

Active Inquiry presents

SPECT-ACT

22nd-26th August 2017

A series of interactive plays deeply
rooted in local social justice matters

Anyone can make Theatre. Theatre can happen anywhere.



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"I want the Spectator to take on the role of Actor and invade the Character and the Stage. I want them to occupy their own space and offer solutions"

Augusto Boal

Spect-Act is a network of Theatre of the Oppressed Companies in Edinburgh supported by **Active Inquiry**. The techniques of the Theatre of the Oppressed blur the lines between actor and audience and offer a space for dialogue, solidarity and building knowledge.

We have built this strong network over the past two years, exploring issues of addiction, mental health, domestic violence and gender inequality and the themes of oppression, misuse of power and solidarity.

Come and see performances from **Active Inquiry** and the **Shakti**, **Alma** and **Bethany** Theatre Companies as part of **Just Festival**. Come and join the dialogues that we have started together about making the world a better place.

The Shakti Theatre Company presents

DANCING IN FREEDOM

22 Aug | 17:30-18:30 £8 (£6)

'Dancing in Freedom' explores, questions, and challenges the reasons for domestic abuse. It is a powerful, moving and uplifting exploration of why gender-based violence and abuse exists, and how we can become free of it, individually and collectively. Devised by women with lived experience of this issue.

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THE FAIR-GROUND

22, 23 Aug | 19:30-20:30 £10 (£8)

Roll up roll up! Pay your money and play the game! Everyone has an equal chance in the Fair-Ground, haven't they? Or are some games rigged for a privileged few? Helen has always believed she lives in a Just and Fair society but her experience of gender discrimination opens her eyes to the injustice around her. Will she keep playing the game or do the rules need to change?

The Bethany Theatre Company presents

THE INTERVIEW

23 Aug | 17:30-18:30 £8 (£6)

Sally has an interview for her dream job. Should her past history of addiction and imprisonment affect her chances? 'The Interview' explores the struggle faced by those in recovery to rebuild their lives in a society that has often written them off or doesn't have the resources to help.

The Alma Theatre Company presents

HAPPY BIRTHDAY?

25 Aug | 17:30-18:30 £8 (£6)

Ursula is an artist and an activist who has experienced mental health difficulties throughout her adult life. She has seen mental health services and public perceptions change over the years and has actively campaigned to overcome inequality and discrimination. As she approaches a major milestone in her life, we take a creative and unusual look back at the challenges she has faced, the progress she has seen and the unexpected fights she still has to overcome.

All performance are at St. John's Church, Princes Street, EH2 4BJ Venue 127

Tickets available at www.just-festival.org and www.edfringe.com

JUST TOGETHER

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ACTIVE INQUIRY, THE REFUGEE SURVIVAL TRUST,
DRAKE MUSIC SCOTLAND

26 Aug | 19:30-21:00 | by donation

St John's Church, Princes Street, EH2 4BJ

Join Just Festival and partner organisations in celebrating our joint efforts in promoting diversity, challenging perceptions and promoting respectful dialogue in Scotland! Active Inquiry, Drake Music Scotland and the Refugee Survival Trust will share the stage to present their drama, music, and poetry projects that impact local communities in and around Edinburgh.

Over the past two years, as part of the 'Spect-Act' project, Active Inquiry has built a strong network of community organisations aimed at exploring issues of addiction, mental health, domestic violence and gender inequality as well as the themes of oppression, misuse of power and solidarity. Extracts of drama pieces by Active Inquiry, Shakti, Alma, and Bethany Theatre Companies will be followed by a talk on the importance of community drama initiatives.

After a short break for light refreshments a concert of traditional Scottish and digital music arranged and performed by Drake Music Scotland musicians will follow. Stories of refugees and asylum seekers living in Scotland will be shared in performances of drama, music and poetry curated by the Refugee Survival Trust.

Active Inquiry enables grassroots communities to make and use excellent theatre as a catalyst to uncover and challenge injustice. For more information visit www.activeinquiry.co.uk

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