

# Edinburgh Festival Fringe – Arrest that Poet!



An unorthodox one-person show about a slam poet's real-life arrests at environmental protests has been shortlisted for the Edinburgh Fringe Sustainable Practice Award. The award, supported by the Centre for Sustainable Practice in the Arts and Creative Carbon Scotland, aims to highlight and celebrate artists who are engaging with the topic of climate change in creative and innovative ways.

Have you ever climbed up a power station, D-locked yourself to a construction company's staircase or been sued for £5 million? Until recently, slam poet Danny Chivers certainly hadn't. So how did a quiet boy from Bristol end up being spied on by undercover cops, battling criminal charges and trying not to thump Richard Madeley, all in the name of a safer planet?

Obviously, the only sensible way to stand up to oppressive police tactics is to turn them into an Edinburgh Fringe show. So now storytelling meets poetry in this darkly funny true tale of rhyming and rebellion, featuring insider stories from anti-fracking protests, outrageous mass arrests and a close encounter with notorious police spy Mark Kennedy.

Danny Chivers has been performing stand-up poetry since 2006. He's an Oxford Hammer & Tongue Slam Champion, and was a semi-finalist in the BBC Radio 4 National Poetry Slam. In his first full-length stage show, Danny weaves together lively, humorous poetry with real-life tales of the strange events surrounding

his four arrests at environmental and social justice protests.

Danny's show, "Arrest That Poet!" is part of the PBH Free Fringe.

Venue: The Stafford Centre, 103 Broughton St

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> August (not 7<sup>th</sup>)

Time: 6.15pm (60 mins)

Entry: free, unticketed (PBH Free Fringe)