

# Stirling Photography Festival



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Outstanding Contribution to the City Award

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# About Us

## Stirling Photography Festival

Established in 2018 in celebration of Scotland's Year of Young People, our festival is now in its 7th year and is now established as an annual event in Scotland's photography calendar. Run by a team of passionate volunteers, we have developed strong relationships across our community and have twice been nominated for our Outstanding Contribution to the City.

## Our aims

Our aims are rooted in **developing skills**, **fostering creativity** and **building community**. Working with leading photography centres such as Street Level Photoworks of Glasgow and Stills of Edinburgh we attract some of the country's best up and coming and most recognised contemporary photographers as speakers, exhibitors and facilitators.

## This year's festival

This year marks Stirling's 900th year as a Royal Burgh. Stirling Photography Festival will be part of the celebrations with a programme inspired by our theme: Roots & Rituals.

## Our impact

Our festival is inclusive and accessible, and sponsorship means we can ensure our events are free for all. We bring leaders in photography together with students, enthusiastic amateurs and champions of the creative industries from across Scotland. Through workshops, talks, and exhibitions we facilitate opportunities to work together, to develop skills and to build relationships. Our inclusive festival champions art and artists across all disciplines and we have collaborated with poets, wellbeing professionals and dancers to deliver a diverse programme with broad appeal.

## Our sponsors

Sponsors are key to our success, and we treasure the long-term relationships we build together. Sponsorship ensures we can deliver a world class programme, partnering with the best in contemporary photography and delivering an annual festival that is driven by our values. If you would like to be a part of our festival please get in touch with Janie at: [jmeiklebland@hotmail.com](mailto:jmeiklebland@hotmail.com)

**Our volunteer creative team are the beating heart of our festival - a group equally passionate about photography and their community. Together with our network of enthusiastic and supportive partners, our shared passion and enthusiasm has helped the festival flourish. The impact we have delivered has seen us nominated twice for our "Outstanding Contribution to the City of Stirling"**



Janie Meikle Bland  
Creative Director

# Our Aims



## Develop Skills

Skills developed through taking part in workshops and exhibitions.

**89**

talks, workshops, and networking events

**15**

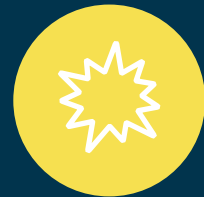
youtube interviews and broadcast events

**32**

volunteering opportunities created

## Foster Creativity

Creativity fostered through inspiring and innovative programming.



**9**

exhibitions of visiting and local artists

**4**

photography books published

**300+**

individuals contributing to books, events, exhibitions



## Build Community

Community built through shared passions, partnership and networks.

**3500+**

followers, photographers & partners.

**63**

artists have worked with the festival to date

**16**

partners & community organisations

# Partnerships

Our festival features inclusive, free to attend workshops, exhibitions and talks. We are proud to have worked with and exhibited some of Scotland's renowned contemporary artists, including Alex Boyd, David Eustace, Kieran Dodds, Frank McElhinney, Frances Scott, Kim Simpson, Leeming + Paterson, Coulson & Tennant, Scott Hunter and Margaret Mitchell as well as international artists including Helene Schmitz of Sweden, Mihai Moiceanu of Romania and Michael Carroll of America.

## The Barracks

Conference Centre

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TOLBOOTH



MacRobert Arts Centre

UNIVERSITY of STIRLING



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We work with some of Stirling's leading creative and cultural organisations who host our events in the city's most prestigious venues including the Barracks Conference Centre, the University of Stirling, the Tolbooth theatre, Historic Environment Scotland's Engine Shed and The Smith Art Gallery and Museum. We also pop up in community spaces and work with other artists, groups and charities supporting good causes, like Equ-Power, Riding for the Disabled and Argaty Red Kites, a local conservation organisation committed to wildlife protection and rewilding.

# Sponsorship Opportunities

Our festival depends on funding from sponsors to help us pay our contributing artists and ensure all events remain free, inclusive and accessible to our community.

To make this years festival possible we are seeking new partners. Please consider what level of sponsorship works for you.

	Friend of the Festival £200	Event Sponsor £500	Festival Sponsor £1,000
Named as a Friend of the Festival on our website.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Logo featured in our commemorative photo book.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Special guest invitation to our opening event.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Copy of our signed, limited edition festival poster.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Festival merchandise pack		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Named as Sponsor on event promotional activity		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Display your branded material & marketing collateral at selected events		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Head shots by one of our creative team photographers - up to 10 models and up to a 4 hour session			<b>X</b>

We would like to thank you for considering sponsoring Stirling Photography Festival. We are always happy to explore how we can partner with our community, if you would like to discuss alternative sponsorship opportunities please get in touch: [jmeiklebland@hotmail.com](mailto:jmeiklebland@hotmail.com).

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