The Impact Network

Local Collaborator Details

Background

Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS) are a children's charity providing unwavering care for children who may die young and their families across the whole of Scotland. They make it possible for children to have the freedom to be themselves, play outside, laugh, sparkle, smile, and have treasured moments of joy.

They do this through 2 hospices, Rachel and Robin House, at home and in hospitals and are committed to making sure that no matter how short their time may be, it is a time filled with happiness and fun. They are there for families at every step of the way, supporting them in life, death and beyond, and their ambition is that no-one should face the death of their child alone.

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chAS
Children's Hospices Across Scotland
Proud supporter

To find out more about other opportunities with CHAS, then get in touch with your EICC contact or email sales@eicc.co.uk

Background

Codebase Edinburgh is the UK's largest technology incubator, situated in the heart the city and a short distance from the EICC.

It serves as a strategic hub for high-growth startups and scaleups across the technology, digital, and creative sectors.

Codebase fosters an environment where innovation, knowledge exchange and community engagement thrive. It plays a pivotal role in strengthening Scotland's digital economy.

Codebase Edinburgh is widely recognised as a centre of excellence, supporting talent development and the advancement of entrepreneurship and technological innovation across the UK.

Some Impact Ideas

- **Organise** - technical and educational site visits.
- **Engage** - with local technology start-ups and SMEs to develop collaboration projects
- **Foster** – innovation programmes with industry experts, and the most promising technology startups.

CodeBase

To find out more about other opportunities with Codebase, then get in touch with your EICC contact or email sales@eicc.co.uk

Background

Creative Edinburgh is Scotland's largest network of creative professionals, with over 6800 members spanning visual art, performance, writing, design, digital media, music, craft, film and more.

Their mission is to unite, support and advocate for Edinburgh's diverse creative community. They do this through a vibrant programme of peer learning, professional development, mentoring, visibility and networking opportunities.

Key initiatives include the annual Creative Edinburgh Awards, monthly Creative Circles (themed monthly gatherings which are free to attend), the Raise Your Game employability programme, and a bespoke Mentoring Programme that supports over 80 creatives annually.

Some Impact Ideas

Sponsor a creative

Creative Edinburgh is dedicated to fostering the growth of the creative community through professional development, through their Mentoring Programme.

Sponsoring a creative place on the Mentoring Programme will cover expenses such as transport or refreshments during meetings. Furthermore, funds raised through donations will also provide caring bursaries or small grants to support the creative practice of Creative Edinburgh's Members.

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Creative Edinburgh

To find out more about other opportunities with Creative Edinburgh, then get in touch with your EICC contact or email sales@eicc.co.uk

Background

Cyrenians has been tackling homelessness for over 50 years.

Their mission is to tackle the causes and consequences of homelessness through learning from lived experience; by delivering targeted services which focus on prevention, early intervention and support into a home; and by influencing changes in legislation and policy.

Homelessness is a complex challenge which is always about much more than a lack of housing. Complex problems require careful thinking and consideration of whole community. Everything Cyrenians do is values-led and centres on building trusted relationships so that people can go on to thrive.

Some Impact Ideas

- **Cyrenians Fareshare Depot:** Help pick and pack over 20,000 meals each week to local communities in Edinburgh.
- **Green Skills Centre:** Get hands-on with planting and harvesting, supporting local food production and skills development.
- **Community gardens:** Assist in transforming the space into a therapeutic garden, providing a calming oasis for veterans.

Cyrenians

To find out more about other opportunities with Cyrenians then get in touch with your EICC contact or email sales@eicc.co.uk

Background

Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) connects all sectors and sizes of business with education, to create opportunities that enable young people to develop skills and prepare for the world of work.

By connecting with DYW you can positively impact Scotland's youth, help them understand how their school subjects relate to jobs, and inspire them to follow a certain career path.

DYW plays a key part in the delivery of the Young Person's Guarantee, which brings together employers, partners and young people. It aims to connect every 16 to 24 year old in Scotland to an opportunity.

Some Impact Ideas

- **Educational hands-on workshops** – inspire the next generation by organising a workshop in one of the local schools.
- **Connect with school coordinators** – to explore how your conference may fit into the school curriculum and create activities to benefit all.
- **Tackle challenges** – organise school debates or a hackathon with local pupils to solve challenges and get a different perspective.

DYW | Developing the Young Workforce

To find out more about other opportunities with DYW, then get in touch with your EICC contact or email sales@eicc.co.uk

Background

The Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce (ECC) is a dynamic business membership organisation committed to championing the interests of businesses in Edinburgh and beyond.

With a rich heritage and a vibrant network of over 850 members, ECC is the go-to organisation for businesses to connect, collaborate, share ideas and flourish.

Their mission is to **lead** initiatives, **represent** their Members' interests, **advocate** on key policy matters, **inform** on critical economic insights, and **collaborate** to help make Edinburgh the best place for 'businesses'.

Some Impact Ideas

- **Engage with Local Businesses** – ECC will connect you and your delegates with businesses and innovators in the local community, supporting local engagement whilst you are in the city.
- **Local Business Knowledge** – ECC will provide you and your delegates with valuable insights into the Edinburgh economy, its key sectors, and growth drivers.
- **Inspiring Speakers** – ECC will support you in identifying inspiring speakers, contributors and innovators within their membership who can add significant value to your conference and event.

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Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce

To find out more about other opportunities with Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce, then get in touch with your EICC contact or email sales@eicc.co.uk

Background

Every day, around 500 children and families arrive at Edinburgh's children's hospital. Some are there for hours, others for months or even years. Children can feel frightened, lonely and isolated, while parents face overwhelming worry, exhaustion and hidden financial pressures.

That's why Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity (ECHC) exists - no child should face hospital alone. To help children and families cope with hospital life, ECHC provide things like:

- Activities and experiences that help children feel safe, happy and supported.
- Financial help for families facing hardship.
- Specialist support for children, young people and families struggling with anxiety, distress and mental health challenges.

Some Impact Ideas

- **Make an impact through your event**
  Add a simple fundraising or donation element to your conference.

- **Raise awareness and understanding**
  Through talks, stories, videos or interactive content, ECHC can bring the experience of hospital journeys to life and highlight how businesses and individuals can make a difference.

- **Create a lasting local legacy**
  For clients looking for a longer-term commitment, ECHC can develop a bespoke partnership or sponsorship around the conference.

Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity

To find out more about other opportunities with ECHC then get in touch with your EICC contact or email sales@eicc.co.uk

Background

Edinburgh College provides high-quality education and commercial training to people and businesses. With four campuses, they welcome students from over 139 countries, who choose from over 700 courses across 17 different subject areas with full-time, part-time, evening and distance-learning options available, from access to degree level.

Their subject areas include Creative Industries, Science, Engineering, Computing, Data Science, Health Care, Leadership & Management. Their business services include designing bespoke training and professional development programmes to address skills needs across the regional economy; developing innovation projects to help tackle business challenges, drive productivity, and unlock economic growth; and venue and facilities hire.

Some Impact Ideas

- **Pop Up Sessions:** to inspire students to choose your industry as a career.
- **Student Participation:** Invite local students to be part of the conference programme.
- **Educational Workshops:** to increase awareness and inspire the next generation.

Edinburgh College

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Background

The Edinburgh Remakery is a social enterprise & a social IT asset disposition (ITAD) organisation committed to reducing e-waste and tackling digital poverty.

They extend the life of tech through reuse and refurbishment, offering sustainable solutions for individuals and businesses. Their services include secure IT disposition, data wiping, and device refurbishment, helping organisations meet ESG goals responsibly.

They also deliver engaging corporate workshops around tech and textiles, empowering organisations to adopt circular practices. Every device they save reduces e-waste and supports someone facing digital exclusion because for us, sustainability isn't just about the planet, it's about people too.

Some Impact Ideas

- **Tech Donations with Impact:** Have a Tech Donation Box at the conference. Donate personal used/unwanted devices (laptops, phones, tablets). These will be securely wiped, refurbished, and then a portion of them will be gifted to individuals facing digital exclusion.

- **Sustainable Corporate Workshops:** Join an interactive workshop and behind the scenes tours to spark sustainable thinking – before, during or after the conference. Sessions can be tailored to your interest - tech, textiles, or both and introduce your team to the power of repair, reuse, and making things last longer.

EDINBURGH REMAKERY

To find out more about other opportunities with Edinburgh Remakery, then get in touch with your EICC contact or email sales@eicc.co.uk

Background

Edinburgh Napier University is the #1 Modern University in Scotland (THE World University Rankings 2025) and the top Scottish modern university for research power and research impact (REF 2021).

Their ambition is to enhance and grow areas where they are providing significant impact around key sectors, particularly multi-partner centres of excellence such as NHS Assure, Policing Academic Centre of Excellence (P-ACE), Mountain Bike Innovation Centre (MTBIC), and Built Environment – Smarter Transformation (BE-ST), and in doing so help to build teams that will solve the sector's most pressing challenges.

Some Impact Ideas

- **Health & Social Care** – Edinburgh Napier is the one of the largest providers of health and social care education in Scotland. This is reflected in their engagement with NHS partners, related third sector organisations and policy linked to health and wellbeing creating real change for society.
- **Sport** - As the key academic partner at the Mountain Bike Innovation Centre in the Scottish Borders and Lost Shore in the outskirts of Edinburgh the university has strong links in the sport sector.
- **Festivals** – Edinburgh is home to the world's largest arts festival and Edinburgh Napier researchers bring a breadth of expertise in tourism and festivals, arts and the creative industries. Each year Napier researchers take their research to the Fringe to engage with new audiences.

Edinburgh Napier UNIVERSITY

To find out more about other opportunities with Edinburgh Napier University, then get in touch with your EICC contact or email sales@eicc.co.uk

Background

The Edinburgh Social Enterprise Network (ESEN) exists to support, promote, and develop social enterprises across the city.

They currently serve around 250 members—ranging from start-ups to well-established organisations with decades of experience. Their network includes a diverse mix of enterprises, from caterers and community hubs to circus schools and chocolatiers.

ESEN provides peer networking, business development, capacity building, and promotional support to both the public and institutional buyers.

Their mission is simple: to create opportunities for businesses that do good stuff.

Some Impact Ideas

- **Matchmaking:** No one understands Edinburgh's social enterprise sector better than ESEN. With over 250 members, they can help you find the perfect partner to support your conference—whether through donations, volunteering, or collaboration.
- **Platforming:** Social enterprises are vibrant businesses eager to connect with your delegates. Whether you're looking for an inspiring speaker, a session leader (like a pre-conference mindfulness guide), or meaningful gifts for attendees, ESEN can introduce you to members who will give your event a distinctive and authentic Edinburgh flavour.
- **Whole Sector Support:** As a charity, ESEN's work uplifts social enterprises across Edinburgh and beyond. Partnering with them means supporting a network that drives positive change locally and throughout Scotland.

EDINBURGH SOCIAL ENTERPRISE NETWORK

To find out more about other opportunities with Edinburgh Social Enterprise Network, then get in touch with your EICC contact or email sales@eicc.co.uk

Background

EICC Nourish appreciates how important food is to conference delegates. They always strive to ensure that everyone who attends an event at the EICC feels truly welcome and enjoys the best of Scottish Hospitality.

Their new menu offerings are based on local, seasonal produce as the team review the supply chain to ensure they are as sustainable as possible. This approach has meant the move to a more dynamic menu, which changes frequently to reflect seasonality and the British larder.

Meanwhile, EICC Nourish is continuing to explore measures to reduce food waste and move towards a circular economy.

Some Impact Ideas

EICC Nourish are involved in the following community projects:

- The Larder – Empowering the most disadvantaged children, young people, and communities to improve their life chances, through access to learning and good food.
- Olio – Share more and waste less site.
- Edinburgh Community Food - Helping people enjoy delicious, fresh, healthy food and making sure everyone in our city has access to an affordable, healthy diet.

EICC Nourish

To find out more about other opportunities with EICC Nourish, then get in touch with your EICC contact or email sales@eicc.co.uk

Background

The Eric Liddell Community is an Edinburgh based care charity and community hub dedicated to ending loneliness and isolation.

They connect communities to improve health, well-being, and lives. This is done through four strategic programmes: a programme of support for people living with dementia, a wellbeing programme for unpaid carers, the Community Hub programme, which provides space and opportunities for people of all ages to make connections, and The Eric Liddell 100, which is an international legacy initiative to celebrate the life, sporting and community service achievements of one of Scotland's iconic figures - the 1924 Olympic 400m gold medallist, Scottish Rugby International and committed missionary, Eric Liddell.

Some Impact Ideas

- **Visit** – The Eric Liddell Community Hub when in town. Support the volunteer café and learn more about Eric Liddell at their exhibition.
- **Volunteer** – Explore volunteering opportunities within the hub, gardens or back-office support.
- **Promote** – Help promote Eric Liddell Community work by sharing social media posts.
- **Support** - Fundraising activity, whilst in town or following your visit by donating.

The Eric Liddell Community

To find out more about other opportunities with The Eric Liddell Community, then get in touch with your EICC contact or email sales@eicc.co.uk

Background

Edinburgh Tourism Action Group (ETAG) is the city's only umbrella organisation for the tourism sector in Edinburgh. They are the true voice for tourism in the city and collaborate with a network of over 1,500 professionals, businesses and stakeholders.

Bringing together local partners, ETAG drives collaboration and innovation and offers valuable resources, training, and insights. They play a key role in shaping tourism in the city.

For conference organisers and delegates they are a vital link into the wider tourism community, local stakeholders and public sector agencies.

Some Impact Ideas

- **Networking** – A key collaborator in the city ETAG can introduce you to a wide range of tourism businesses from Festivals Edinburgh, to Scotland Food & Drink, Edinburgh World Heritage and many more.

- **Responsible Tourism** – Support Edinburgh's transition to a cleaner, greener and fairer city. Link in with the team at ETAG to direct you to organisations who can help you make a real difference to the city and its community.

ETAG Edinburgh Tourism Action Group

To find out more about other opportunities with ETAG, then get in touch with your EICC contact or email sales@eicc.co.uk

Background

Edinburgh Science is an educational charity, founded in 1989 and best known for creating the Edinburgh Science Festival, the world's first science festival and still one of the largest.

Their mission is to inspire, encourage and challenge people of all ages and backgrounds to explore and understand the world around them and they do this through their schools touring programme, Generation Science, that reaches every local authority area in Scotland; their Careers Hive event that showcases the wide range of STEM career opportunities; and a range of bespoke community workshops and activities throughout Edinburgh and across the world.

Some Impact Ideas

- Edinburgh International Science Festival - Usually over Easter Holidays.
- Generation Science – Touring programme of interactive science shows and workshops visiting primary schools across Scotland. Runs Feb-Jun normally. Bringing science and STEM subjects to life and making science accessible for remote communities.
- Careers Hive – A careers event with a difference. Aimed at S1-S3 pupils – hands-on experience of careers in STEM subjects and to meet early career professionals. Runs normally in Oct/Nov.

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EDINBURGH SCIENCE

To find out more about other opportunities with Edinburgh Science, then get in touch with your EICC contact or email sales@eicc.co.uk

Background

Initiated by the Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC) the Exchange Initiative (EI) is a city-wide partnership amongst a network of Edinburgh's leading academics, NHS Lothian and the EICC.

A UK first, the EI aims to showcase the impact of academic research through business events whilst increasing international collaboration.

The EI has a clear remit to raise the profile of the city's key sectors and create lasting positive impacts in the fields of health, wellbeing, and sustainability.

Some Impact Ideas

- Exchange Initiative Fellowship - To support the next generation of Edinburgh researchers to become future leaders, the Exchange Initiative Fellowship, encourages clients to create a legacy during their conference by providing funded places to local early career researchers, within their fields of expertise. To assist you in realising this legacy, the EICC will provide a reduction in your package price.

- **Strategic Academic Partnerships** - Work with Edinburgh's four universities to attract talent, inward investment and create connections.

EXCHANGE INITIATIVE
Ideas that change the world

To find out more about other opportunities with the Exchange Initiative, then get in touch with Elaine Miller - elainem@eicc.co.uk

Background

Heriot-Watt University, founded in 1821, is a research-driven institution with a global reach and a strong focus on innovation, enterprise, and societal impact.

With campuses in the UK, Dubai, and Malaysia, the university works to engage communities, tackle real-world challenges, and make research accessible and relevant.

Key focus areas include:

- Public engagement with research
- Community collaboration
- Patient and public involvement (PPI) in health research
- STEM outreach in schools

Some Impact Ideas

- **Panmure House Legacy** – A historic hub for debate and research engagement, bringing together academics, policymakers, and communities to shape a fairer future.
- **Borrow a Researcher –** In partnership with West Lothian Libraries, researchers deliver engaging local workshops on topics like sustainability, robotics, and health.
- **Creative Co-Creation –** Artists and researchers collaborate on projects like robot-making for kids, lunar base 3D printing, and a sustainability mural, making complex ideas fun and accessible.

HERIOT WATT UNIVERSITY

UK | DUBAI | MALAYSIA

To find out more about other opportunities with Heriot Watt University, then get in touch with your EICC contact or email sales@eicc.co.uk

Background

Nature Broking is a carbon credit intermediary which enables companies to achieve their sustainability goals by investing in high-impact climate and nature projects they can be proud of. With global reach, but specialising in UK carbon credits, Nature Broking combines rigorous due diligence, impact assessment and risk reduction with expert advisory services.

Transparency is at the heart of Nature Broking and taking clients to the site of the projects in which they have invested to see at firsthand the impact they have made is a key part of Nature Broking's service.

Some Impact Ideas

- **Carbon Credit Projects**– A wide choice of high integrity carbon credits from projects located either in Scotland for offsetting conference carbon footprint locally or internationally, from where conference attendee lives and works.
- **Site engagement visits –** to Nature Broking climate and nature projects local to Edinburgh.
- **Nature Connect –** Nature Broking's Nature Connect service offers nature walks around Edinburgh

Nature Broking
Helping you change the world

To find out more about other opportunities with Nature Broking, then get in touch with your EICC contact or email sales@eicc.co.uk

Background

Sleep Action (formerly Sleep Scotland) is the UK's oldest sleep charity, with over 25 years of experience supporting people to achieve better sleep and improved wellbeing. Based in Edinburgh, they are the leading provider of sleep support, training and resources in the UK with an aim that everyone understands the vital role of sleep in health, resilience, and quality of life.

Their Sleep Support Line provides support for any child resident in Scotland aged 18 months to 18 years old. They provide a tailored approach alongside humour, resilience, integrity, value and empathy, because there is no health and wellbeing without sleep.

Some Impact Ideas

- **School Sessions -** give something back to the next generation by organising a sleep session for local Edinburgh schools. Teaching staff and/or pupils on the importance of sleep as part of their health and wellbeing. Encourage pupils to improve their own sleep, which can lead to improved attendance, attainment and emotional resilience.

To find out more about other opportunities with Sleep Action then get in touch with your EICC contact or email sales@eicc.co.uk

Background

St Columba's exists to give everyone who needs it the very best hospice care. They are an independent charity at the heart of Edinburgh's local community, offering free, flexible, and person-centred palliative care and support to patients and their families.

They are committed to supporting and empowering people, and those close to them, living with and dying from life limiting illnesses.

With values of respect, care and compassion, partnership and trust at the centre of their values they have been supporting families since 1977 in Edinburgh and the Lothians.

Some Impact Ideas

- **Volunteer -** With St Columba's for the day via their corporate fundraising lead, this is limited to a small group of 5 people.
- **Knowledge Sharing** – Learn about St Columba's approach to research and strategic planning built on community, people, and sustainability. How could this third sector approach support delegates.
- **Panel guests** – St Columba's would be delighted to provide insights into staff cultural change, person centre care and culture, wellbeing and family support, storytelling and comms, partnership development, and how to grow from academic, community and corporate perspective.
- **Bespoke Support** – The team at St Columba's would be delighted to explore other ideas for impact with business event organisers and delegates.

St Columba's Hospice Care

To find out more about other opportunities with St Columba's Hospice, then get in touch with your EICC contact or email sales@eicc.co.uk

Background

Events taking place at EICC impart knowledge, build relationships, and inspire ideas that change the world. However, the team recognises there are also inherent adverse impacts to running events. It is both a moral and business imperative to place sustainability at the heart of every event hosted, at every step of the process.

The EICC's sustainability programme, Step Change, focuses on three equally significant, interconnected areas of impact: environmental, societal and economic. There are a series of initiatives which address these spheres of impact so that clients can be assured that their events will demonstrate best practice in sustainability.

Some Impact Ideas

- **Carbon Mitigation -** Contribute to EICC's Climate Action Contribution to help restore Scotland's peatlands.
- **Event Impact Report** – Ask for an Event Impact Report which will recommend improvements for sustainability for your next event.
- **Desk to Door –** Use You.Smart.Thing. to help plan your journey to the EICC in the most sustainable way.

Step Change
Sustainability at every step

To find out more about other opportunities with Step Change, then get in touch with your EICC contact or email sales@eicc.co.uk

Background

The Melting Pot is Scotland's Centre for Social Innovation. A purpose driven business with three core elements, each of which are sector agnostic and underpinned by social innovation.

Their incubator, Good Ideas, helps early stage, pre-revenue founders to explore their ideas and create sustainable structures for their business. Their collaborative hub on Calton Road offers coworking, venue hire, event space and meeting room hire, all with a social impact. Melting Pot's consultancy supports businesses to think more clearly about the problems they are facing, using social innovation tools to create clarity and bring teams together. All profits are reinvested into their incubator and to areas of innovation in rural and coastal Scotland.

Some Impact Ideas

- **Sponsorship Opportunities –** Donate to one of Melting Pot's activities, to grow and develop Scotland's thriving ecosystem of social businesses.
- **Partnership Opportunities** – Co-create an event, or team up with The Melting Pot to deliver a Good Ideas Incubator.

THE MELTING POT

To find out more about other opportunities with The Melting Pot, then get in touch with your EICC contact or email sales@eicc.co.uk

Background

The team at VisitBritain lead on the Business Events Growth Programme which forms part of the UK Government's commitment to grow the events sector, supporting cities, organisers and venues in bidding for new events and growing existing business events in key priority sectors.

Through this fund, VisitBritain supports organisations in hosting international business events. Within this fund, you are able to request up to £20,000, to support your conference.

Edinburgh has had a 95% success rate for applications received in 2024 / 2025 and we are often able to look over your applications to help make sure we are on the right track for success.

Some Impact Ideas

- Candidate City Bid Support - Helping candidates to bid and win new international business events for Britain.
- International Delegate Growth - Supporting the creation, growth and internationalization of business events in Britain through financial support.
- Government Advocacy - Adding value to event bids and supporting the business events sector in Britain in partnership with GM Government.

To find out more about other opportunities with Visit Britain, then get in touch with your EICC contact or email sales@eicc.co.uk

Background

Scotland stands at the forefront of innovation, technology, and sustainable development, making it a dynamic and knowledgeable destination for business events.

Scotland hosts international congresses, conferences, meetings and incentive travel programmes, attracting top thinkers and leaders. It's a prime destination for business events, thriving on innovation from academia, research, and industry.

Scotland views business events as catalysts for social and economic transformation, addressing climate change, advocating for human rights, and leading the global Journey to Change.

Some Impact Ideas

- **Transformation Protocol** – to bring your impact and legacy plans to fruition on a national scale link with VisitScotland's Transformation Protocol. Covering Scottish key sectors of data & digital, marine & aquaculture, health, energy and environment, creative, education and agriculture.

- **Support & Promotion** - A core role of VisitScotland is to attract and support conferences and business events coming to Scotland. The team provides dedicated resources to conference organisers and promotes Scotland's key strengths as a meeting destination.

Visit Scotland™ Business Events

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Background

The University of Edinburgh is a leading global university, deeply committed to community engagement, sustainability, and knowledge exchange. As a research-intensive university, public engagement with research is at its heart.

They can support public engagement activities by offering access to expert staff and outreach networks. With access to platforms like the Edinburgh Futures Institute and The Bayes Centre, the University helps amplify research impact.

Collaborating with the University's public engagement teams there are opportunities to design interactive events, workshops, or exhibitions aimed at diverse audiences.

Some Impact Ideas

- **Knowledge Sharing** - From maths busking to philosophy cafes University of Edinburgh researchers embrace creativity in sharing and discussing ideas with diverse audiences.
- **Edinburgh Futures Institute** - The University's city centre hub for interdisciplinary research, teaching and engagement with a focus on tackling global challenges through collaboration across data, ethics, arts and societal innovation. EFI has a year-round public engagement programme of events, exhibitions and collaborative projects all aimed at making research accessible and relevant by fostering dialogue around complex issues.
- **Engagement through festivals** – the University of Edinburgh delivers engagement programmes at the city festivals throughout the year including the Edinburgh Science Festival, the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and Doors Open Day. The University can help integrate conference themes with city wide engagement.

THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH

To find out more about other opportunities with the University of Edinburgh, then get in touch with your EICC contact or email sales@eicc.co.uk

Background

Welcome Brain is an Edinburgh-based neurodiversity consultancy. They partner with businesses, public institutions, and event spaces to create environments where neurodivergent individuals can thrive.

They are proud to have co-created the **Neurodiversity in Events Checklist** in partnership with EICC and ABPCO, offering a practical starting point for more inclusive and accessible events.

Through workshops, audits, policy reviews, and tailored support, they offer practical strategies that empower teams and leaders to think differently—because inclusion isn't just the right thing to do, it's a strategic advantage. Their approach is collaborative, evidence-based, and rooted in lived experience.

Some Impact Ideas

- The Neurodiversity in Events Checklist is freely available and open source, providing a practical, accessible starting point for creating more inclusive conferences and gatherings. The Welcome Brain team are available to guide you through the checklist in more detail, offering support on how to apply it.
- **Workshops and training sessions** on neuroinclusive practice -ideal for event organisers, venue staff, and speakers—ranging from one-off sessions to in-depth programmes.
- **Tailored consulting –** the Welcome Brain team can help you embed neuroinclusive design into all your event planning.

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WELCOME BRAIN
NEURODIVERSITY CONSULTING

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