

Makar to appear in fundraising show for foodbanks



Scotland's Makar and some of the country's most exciting writers are coming together to raise money for Edinburgh's food banks.

Arts publication The Grind and Falkirk's [Untitled] are ending their run of food bank fundraisers in Edinburgh's Summerhall in the stunning Anatomy Room this week.

Their previous shows in Glasgow and Falkirk have featured the likes of Adam Stafford, The Girobabies, Jenny Lindsay, and Loki.

'Away Game' will feature some of Scotland's most exciting writers, including Dickson Telfer, Gordon Legge, and Stephen Watt (StAnza International Digital Slam and Tartan Treasures 2014 winner). Also on the bill are Bethany Ruth Anderson, Cee Smith, Elyse Jamieson, Paul Tonner, Karyn Dougan, and Samuel Best. Headlining the event is Scotland's poet laureate Liz Lochhead; one of the country's most popular and beloved writers whose work was described by Ann Varty as "one woman speaking to many, and one person speaking for many".

Editor of The Grind, Gordon Johnstone, said: "The need for food banks is a horrible reflection on our society, but it is imperative to support them in every possible way. We were overwhelmed by the support we received when we approached the acts. They're all donating their time for free to help the cause."



Lochhead, Scotland's Poet Laureate, said: "I'm so glad to be taking part in this show in support of food banks, whilst completely outraged at the necessity for such institutions in our wealthy society".

The Grind is a quarterly publication founded in December 2013 that showcases fiction and visual art from people in Scotland and the Scottish diaspora. The Grind tweets at @thegrindjournal.

[Untitled] was established in 2012 and is an artist led publication that aims to shine a light on visual art and writing from around Falkirk. [Untitled] tweet at @untitledfalkirk.

Tickets for 'Away Game' are sold out, but the show will be available to stream live via <http://www.independencelive.net> and people can donate online.

All proceeds will go to Edinburgh's food banks. Although the show is now sold out people can still contribute to our campaign by donating to the just giving campaign www.justgiving.co.uk/awaygame