Edinburgh Mountain Film Festival 6-9 October 2011

Several climbing, mountaineering, round the world expeditions, base jumping and mountain photography experts are among those who will be in the capital for the 9th Edinburgh Mountain Film Festival (EMFF) from Thursday 6- 9 October 2011.

This year's diverse and packed <u>programme</u> of mountain films, lectures and exhibitions is guaranteed to inspire, enlighten and entertain the capital's annual gathering of the adventure sports, photography and filmmaking communities; as well as those who love the outdoors, travel and mountain adventure.

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Karina Hollekim

Among those speaking at the EMFF this year are Catherine Destivelle, whose climbing career was the subject of the film 'Beyond the Summits', Karina Hollekim, who survived a horrific sky diving accident when her parachute failed to open and who then hit the ground at 120mph, and <u>Johnny Dawes</u>, who will reflect on his ground breaking and cult climbs around the world, using his infamous brand of metaphor and humour.

Also speaking is <u>Alastair Humphreys</u> who set off on his <u>round</u> the world trip in September 2001 but who had to completely change his planned route after the 9/11 attacks on New York. Humphreys will share some stories from the journey which Sir Ranulph Fiennes described as 'The first great adventure of the 21st Century'.

The main EMFF events are again based at George Square Lecture Theatre at Edinburgh University, with some extra events being staged at Edinburgh International Climbing Arena (EICA), Ratho. Tickets, which range from £5-£12, are on sale online now.

As well as the guest speakers, the EMFF will be screening over 20 remarkable films delivering adventure, high drama, thrills and spills. The films come from across the world but there are several Scottish films making waves, including Hamish Gow's 'Hamish's Kayaking Films' and 'Running Wild' — the story of Scottish ultra-runner, Fiona Rennie, who suffered a brain haemorrhage recently but is now back running in the mountains.

The 9th EMFF photography exhibition, in conjunction with The Mountaineering Council of Scotland, runs from 24 September to 23 October and is being staged in the main foyer of EICA, Ratho. The exhibition features the best entries in the competition categories — Bold Move and Mountain Days and the winners will be announced on Sunday 9 October.