

Edinburgh International Culture Summit will welcome delegates from over 40 countries

DELEGATIONS FROM OVER 40 COUNTRIES WILL ATTEND EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL CULTURE SUMMIT (22 – 24TH AUGUST)

IN SCOTLAND'S YEAR OF YOUNG PEOPLE 2018 THE SUMMIT INCLUDES 13 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DELEGATES AND 20 YOUTH CONTRIBUTORS PARTICIPATING IN EVERY ASPECT OF THE PROGRAMME

The fourth Edinburgh International Culture Summit begins next week in Edinburgh, during our festival season.

The Summit, this year titled ***Culture: Connecting Peoples and Places*** will address three areas of cultural debate – **Culture in a Networked World, Culture and Investment and Culture and Wellbeing.**

Delegates will attend from Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, England, Gambia, Ghana, Indonesia, Ireland, Isle of Man, Jamaica, Japan, Jersey, Lithuania, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Northern Ireland, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Scotland, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, USA, Wales, Zambia.

The Summit is a collaboration between the Scottish Government, UK Government, the British Council, Edinburgh International Festival and Scottish Parliament, delivered on behalf of the partners by the Edinburgh International Culture Summit Foundation.

Headline speakers include:

The Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon MSP, First Minister, Scottish Government, Scotland

The Rt Hon Jeremy Wright QC MP, Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, UK Government, UK

His Excellency The Rt Hon Sir Jerry Mateparae GNZM, QSO, KStJ, High Commissioner, New Zealand High Commission, UK

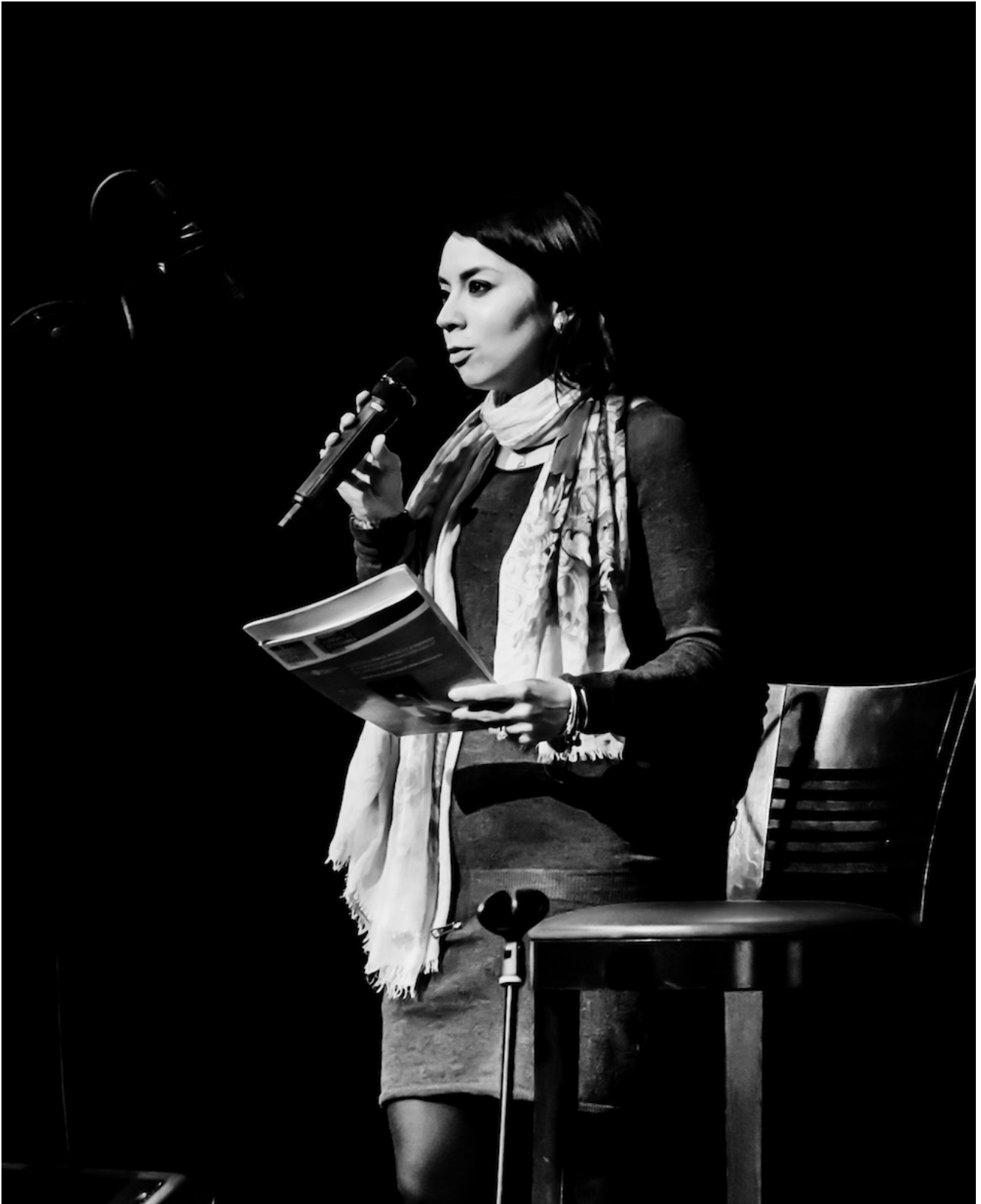
Dr Catarina Vaz Pinto, Councillor of Culture, The City of Lisbon, Portugal

Joshua Ramo, Vice Chairman and Co-Chief Executive, Kissinger Associates, USA

Pu Cunxin, President, The China Theatre Association, China



Wesley Enoch, Festival Director, Sydney Festival, Australia



Fairouz Nishanova, Director, Aga Khan Music Initiative, Switzerland

Ong Keng Sen, Artistic Director, TheatreWorks, Singapore

Sanjoy Roy, Managing Director, Teamwork Arts, India

Constantin Chiriac, President, Sibiu International Theatre Festival, Romania



Dr Maria Balshaw CBE, Director, Tate Art Museums, UK

Eng Ahmad Al-Maziad, Chief Executive Officer, General Culture Authority, Saudi Arabia

Prof Richard Sennett OBE, Founder and Chair of the Advisory Committee, Theatrum Mundi, UK

Elizabeth Diller, Founder, Diller Scofidio + Renfro, USA

David Leventhal, Programme Director and Founding Teacher, Mark Morris Dance Group's Dance for PD® Programme, USA

Prince Totto Théogène Niwenshuti, Multidisciplinary Artist, Dancer and Scholar, South Africa

Dr Assal Habibi, Assistant Research Professor, Brain and Creativity Institute, The University of Southern California, USA

Prof Bas Bloem, Medical Director and Consultant Neurologist, Radboud University Medical Centre, The Netherlands

Julian Herman, Violinist & Former Concert Master, The Netherlands Philharmonic Orchestra, The Netherlands

Faisal Abu Alhayjaa, Fellow, Georgetown University Laboratory for Global Performance and Politics, USA

In addition **The Rt Hon Theresa May MP**, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom contributes a video message to the Summit in the opening session.

Full programme available:
<https://www.culturesummit.com/programme/>