

Scottish Institute goes into liquidation

The Scottish Institute based in Livingston has been placed in liquidation by an order passed at Livingston Sheriff Court on Thursday.

The court has appointed Katie McLachlan of Middlebrooks Business Recovery & Advice Limited as Interim Liquidator. This order was effective from 6 May 2025.

On 22 April a [notice](#) was posted on the London Gazette that a petition had been presented [by Drillcycle](#) Limited of Quality Street in Edinburgh on 28 March 2025 to wind up the company, The Scottish Institute of Theatre, Dance, Film and TV Limited. All interested parties were invited to oppose the petition and lodge answers within 8 days – by 29 April.

Katie McLachlan of Middlebrooks Business Recovery & Advice Limited told The Edinburgh Reporter: “I can confirm that following a petition to Livingston Sheriff Court, a winding up order was granted on 6 May 2025 appointing Katie McLachlan of Middlebrooks Business Recovery and Advice as Interim Liquidator of The Scottish Institute of Theatre, Dance, Film and Television Limited.

“As a result, the Company has ceased to trade with immediate effect. The priority at this time is supporting the employees and students who have been displaced as a result of the Liquidation, and we are in communications with the relevant education bodies with regards to this.”

Ms McLachlan also confirmed that the winding up action had been made at the instance of one creditor as mentioned above.

The Scottish Institute is a theatre school which was previously known as the MGA Academy of Performing Arts and accredited through Bath Spa University.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR

The Scottish Institute of Theatre, Dance, Film and TV Limited

Company Number: SC413496

By the order of the Sheriff of Lothian and Borders at Livingston Sheriff Court, Katie McLachlan of Middlebrooks Business Recovery & Advice Limited has been appointed as Interim Liquidator of The Scottish Institute of Theatre, Dance, Film and TV Limited, with effect from 6 May 2025.

The company has ceased trading with immediate effect.

All enquiries should be made to the offices of Middlebrooks Business Recovery & Advice as follows;

Post: 14-18 Hill Street, Edinburgh, EH2 3JZ

Telephone: 0131 297 7899

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A concerned parent told The Edinburgh Reporter before the appointment of the liquidator was made public: "My daughter is enrolled at The Scottish Institute (SI) in Livingston. We have not received any communication regarding how this development of liquidation or administration might impact her studies, and I am concerned about the future of her course.

"Transferring her to a different programme would necessitate resitting her first and second years to complete her three-year degree, a situation we wish to avoid if possible. Unfortunately, we have not been provided with any information

about the status of her programme despite our attempts to contact both The Scottish Institute and their validating university, Bath Spa.

“We believe it is essential for this information to be shared publicly, as it would benefit both parents and students who are understandably anxious about the future of a programme for which we are paying substantial fees. Furthermore, there have been instances where classes were cancelled due to staff strikes related to unpaid salaries, which has negatively impacted the education of my daughter and her peers.

