



PRESS RELEASE:

Disability History Scotland wins Heritage Lottery Fund support

Disability History Scotland (DHS) is pleased to announce a grant of £10,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for *Unwritten*, a live show written and performed by disabled artists, to premiere at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in August 2017. The grant has been made under HLF's Stories, Stones & Bones initiative as part of the Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology.

Unwritten collects the poignant but often comical stories of three disabled individuals with wide-ranging impairments, placing them in an historical context from the Act of Union, to the 2010 Equality Act and beyond, as a fundamental part of Scotland's culture and heritage. All performances will be accessible to those with physical impairments, and three performances will include BSL interpreters and a palantypist to support Deaf/deaf audience members.

'*Unwritten* will break new ground at this year's Fringe as it places disabled people at the heart of the production from the very beginnings to the final performance,' said DHS chair Sasha Callaghan. 'The support of the Heritage Lottery Fund has been invaluable to us in telling the story of how disabled people have helped to shape Scotland.'

Commenting, Lucy Casot, Head of HLF in Scotland, said 'The Heritage Lottery Fund is a key partner in the Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology and it's our ambition that people of all ages will have the chance to discover something new about the heritage they care about. We're delighted that, thanks to funding from the National Lottery, Disability History Scotland will be opening the door to fun, learning and everlasting memories for many people as we celebrate this special year.'

Unwritten is written & performed by Sasha Callaghan, David Nicol and Stuart Pyper. The production will premiere at Theatre 3, The Space @ Surgeon's Hall (Venue 53), with previews on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th August, followed by a main run from Monday 7th – Saturday 12th August (dates of BSL/palantypist supported performances to be confirmed.)



Notes to Editors

About Disability History Scotland (DHS)



Disability History Scotland is a disabled people's organisation advocating the advancement of equality and diversity through the promotion of disability history, education and campaigning. We are committed to active participation, offering a view of history which includes disabled individuals and the many achievements they have made which, to this day, contribute to society. Visit our website www.disabilityhistoryscotland.co.uk and follow us on Twitter (@DisHistSco).

About Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF)



LOTTERY FUNDED

Using money raised through the National Lottery, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) aims to make a lasting difference for heritage, people and communities across the UK and help build a resilient heritage economy. From museums, parks and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions, we invest in every part of our diverse heritage. Visit our website www.hlf.org.uk Follow us on Facebook (Heritage Lottery Fund Scotland) and Twitter (@HLFScotland).

About Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology 2017



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The Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology begins on 1 January 2017 and ends on 31 December 2017 and will build on the momentum generated by the 2016 Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design as well as previous years including Homecoming Scotland 2014. Through a series of exciting events and activity, the year will highlight and celebrate both our tangible and intangible heritage – our buildings, visitor attractions, archaeological sites as well as our diverse stories, traditions and culture, all with a focus on engagement and participation.