

14 – 30 AUGUST 2026
EDINBURGH,
SCOTLAND

EAF26

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

ABOUT

EAF (Edinburgh Art Festival) is the UK's largest annual festival of visual art, transforming Edinburgh each August into one of the most concentrated sites of contemporary art anywhere in the world. Across galleries, institutions, public spaces, and unconventional venues, EAF brings together ambitious new commissions, major exhibitions, and live events spanning the full breadth of contemporary practice.

Each year, EAF draws curators, directors, producers, writers, collectors, and artists from across Scotland, the UK, and internationally. Professional accreditation gives industry delegates access to a dedicated programme of events, visits, and resources designed to make the most of your time in Edinburgh during the festival.

OPENING DAY: FRIDAY 14 AUGUST 2026

Opening Day is EAF's flagship industry moment. On Friday 14 August, accredited professionals are invited to join us for a dedicated programme of guided visits, artist introductions, and informal gatherings across the festival. It is the best opportunity of the year to see EAF's core programme before public opening, meet the artists and curators behind the work, and connect with peers from across the sector.

The Opening Day programme typically includes:

- Curated invites to key EAF commissions and exhibitions with artists and curators in attendance
- An industry welcome reception hosted by EAF, giving delegates time to connect informally
- Early access to venues across the city ahead of public opening

WHO SHOULD REGISTER

Professional accreditation is open to individuals who engage with the visual arts sector in a professional capacity. We welcome applications from:

- Curators and programmers working in galleries, museums, biennials, and festivals
- Gallery directors, commercial gallerists
- Producers, arts managers, and project coordinators working with visual artists
- Critics, editors, and writers with an active publishing or commissioning relationship
- Academics and researchers whose work engages directly with contemporary visual art
- Arts funders and commissioners
- Artists with a substantive exhibition or commissioning track record
- Representatives of residency programmes, art schools, and professional development organisations

Opening day: Friday 14 August 2026

Programme runs: approximately 11am – 5pm (full schedule issued to accredited delegates in advance)

Accreditation deadline: Friday 31 July 2026

Contact: programme@edinburghartfestival.com

We particularly welcome delegates from beyond the central belt of Scotland, from international institutions, and from organisations whose work intersects with EAF's commitment to socially engaged practice.

WHAT ACCREDITATION INCLUDES

Opening Day access	Invitation to the full EAF Opening Day programme on 14 August, including curated visits and the industry reception
Priority scheduling	Advance notice of Opening Day programme and ability to attend before general release
EAF contact	Named contact at EAF for the duration of the festival for questions, introductions, and logistics
Partner network	Introductions to EAF's partner venues and curators on request
Accreditation itinerary + curated picks	A day by day schedule showing what's on at EAF, with regular communications through the festival with industry-focused recommendations

HOW TO REGISTER

To apply for professional accreditation, complete the registration form at [\[INSERT LINK\]](#).

We ask all applicants to provide:

- Name, job title, and organisation
- A brief description of your role
- A link to your organisation's website or your professional profile
- Any access requirements, so we can plan accordingly

The registration deadline is Friday 31 July 2026. Late applications may be considered at the team's discretion, but we strongly recommend registering in advance to receive full access to the Opening Day programme.

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PLANNING YOUR VISIT

EAF26 runs from 14–30 August 2026 across Edinburgh. The majority of the festival's programme is free and open to the public. Accredited delegates are welcome to visit the full festival programme throughout August, not only on Opening Day.

Edinburgh in August is busy. We recommend booking accommodation well in advance. The festival's main venues are concentrated in the city centre, with a number of commissions and partner venues in Leith and other Edinburgh neighbourhoods. EAF will provide venue maps and transport guidance in the industry guide.

For accommodation, travel, and general Edinburgh information, visit [visitscotland.com](#) and [edinburgh.org](#).

GUIDE AND MAP

Please find our digital programme [here](#), and also a map of all of the galleries and commissions [here](#).

GET IN TOUCH

For questions about professional accreditation, the Opening Day programme, or your visit, contact the EAF team:

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