

Beyond Borders
International
Festival

Palestine Matters Programme

23 - 24 August 2025

Traquair House, Innerleithen, EH44 6PW



SAT. 23RD AUGUST

The Main Marquee at 11:00 am - 11:50 am

A Matter of Conviction

Meet **Blinne Ní Ghrálaigh KC**, whose submissions in South Africa's genocide case at the International Court of Justice made headlines around the world, as she explains her path to becoming an international human rights lawyer.

The Main Marquee at 1.45 pm - 2.35 pm

How to Build Peace in a Troubled World

Former First Minister of Scotland, **Jack McConnell** and local student, **Beth Lapsley**, cross examine **Martin Griffiths**, former Under Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs.

The Chapel at 11:50 pm - 1:30pm

The Britain Palestine Project

William Dalrymple talks to **Afif Safieh** about Palestine and Britain's unique responsibility towards it.

The Main Marquee at 4:15 pm - 5:05 pm

Palestine Matters

Participate with former First Minister, **Humza Yousaf MSP**, in a dialogue about the war and future of Gaza with the Palestinian **Ambassador Husam Zomlot** joining online from the region and award-winning photojournalist, **Mohammed Salem**, who has captured the realities of life in Gaza over the last eighteen months.

SUN. 24TH AUGUST

The Main Marquee at 11:00 am - 11:50 am

The Humanitarians

Mark Muller Stuart KC introduces **Sigrid van Aken**, CEO of the Postcode Lottery Group, as she speaks to **Lyse Doucet (TBC)** about its rise to become the world's third biggest philanthropic organisation. **Médecins Sans Frontières** supremo, **Christopher Lockyear**, joins the conversation and reveals the truth about the humanitarian crisis in Sudan, Gaza, and beyond.

The Clouds Marquee at 11:50 am - 12:25 pm

Dabke Dance Workshop

Chill out and get down at the Clouds Marquee with a Palestinian Dabke Dance Workshop, led by **ZarifAtToul-AsSamer**, an Edinburgh-based enterprise that aims to raise awareness of Palestinian folklore and raise funds to relieve child poverty.

The Chapel at 12:25 pm - 1:15pm

Britain Palestine Project Film Screening

Join **Sir Vincent Fean** and **Brian Brivati** as they introduce a compelling new thirty-minute film about Palestine from the Nakba to Camp David, followed by a Q&A.

Weekend-Long Events

Cinema Tent

Come visit our cinema tent which will be showcasing a range of short films on Palestine.

'Home at Traquair' : Palestinian Safe Haven Project - By recent graduate, Mariam Elderny.

Weekend-Long Stalls

ZarifAtToul-AsSamer

Selling Palestinian olive oil, tea, spices, keffiyehs, & more

Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign Borders (SPSC Borders)

Information, Merch & Local Activism

Britain Palestine Project

Project Information & Palestinian Books