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## Doors Open Days to return to Edinburgh and East Lothian

The popular festival, which offers free access to buildings and events across Scotland, will return to Edinburgh and East Lothian on 24 and 25 September with an in-person and online programme. For the first time, the programme will be guest-curated by Under One Roof, Scotland's charity for supporting tenement owners.

The theme of this year's festival is "Standing Strong", which will highlight the value of regular building maintenance and community approaches to looking after buildings and places. It will also examine the challenges of retrofitting buildings to address the climate emergency and achieve net-zero carbon emission targets. Already joining the programme are past Doors Open Days favourites the Victorian Classroom at the History of Education Centre and the historic Custom House in Leith.

For those looking to host an event, building or tour, or for more information about Doors Open Days, visit [underoneroof.scot](http://underoneroof.scot). To receive updates on Edinburgh and East Lothian Doors Open Days visit the website or follow Under One Roof on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

**Mike Heffron, Chief Executive of Under One Roof Scotland, said:** *"We are delighted that we can keep the doors open in Edinburgh and East Lothian this year. Doors Open Days is much-loved by the public in the East of Scotland, and this year we will continue to help the public have a special inside look at buildings, spaces and other hidden treasures."*

*"Under One Roof will also be putting our own spin on the events this September, such as adding a dedicated hub in the city centre where the public can find out more about the full Doors Open Days programme of buildings, events, and tours. We will also be hosting in-person panel discussions and talks, and offering free information sessions for tenement owners looking for support with the management and maintenance of their building."*

Doors Open Days is organised nationally by the Scottish Civic Trust, is part of European Heritage Days and is supported by Historic Environment Scotland. Local coordinators

from civic trusts, community groups and local authorities create and manage programmes in each region.

**Susan O'Connor, Director of the Scottish Civic Trust, said:** *"We are intrigued to find out what Under One Roof will bring to our enthusiastic audience in the East this year. Edinburgh and East Lothian have some of the most important buildings and spaces in the country - we can't wait to see what they do!"*

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### **About Doors Open Days**

Doors Open Days is Scotland's largest free festival that celebrates Scotland's places, history and culture, new and old. Each September, the festival offers access to over a thousand sites and events across Scotland. The aim of Doors Open Days is to ensure that Scotland's built and cultural heritage is made accessible to people living in and visiting the country. Doors Open Days is supported by Historic Environment Scotland, and is part of European Heritage Days. More information can be found at [www.doorsopendays.org.uk](http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk).

### **About Scottish Civic Trust**

Scottish Civic Trust's mission is to celebrate Scotland's built environment, take action for its improvement and empower its communities. Founded in 1967, the Civic Trust supports people to connect with their built heritage and take a leading role in guiding its development. In its infancy, it successfully campaigned for the restoration of Edinburgh's New Town and was instrumental in the revitalisation of New Lanark – both now part of Scotland's network of six World Heritage Sites. In addition to these major milestones, Scottish Civic Trust was also the first to bring Doors Open Day to the UK, which celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2019. More information can be found at [www.scottishcivictrust.org.uk](http://www.scottishcivictrust.org.uk).

### **About European Heritage Days**

Celebrated in the 50 signatory States to the European Cultural Convention, the European Heritage Days highlight the diversity of local skills, traditions, architectural styles and works of art that constitute shared European heritage. Launched by the Council of Europe in 1985 in France, the Days have been organised as a joint initiative of the European Commission and the Council of Europe since 1999. Enabling citizens to explore a wide

range of cultural assets through a number of themed events, European Heritage Days help uncover histories of people and places that have contributed to shape the culture and heritage of Europe. More information can be found at <https://www.europeanheritagedays.com/Home.aspx>

### **About Historic Environment Scotland**

Historic Environment Scotland is the lead public body established to investigate, care for and promote Scotland's historic environment. They are responsible for more than 300 properties of national importance, which combined draw millions over visitors each year. Their conservation experts provide guidance, training and technical research into Scotland's built environment. Through their outreach programme, Historic Environment Scotland promotes community and individual learning engagement with Scotland's heritage. They contribute to the Scottish Government's strategy to tackle climate change and reduce Scotland's carbon footprint. For more information:

[www.historicenvironment.scot/](http://www.historicenvironment.scot/)

### **About Under One Roof**

Under One Roof is Scotland's only charity dedicated to supporting tenement owners. We help individuals and communities across Scotland keep their tenement building standing strong by providing free and impartial information about building maintenance, management, and sustainability. More information can be found at

[www.underoneroof.scot](http://www.underoneroof.scot)

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