

festivalsedinburgh

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

Eligibility for Membership

An organisation promoting a Festival in Edinburgh may be admitted to membership of Festivals Edinburgh Limited, at the absolute discretion of a 4/5th majority of the members of the company, provided that it satisfies the following criteria and provided that it accepts the obligation to contribute such membership fees as the Association from time to time may require:

- a) Exists for a charitable purpose, having as one of its objectives the advancement of culture, arts, science or heritage. Alternatively is an operation under a designated management with similar objectives under the direct control of the City of Edinburgh Council or another relevant public body.
- b) It promotes a programme of cultural, artistic or scientific events that is:
 - open to the general public;
 - takes place predominantly within the City of Edinburgh and is of relevance to the city as a whole;
 - is for the most part concentrated within a period of not more than one month and not less than three days; and
 - is delivered either annually or biennially.
- c) It has a successful record as a festival of at least three years standing;
- d) It has governance, professional management/administrative infrastructure in place with the equivalent of at least one full time member of staff
- e) It must commit to contributing to joint initiatives of the Company members and have the financial and/or human resources to do so.
- f) It must agree to commit to working to deliver the principles and objects of Festivals Edinburgh Limited as outlined in the memorandum and articles of Association;
- g) It must commit to working in partnership with members of the Company (who are the fellow member festivals) and stakeholders to contribute to the implementation of the findings of the 2006 report entitled "Thundering Hooves".
- h) It is world class in its quality and delivery
- i) It has a position of established leadership of national and international cultural importance in Edinburgh
- j) It has a high degree of distinctiveness and pre-eminence within its respective art form and that its niche and ability to fulfil that niche in the international arena is clearly demonstrated.
- k) It has no negative impact on the mix or offer of Festivals Edinburgh
- l) It has a positive contribution to the mix on offer of Festivals Edinburgh

Please note:

Festivals Edinburgh will seek to ensure that its key stakeholders support the addition of any applicant Festival as appropriate to the overall strategy of maintaining and expanding the reputation of pre-eminence amongst Edinburgh's Festival.

The decision of Eligibility for Membership is made by Festivals Edinburgh Directors, and is final.