

# Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2017 – Hopeless

Award-winning spoken word artist, Leyla Josephine is set to take audiences on a journey through the apathetic attitudes of millennials, as she debuts her new show ~Hopeless at this year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Through quick-fire poetry and dark humour Leyla asks whether we can really make a difference or if in fact everything is broken beyond repair. 'Hopeless' is Leyla's first Fringe show, you can expect a fiery collision of theatre and spoken word all tied together with a powerhouse performance.

While working on the show, Leyla wanted to do something which might make her feel more hopeful about the future.

She decided to repeat the journey her great, great Grandfather made from Ireland to Scotland as an economic refugee. On the 19th of July, she will attempt to walk 53 miles in a day. She will be walking rain or shine, night and day, raising money for UK Action For Refugees. Unfortunately, her only training so far has been late night drinking and Zumba classes.

It's not clear yet if she's going to make it but hopefully she'll learn a thing or two about moving forward even in bleak circumstances.

You can donate to UK Action For Refugees here <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/leylajosephine>



Hopeless shines light on these miserable times and will try to stir up hope even in the most cynical of audience members.

Leyla Josephine is a theatre maker and poet based in Glasgow. She has won numerous accolades for her work including The 2014 UK National Poetry Slam held at The Royal Albert Hall by Hammer and Tongue. In that same year, she won Rally and Broad's Cultural Commonwealth Slam.

This year she has won The Golden Gun Award at Bang Said The Gun, Loud Poets Grand Slam and was a finalist for The Roundhouse Slam.

She has performed across the world, with shows in New York, London and most recently Prague where she toured with Loud Poets at The Prague Fringe.

In addition to her debut Edinburgh Fringe appearance, Leyla will be taking her show to Canada this Autumn. She has a large online audience and following with some of her videos reaching over 15000 views.

[Tickets here](#)