

# Our October issue

**This month's paper is full of literary news. Edinburgh was chosen as the first City of Literature 20 years ago and later this month will host the UNESCO Cities of Literature network conference.**

In the last two decades the network has grown to include more than 50 cities representing six continents and 30 countries, and all are part of a wider Creative Cities Network.

The conference will mark the achievements of the past two decades and also plan for the next two.

At the time the conference was announced in 2022, then Director of City of Literature Trust Ali Bowden, said: "At the very heart of Edinburgh's City of Literature status is the idea of international collaboration and sharing. We are very much looking forward to welcoming representatives from literary cities around the world to Edinburgh, to show off our beautiful city, our literary heritage and thriving contemporary literary scene. We want to share ideas, celebrate the achievements of cities across the network and inspire newly designated cities. We want to spark ideas for new cross-artform collaborations and new international projects to support writers and readers across the Creative Cities Network."

As well as that there is an update on our story of the council overpaying staff and then failing (so far) to recover around £1.6 million from current and former members of staff.

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