North Edinburgh Arts held an evening of celebration and fundraising

At its high profile event held at The Hub recently, North Edinburgh Arts raised £4,500.

The evening was held to celebrate the seventeen years since NEA began and the funding will be used to resource the Artists' Studios at North Edinburgh Arts which need new materials, easels, furniture and fund a programme of art activities and events.



North Edinburgh Arts held a fundraising event at The Hub in

early November. PHOTO ©2019 The Edinburgh Reporter You can still buy a 2020 calendar from NEA to help them with their funding from the reception at the arts centre on Pennywell Road. A pdf version is shown below which will introduce you to more of the story and the art.

The Rt Hon Lord Provost of the city of Edinburgh, Frank Ross welcomed everyone to the event. He explained how the arts organisation contributes in a less well to do area. He said: "Culture and the work that NEA do does help mitigate the effects of poverty, inequality and disadvantage for the — believe it or not — in excess of 20% of our citizens today who still suffer the impacts of these in their day to day lives.

"I am delighted to be invited here this evening. I was there recently when I was mightily impressed by the many projects and different groups that operate within NEA. From the Play Rangers to the community garden, community shed and café and key partners including Tinderbox the NEA truly does have something to offer to the whole community."



Lesley Hinds the Chair of North Edinburgh Arts PHOTO ©2019 The Edinburgh Reporter

The former Lord Provost Lesley Hinds is chair of NEA.

She said: "At the event we raised £4,500. With the sale of further calendars and art work, we hope the final figure will be over £5,000."

Fergus Linehan Director of Edinburgh International Festival welcomed everyone to The Hub which is the EIF home base and mentioned some of the partnership working that has been done between the two organisations.

<u>Tinderbox</u> Orchestra provided some musical entertainment, showcasing just a little of the diversity of people and groups who use the centre.



Tinderbox provided musical entertainment PHOTO ©2019 The Edinburgh Reporter

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NEA is pen Monday to Friday all day, plus regular evenings and Saturday mornings for events and workshops.

News of the recent celebration and fundraiser for <u>@northedinarts</u> held at The Hub home to <u>@edintfest</u> with the <u>@LordProvostEdin</u> in attendance <u>pic.twitter.com/8u7YylDrVF</u>

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