Syrian Women's Advisory Board to Scotland for four days of talks. Building upon this and 2015's inaugural Women in Conflict Peace Fellowship, this year's *1325 Fellowship* supports female peacemakers from conflict-affected regions around the world through the building of a sustainable community of women activists working in mediation, dialogue, and reconciliation (see p. 39 for more information).



Howford House Retreat Centre

### Howford House Retreat Centre

Beyond Borders works closely with the *Howford House Retreat Centre* to host its fellowship programmes. Howford House, on the Traquair Estate in the Scottish Borders, benefits from Traquair House's tranquil and stunning surroundings and rich cultural and political history. This unique setting creates a private and safe environment for dialogue and experience-sharing retreats, with the opportunity for quiet contemplation on walks and cycle rides, and to relax through meditation and yoga led by the *Malvern Bhavan - Centre for Meditation & Enlightened Living*.

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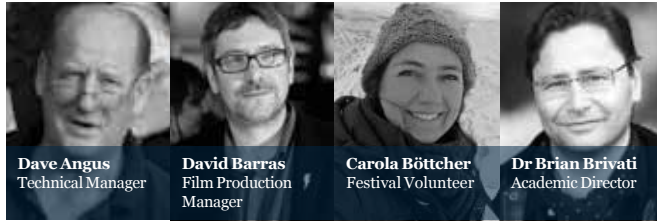


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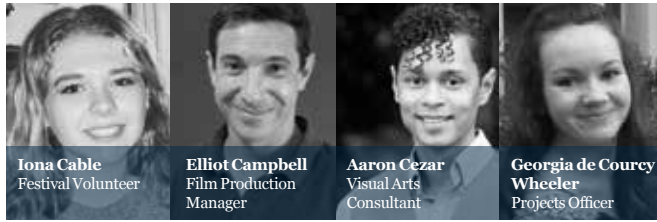


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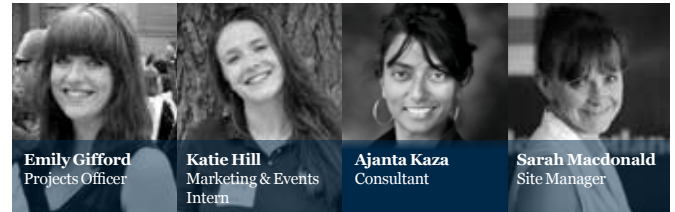
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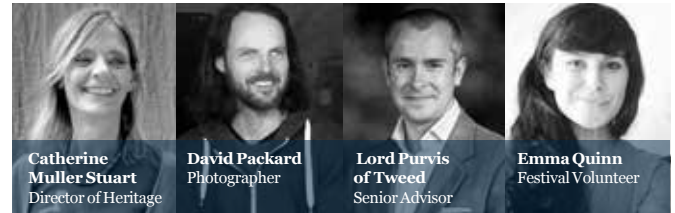


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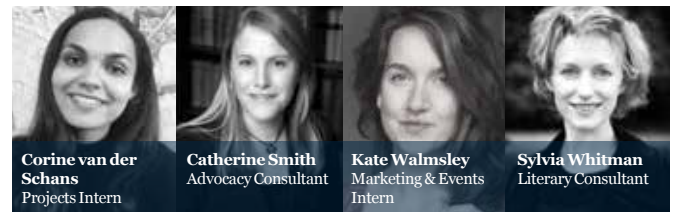


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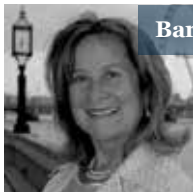
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The Rt Hon. the Lord Browne of Ladyton was a Labour MP from 1997 to 2010 and a member of the Cabinet under Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, serving as both Defence and Scottish Secretary until 2008. He also served as a minister in Northern Ireland and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



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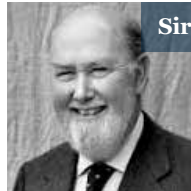
The Rt Hon. The Lord Campbell of Pittenweem was the MP for North East Fife from 1987 until 2015 and was Leader of the Liberal Democrats from early 2006 until October 2007. He is also a prominent advocate, Chancellor of the University of St. Andrews and was in successful Olympic athlete. He has extensive experience of foreign affairs.



### Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws QC

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.

## The Patrons



### Sir Kieran Prendergast

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.



### The Rt Hon. Angus Robertson MP

The Rt Hon. Angus Robertson MP is a Scottish National Party Member of Parliament for Moray, having first been elected in 2001. Robertson is the Shadow SNP Westminster Group Leader (Constitution) and the SNP Westminster Leader, and retains an abiding interest in small nation dialogue.



### Baroness Smith of Gilmorehill

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 Patrons



### The Rt Hon. the Lord Steel of Aikwood

The Rt Hon. the Lord Steel of Aikwood KT KBE DL 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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Beyond Borders Scotland welcomes contributions towards the *International Festival*. This support would directly contribute towards elements of the Festival programme, allowing us to further enhance the local and international scope of the speakers and events. This support would additionally enable us to develop fellowship programmes that would allow artists, writers and peacemakers from around the world the opportunity to participate in the *Festival*, as well as the use of Howford House as a retreat centre as a private, safe space for mediation and dialogue work.

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