

# Filmhouse given financial boost – and crowdfunder extended

There is good news from the charity Filmhouse (Edinburgh) who have received a major boost of £299,000 from Screen Scotland towards their goal to OPEN THE DOORS.

The total raised to date is now £500,000 and the charity aims to raise £1,250,000 by the end of February 2024 from a range of backers. This would allow Filmhouse to enter into a long lease with the owners Caledonian Heritable who bought the building from the liquidators.

Filmhouse Crowdfunding has raised more than £160,000 with donations from 1,850 supporters and the total keeps rising. [If you wish to donate then you will find the Crowdfunder here.](#)

A Filmhouse (Edinburgh) spokesperson said: “We have been deeply moved by the huge groundswell of support shown by supporters from Edinburgh and around the world. The strength of feeling is clear; Edinburgh needs a world-class cinematheque. Screen Scotland’s support represents a significant commitment to and endorsement of our plans, and another huge step in realising the dream of reopening Filmhouse.

**“As the Crowdfunder is an excellent way for people to donate whether it be £5 or £5000 we have taken the decision to extend the deadline to the end of January 2024.”**

Isabel Davis, Executive Director at Screen Scotland said: “Filmhouse is the iconic centre of cinema culture in Edinburgh, providing a uniquely diverse cinema programme which celebrates film from around the world and from its rich history. Screen Scotland is supporting the return of this vital venue and organisation; one which provides a nurturing home for myriad film festivals, a hub for film education, a home to a community of film lovers and filmmakers and an important cultural resource for the cinema-going public. Screen Scotland is proud to assist with

the hoped for revival of this cinematic haven. Its return would signify not just the reopening of a cinema, but the return of a vital home for the artform.”

Filmhouse traded until the parent charity Centre for the Moving Image fell into administration in October 2022. The plan is to reopen a standalone Edinburgh Filmhouse with café to support it showing all the brilliant cultural films that Filmhouse used to – and new ones too.

Filmhouse (Edinburgh) Limited was formed in late December 2022 by four former Filmhouse colleagues:

James Rice, former programme manager and now a cinema strategist at

specialist consultancy Mustard Studio;

Rod White, former Head of Programming;

David

Boyd, former Head of Technical;

and

Ginnie Atkinson, former CEO of Filmhouse and Edinburgh International Film Festival until 2010.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/filmhouse-open-the-doors>



Filmhouse Edinburgh with Open the Doors banner outside PHOTO  
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