

Active Inquiry presents

# SPECT-ACT FESTIVAL

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st May 2017

Anyone can make Theatre. Theatre can happen anywhere.



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*"I want the Spectator to take on the role of Actor and invade the Character and the Stage. I want them to occupy their own space and offer solutions"*

**Augusto Boal**

**Spect-Act** is a network of Theatre of the Oppressed Companies in Edinburgh supported by **Active Inquiry**. The techniques of the Theatre of the Oppressed blur the lines between actor and audience and offer a space for dialogue, solidarity and building knowledge.

We have built this strong network over the past two years, exploring issues of addiction, mental health, domestic violence and gender inequality and the themes of oppression, misuse of power and solidarity.

We want you to become part of this network for the weekend and join us in the debates and dialogues that we have started together.

Come and see performances from **Active Inquiry** and the **Shakti, Alma** and **Bethany** Theatre Companies. As well as some amazing theatre you can eat lunch from the **Out of the Blue cafe**, hear some live music, contribute to our exhibition and much more!

# PROGRAMME

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## SATURDAY

**11.00am**

Tea and coffee

**11.30am**

The Bethany Theatre Company presents  
**The Interview**

*Sally has an interview for her dream job. Should her past history of addiction and imprisonment affect her chances?*

**12.30pm**

Lunch and music

**1.30pm**

**Just Festival programme**

We are delighted to welcome the Just Festival to talk about their unique programme of events in Edinburgh this August.

**1.45pm**

The Shakti Theatre Company presents  
**Dancing in Freedom**

*Dancing in Freedom is a powerful, moving and uplifting exploration of why gender-based violence and abuse exists and how we can become free of it, individually and collectively.*

**2.45pm**

Tea and Coffee

**3.15pm**

The Alma Theatre Company presents  
**Happy Birthday?**

*Ursula is an artist and an activist who has experienced mental health difficulties*

*throughout her adult life. We take a creative and unusual look back at the challenges she has faced, the progress she has seen and the unexpected fights she still has to overcome.*

**4.15pm**

Drinks and Music

**5.00pm**

Finish

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## SUNDAY

**11am**

Tea, coffee and pastries

**11.30pm**

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**The Fair-Ground**

*Roll up roll up! Pay your money and play the game! Everyone has an equal chance in the Fair-Ground don't they? Or are some games rigged for a privileged few?*

**12.30pm**

Finish

**1.15pm**

**Acting together: Theatre of the Oppressed as active enquiry** (limited places)

The aim of this workshop is to bring together practitioners from theatre, community work, critical pedagogy and research to share practices, ideas and questions about the use of Theatre of the Oppressed in the current social and political context.

Supported by CARN, CUSP and CAMINA.  
To register for the workshop please email [a.ackland@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:a.ackland@abdn.ac.uk)

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## WHEN

Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st May

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## TIME

Saturday 11am-5pm  
(Lunch included)

Sunday 11am-12.30pm  
(Breakfast included)

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## WHERE

The Out of the Blue Drill Hall  
36 Dalmeny Street  
Edinburgh  
EH6 8RG

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## COST

By Donation (booking essential)

For room capacity and catering reasons it is essential that you book for this event. Tickets can be booked at [spectactfestival.eventbrite.co.uk](https://spectactfestival.eventbrite.co.uk) where you will have the option of booking for the Saturday, Sunday or both.

Please let us know if you have any diet or access requirements and we will do our best to meet these.

A creche will be available for small children and we are excited to say that we will be working with our colleagues at **Strange Town Youth Theatre** to offer any children aged 6-10 the opportunity to create their own piece of theatre to perform on the day! Places for the creche and the theatre workshop must be booked in advance.

For more information please contact Gavin on [gavin@activeinquiry.co.uk](mailto:gavin@activeinquiry.co.uk) or 0771 432 1629

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