

# Book Festival shortlisted for award

✘ The ScottishPower Foundation has today announced that The Edinburgh International Book Festival is in the running to win an accolade at the inaugural ScottishPower Foundation Awards.

The Edinburgh International Book Festival has been nominated in both the Community Impact/Engagement and Innovation and School Partnership categories, thanks to their exceptional work with local people and school pupils.

The Book Festival began in 1983 and is now a key event in the August Festival season, celebrated annually in Scotland's capital city. Throughout its history, the Book Festival has grown rapidly in size and scope to become the largest and most dynamic festival of its kind in the world. In its first year the Book Festival played host to just 30 'Meet the Author' events. Today, the Festival programmes over 700 events, which are enjoyed by people of all ages.

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The Awards aim to recognise and celebrate the amazing achievements of the nineteen outstanding charities and non-profit organisations who have received funding from the ScottishPower Foundation over the past year.

Representatives from each project will attend an awards ceremony at the National Museum of Scotland on Wednesday, 10 September 2014, where the winners of each category will be

announced. Each winning project will be awarded an extra £7,500 funding to further enhance the hugely valuable services they currently provide.

The ScottishPower Foundation was established in 2013, to support charitable projects and reinforce the energy company's commitment to charitable work throughout Britain. The Foundation provides funds to support charitable initiatives that promote the advancement of education, environmental protection, citizenship and community development, arts, culture and science, as well as the prevention of poverty or disadvantage. Its aim is to make a significant and lasting contribution to society and enhance the quality of life in local communities.

It is dedicated to supporting the charity sector and strengthening the positive relationship and bridging the gap between business and community.

Ann Loughrey, Trustee and Executive Officer of the ScottishPower Foundation, said: "I'd like to say a huge congratulations to all of our outstanding projects! We work with a diverse range of organisations from all around the UK and their achievements never cease to amaze and inspire me. We are delighted to have been able to play such an important role in this process and I look forward to celebrating their achievements with them on Wednesday."

Sadie McKinlay, Head of Development of the Edinburgh International Book Festival, said: "We are delighted to have been acknowledged for our contribution to Edinburgh. The Book

Festival is made possible with the backing of the ScottishPower Foundation and we'd like to thank them for their continued support. The standard of entries for the awards is very high and we feel privileged to be nominated alongside some really inspiring projects. We have our fingers firmly crossed that we'll do well on the day and bring the award and further funding home to Edinburgh."



L-R Jessica Hayward (5) Henry Hayward (8) Author Vivian French and George Cowie