

Edinburgh Lumen – ‘most ambitious light display yet’ for the capital



Edinburgh Lumen which launches in February is billed as an immersive visual and sound display to brighten up the dark nights.

We had the Field of Light a few years ago but you will be able to walk through the area at The Mound Precinct. There will be two other areas in Assembly Rooms Lane and St Andrew Square which will be made into ‘zen-like portals of tranquility’.

St Andrew Square will become the Serenity Gardens with bespoke lighting touching every corner of the garden and will be set to calming music.

Assembly Rooms Lane will become Moments Lane with three tranquil animated scenes projected onto the walls

The Mound Precinct will become the Ocean of Light with 12,000 individual suspended lights in a display which will stand over five metres high. This is the one you will be able to walk through as it will be spread over an area 9 x 9 metres.



The installation will be created by NL Productions for The City of Edinburgh Council who hope this will provide a calmer experience for locals and residents than the summer and winter festivals.

Councillor Donald Wilson, Culture and Communities Convener for the City of Edinburgh Council, said: “Combining the peaceful beauty of Field of Light with the playfulness of 2016’s stick

figures and Edinburgh's Georgian Shadows, *Edinburgh Lumen* is our most ambitious light display yet.

"As the home of art and culture all year round, these unique pieces of public art have been specially designed for the landscape and for the people of Edinburgh to enjoy. They promise to adorn the city centre with a constellation of lights to guide us into spring and I am sure the artwork will draw an impressive footfall."

John Donnelly, Chief Executive of Marketing Edinburgh, said: "Edinburgh has a cultural calendar to admire, filled with world class festivals and celebrated traditions. The addition of *Edinburgh Lumen* will give locals and visitors even more reasons to shout about the city that's constantly innovating.

"We always want to give the people of Edinburgh even more reasons come into the city centre and enjoy its vibrant retail, culture and restaurant offering. This tranquil yet enchanting lighting event will do just that. Spread over three city centre locations, locals and visitors can weave in and out of the immersive experiences that are set to light up the dark nights".

Free to attend, *Edinburgh Lumen* will be lighting up the city every evening from 8 February to 11 March 2018. For more information please visit: www.edinburgh.org