Beyond Borders
Summer Programme 2016

Including the Programme for the
Beyond Borders International Festival
of Literature & Thought
27–28 August 2016
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Travel beyond borders and join us in the tranquil setting of Traquair House in the Scottish Borders to explore world cultures, new ideas and peoples at this eclectic international festival of debate, books, art, film, music and nature.

Box Office: 0131 557 7775 or www.beyondbordersscotland.com
Tickets:
- Weekend pass - £45
- Day pass - £24
- Individual events - £9
- Walks and cycle rides - £6
- Students 20% discount
- Children go free

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Weekend-Long Events

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Saturday 27 August

Yoga, Walks and Cycle Rides

8:00-11:00am  Raja Yoga – Meditation Practices  Practice led by Rajesh Rai, meditation expert and barrister.

8.30-10.30am  Cycling Science with Max Glaskin  Join Max Glaskin on a bike ride, taking part in cycling scientific experiments en route!

10:00-11:00am  Wit and Wisdom from the Wide, Wide World  Join Mary Kenny on a storytelling walk around the Traquair grounds.

Talks and Debates

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1:00-1:50pm  Encountering the East  Discover how Isabel Buchanan and William Dalrymple were inspired to write their first books.

Tête-à-Tête House & Grounds

Do not let Scotland down  |  2:00-2:20pm  Alyn Smith MEP talks about his recent European Parliament speech.

Gintime!  |  2:00-2:20pm & 2:30-2:50pm  Discover gin in a tasting with drinks expert Geraldine Coates.

A Diplomatic Affair  |  2:20-2:50pm  Staffan de Mistura talks to Allan Little about his life as a UN Diplomat.

From Ancient Greece to Google Earth  |  2:20-2:50pm  Jerry Brotton explains the cultural values embodied in maps.

Paths to Peace  |  2:20-2:50pm  Tim Phillips and Oscar Guardiola-Rivera reveal the different paths to peace in Cuba and Colombia. With John Kampfner.

Accounting for Justice  |  2:20-2:50pm  Robert Dann and David Marshall talk about South Sudan.

The Power of Private Libraries  |  2:20-2:50pm  Stuart Kelly and Robert McDowell discuss the importance of private literary libraries.

Walking the Border  |  2:20-2:50pm  Ian Crofton on walking the Scottish/English border.


3:00-3:50pm  The Island President  Former President of the Maldives Mohamed Masheed reveals the role small island nations can play in environmental diplomacy. With Stephen Gethins MP.

4:00-4:50pm  The Silk Road: Where East Meets West  William Dalrymple talks to Peter Frankopan about how the Silk Road shaped global history over the past 2000 years.

5:00-5:50pm  Healing the Past  Michael Mansfield QC, Tim Phillips, Oscar Guardiola-Rivera and Lucy Ash discuss how communities come to terms with loss.

5:50-6:20pm  Beyond Borders Goes Santa Fe  Join Creative Santa Fe and Beyond Borders Scotland to celebrate the launch of their new borderland partnership.

6:15-6:35  Globes of Traquair  Catherine Muller Stuart and Jerry Brotton explore Traquair’s historic globes.
### Sunday 28 August

#### Yoga, Walks and Cycle Rides

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Wit & Wisdom from the Wide, Wide World

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10:00-11:00am | Festival Café

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This Orient Isle: Elizabethan England & the Islamic World

Allan Little talks to Renaissance Professor Jerry Broton about his latest book, taking a tour of the cultural and political relationships between Elizabethan England & the Islamic World.

11:00-11:50pm | Main Tent

After Chilcot: What Next for British Diplomacy?

Join veteran UN diplomats Sir Kieran Prendergast and Andrew Gilmour as they discuss the soft and hard power options for international diplomacy in the wake of the Chilcot Inquiry. Magnus Linklater asks the questions.

12-12:50pm | Main Tent

Encountering the East

In 1984 William Dalrymple set off on a journey through Asia, returning one year later having written In Xanadu. Almost 30 years later, lawyer Isabel Buchanan was drawn to Pakistan, where she wrote Trials: On Death Row in Pakistan. Discover how the beguiling East inspired them to write their first books.

1:00-1:50pm | Main Tent
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2:20-2:50pm  |  Maze

Listen to veteran UN Diplomat and Special Envoy Staffan de Mistura* as he talks to Allan Little about his life, and find out why he painted camels blue in Sudan. *Confirmed but subject to developments in Syria.
2:20-2:50pm

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Join Creative Santa Fe Chairman William Miller and Executive Director Cyndi Conn, David Marshall, and Mark Muller Stuart QC to celebrate the launch of the new borderland partnership between Beyond Borders and Santa Fe. Alongside a single malt whiskey tasting all the way from Santa Fe.

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10:00-10:50am | Chapel
Sunday: Morning Talks and Debates Continued

Mary, Queen of Scots, and the Murder of Lord Darnley

After the murder of her secretary, Mary, Queen of Scots and Lord Darnley stayed at Traquair House. Six months later Lord Darnley was assassinated in one of Britain’s most notorious unsolved murders. 450 years later, Catherine Maxwell Stuart introduces Alison Weir as she sheds new light on the conspiracy.

11:00-11:50am | Chapel/Main Tent

War on Heritage

Join David Pratt as he leads a discussion on the importance of protecting cultural heritage, and the challenges of preventing destruction in times of war. With British Museum archaeologist Jonathan Tubb, Roger Michel from the Institute for Digital Archaeology, Rim Turkmani, and biographer of buildings James Crawford.

12:00-12:50pm | Main Tent

3.5 Billion Cracks and Counting

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Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon launching the Women in Conflict Peace Initiative in 2015
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Print Demonstration
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The Sunday Herald Debate: The New Auld Alliance

Join Alyn Smith MEP, Richard Bacon MP, Merryn Somerset Webb, and John Kampfner as they discuss Scotland’s future in Europe and the UK. 

This debate is partly sponsored by the Office of Alyn Smith MEP.

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Harare Blues?

Join former Zimbabwean Education Minister David Coltart and novelist Petina Gappah as they talk about their new books, and recount their experiences of Mugabe’s Zimbabwe, from tales of dealings around the Cabinet table to the stories of everyday life in Zimbabwe.

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Clinton vs. Trump: The Battle for the Soul of America

Jim Naughtie, Tim Phillips, William Miller and Joan Abrahamson explore the dynamics underpinning the forthcoming US election.

5:00-5:50pm | Main Tent

Asylum Monologues

Theatre: The stories follow refugees and asylum seekers on their journey across many borders as they travel to Scotland – and the hurdles they continue to face once they arrive.

6:10-7:00pm | The Yew Tree Circle

Reception to Meet Women in Conflict Fellows

Join this reception for a chance to meet a remarkable group of women from Yemen, Syria, Iraq, Turkey and Libya, the first of Scotland’s 1325 Fellows.

5:50-6:15pm | Lawn
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**Rajesh Rai: Raja Yoga**

Raja Yoga is a practice revealing the dynamics of meditation, introducing the practitioner to techniques of relaxation, and developing focus and concentration.

This practice is in line with the tradition of the Himalayan Masters and led by Malvern Bhavan’s and Poultone Court Retreat Centre’s Rajesh Rai, mediation expert and human rights barrister.

27-28 August | 8:00am-11:00am | Yoga Tipi
On the record
Working with *Llama-Ra Films*, Beyond Borders takes the conversation beyond the main stage. With guest interviewers such as John Kampfner and Lord Purvis of Tweed.
Follow us on social media to get a sneak peak!

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Sharing our love for literature & thought, the Atkinson-Pryce Bookshop are offering the world, just one book away, at the *Festival Bookshop*.
Award-winning and lovely independent bookshop on Biggar High Street since 1993, with a warm welcome, knowledgeable staff and excellent stock, an Aladdin’s cave, a place apart - and free parking.

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www.atkinson-pryce.co.uk

Using local and foraged produce the Edinburgh Larder is offers inspirational delicacies from around the world at the *Festival Café*.
Edinburgh Larder believes that eating with the seasons is the best way for our food to taste really special. It’s good for the environment, the economy and the belly! You can find our Bistro on Alva Street, our Cafe on Blackfriars Street and we creatively cater for events across Scotland.

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Art Village
Sometimes, an image can say more than a thousand words - so why not explore the Art Village and immerse yourself into this year’s exhibitions - and issues at the heart of the Festival.
The Women in Conflict Peace Initiative seeks to highlight and capture the experiences of women in conflict, and promote their role in peace making through a range of different mediums, including a programme of residential fellowships, visual and performing art, and film in 2016. The Initiative was launched in 2015 during the Beyond Borders International Festival by Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon.

1325 Fellowship

The 1325 Fellowship will support women peacemakers around the world through the building of a sustainable community of female activists working in mediation and dialogue, and reconciliation, and will feature renowned facilitators, mediators and gender specialists. In 2016, the Fellowship will be focussing on countries affected by conflict and the Arab Spring, including Libya, Iraq, Syria, Yemen and Turkey. The Fellowship is run with the support of the Scottish Government, and assistance of the United Nations.
Martha Gellhorn   Performing Arts

Jack Klaff recalls his encounters with veteran war correspondent Martha Gellhorn in a piece interweaving her wildest and wittiest stories with her unmatchable war reports.

27 August | 2:20pm | Traquair House

Queens of Syria   Film

Yasmin Fedda – 2014
Jordan/United Arab Emirates/UK
70min – Arabic/English subtitles

Queens of Syria tells the story of fifty women from Syria and an extraordinary moment of cross-cultural contact as they enact Euripides’ The Trojan Women on stage.

29 August | 6:15pm | Filmhouse | £10/£8

Women Like Us   Visual Arts

Thana Faroq

Faroq captures the portraits and stories of 15 women and their experience of the war in Yemen. The exhibition is commissioned and supported by the British Council Yemen.

Autumn | Summerhall | Free

Beyond Borders Film Festival
What Comes After?
5-11 September 2016

The annual Beyond Borders Film Festival exhibits documentary-style films about individuals and communities caught in conflict; shedding light on themes often overlooked by mainstream media; empowering and challenging audiences to engage with what they have seen.

The 2016 Film Festival will explore What Comes After, looking behind the headlines to bear witness to the personal testimonies of those caught in conflict and how they continue after their world is changed forever.

Tickets:
Admission - £9.00
Concessions - £7.20
Box Office: 0131 228 2688
www.filmhousecinema.com
After Imprisonment

**A Syrian Love Story**

- 76 min
- 2015
- UK
- Sean McCallister

Armer and Raghda met in a Syrian prison twenty years ago. Over the five years captured on film, Syria is thrown into one of the greatest humanitarian disasters of our time. An intimate and poignant love story from the epicentre of the war, Armer and Raghda’s story is an important and deeply personal reminder that behind every news item there are people just like ourselves.

5 September | 6:10pm | Filmhouse

After Daesh

**Daesh Deserter Speak Out**

- 52 min
- 2016
- France
- Thomas Dandois, François-Xavier Tregan

In southeast Turkey, kilometres from war-torn Syria, at great risk to themselves, a clandestine network is exfiltrating fighters who have decided to leave Daesh. For the first time, these deserters have agreed to give a detailed account of the roles they played and what life is like under Daesh.

6 September | 6:10pm | Filmhouse

After Displacement

**Salam Neighbour**

- 75 min
- 2015
- USA
- Zach Ingrasci, Chris Temple

Two American filmmakers travel to the edge of war, to live with 85,000 Syrian refugees in Jordan’s Za’atari camp. The people they meet have lost everything and are struggling to rebuild their lives – but the concept of giving up is not an option.

7 September | 6:10pm | Filmhouse

After Home

**A Walnut Tree**

- 81 min
- 2015
- Pakistan
- Ammar Aziz

An elderly man, internally displaced as a result of the ongoing war between the Pakistan army and the Taliban, and forced to live in a camp, wants to return home. He reminisces about a distant homeland as his family is caught between memories of what life was, an insecure present and a bleak future.

8 September | 6:10pm | Filmhouse
Almost 42 years have passed since a military coup in Chile deposed the government of President Salvador Allende. Filmed by one of Allende’s granddaughters, who grew up in exile, *Beyond My Grandfather Allende* attempts to piece together a portrait of her family, though memories of him have been buried deep and seem too painful to drag up.

9 September   |  6:10pm  |  Filmhouse

During the Arab Spring, like many others, local artists had high hopes for the future and took part in the protests. However, after years of turmoil, young Arabs now have to challenge both old and new problems, being torn between feelings of disillusion and a vague hope for a better future.

10 September   |  6:10pm  |  Filmhouse
The film traces the interconnected stories of students, teachers, village elders, parents, and school founder Razia Jan of the first girls’ school in a small Afghan village, where fathers have never allowed their daughters to be educated - from its beginnings in 2009 to the graduation of its first class in 2015.

10 September | 6:10pm | Filmhouse
Performing Art

Asylum Monologues

Beyond Borders proudly presents ice&fire Theatre’s new verbatim script exploring the experience of asylum seekers in Scotland. The stories follow refugees and asylum seekers on their journey across borders as they travel to Scotland - and the hurdles they continue to face once they arrive. Each performance is followed by a Q&A.

The production is touring Scotland – get in touch for more information.

16-18 August | 1:15pm | Summerhall | £6
25 August | 7:30pm | Eastgate | £6

Queens of Syria – the UK Theatre Tour

First staged in Amman in 2013, and the subject of an award winning documentary, Developing Artists and the Young Vic presents Refuge Productions' Queens of Syria, an adaptation of Euripides anti-war tragedy, The Trojan Women. Performed by an all-female cast of Syrian refugees, the production amalgamates the women’s own narratives into the ancient Greek text.

Queens of Syria is touring the UK 5-24 July. Beyond Borders and Summerhall will host a reception after the show in Edinburgh on 19 July.

19-20 July | 7:30-9:00pm | Play | Edinburgh, Assembly Roxy | £16
19 July | 9:30pm | Reception | Summerhall | Free

Festival of Politics

Can Neuroscience Build a Safer World?

As experts in conflict resolution and prevention look to neuroscience to better understand how emotions such as prejudice and fear erode democracies, we ask if we can really re-wire our brains, and address the emotions that threaten to destabilise peace-talks. Chaired by Beyond Borders Scotland and including panellists Laura Cram, University of Edinburgh; and Dr Nicholas Wright, University of Birmingham; and Dr Abdelafattah Abusrour, Al-Rowwad Cultural Centre, Palestine.

19 August | 10:45am-12:15pm | Scottish Parliament | £6/£4

Rule of Law Lecture

Rule of Law Lecture: Kate O’Regan

Facilitated by Beyond Borders, the Rule of Law Lecture is a joint venture between the Faculty of Advocates in Scotland and the Bar Council of England and Wales.

This year’s lecture will be given by Kate O’Regan, former judge of the Constitutional Court of South Africa and Inaugural Director of the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights at the University of Oxford.

November | Faculty of Advocates | RSVP required
Mungo Park

Mairi Campbell: Pulse

Counting Sheep

Associated Shows

Us/Them

During a hostage drama in Beslan 2004, terrorists chose children as their victims. Us / Them is about the way children cope with extreme situations.
**3-28 August, 10:00am**
Summerhall

Kieran Hurley: Heads Up

Multi award winner Kieran Hurley weaves a picture of a familiar city at the moment our world ends as we know it.
**3-28 August | 7:05pm**
Summerhall

If there’s not dancing at the revolution I’m not coming

A rich contemporary performance collage of film scripts, pop, costumes and dance reassembled to challenge the treatment of women’s bodies as spectacle in popular culture.
**3-28 August | 12:05pm**
Summerhall

Counting Sheep

A rousing call to arms by a 15-piece guerrilla-folk punk band. Sung in traditional Ukrainian polyphony, this is an electrifying exploration of human resilience.
**3-28 August | 8:00pm**
Summerhall

Mairi Campbell: Pulse

Award-winning Scottish musician’s solo quest to heal cultural wounds. A homecoming in viola, voice, movement, animation and storytelling.
**3-28 August | 2:25pm**
Summerhall

Mungo Park – Travels in the Interior of Africa

Tragi-comic, theatrically daring Scottish-Danish co-production examining anew Europe’s colonial legacy through the idealistic 18th century Scottish explorer’s adventures and misadventures.
**3-28 August | 8:45pm**
Summerhall
Associated Shows

**Lines**

The London Underground handles over four million passengers every day. In ‘Lines’ a chorus of nine become hundreds of passengers from all walks of life.

*5-15 August | 2:00pm Summerhall*

**Eurohouse**

Two performers – one Greek, one French – dance and shout, cry and sing, agree and disagree. A darkly comic look at the EU’s founding ideals.

*16-28 August | 10:05am Summerhall*

**Blank**

The acclaimed Iranian playwright Nassim Soleimanpour takes theatre to new extremes: Each night the gap riddled script is completed by a new performer.

*5-28 August | 6:30pm Summerhall*

**Mediterraneo Festival Edition**

A night of Italian pizzica, Zimbabwean jit-jive and Afrobeat tangled with Cuban salsa. Three bands, furious tambourines, wild guitars and dance moves from three continents.

*26 August | 11:00pm Summerhall*

**The Road to Huntsville**

This is an exploration into unconventional love, state homicide and challenging preconceptions by award-winning writer/performer Stephanie Ridings.

*5-28 August | 8:45pm Summerhall*
Beyond Borders is a non-profit organisation, dedicated to facilitating dialogue and international cultural exchange. Beyond Borders works across several different mediums including literature, performing arts, visual arts, heritage, film, politics and dialogue. It uses Scotland’s unique heritage as a platform for promoting greater understanding between different countries, peoples and cultures.

Project & Dialogue Work

**Beyond Borders Scotland: About us**

**Project & Dialogue Work**

Drawing on the expertise of a wide network of experienced statesmen and women, political and legal practitioners, mediators, academics, facilitators and trainers, *Beyond Borders* offers a range of services on constitutional and international cross-border matters.

**Constitutional and Devolution Study Tours**

Throughout the year, we facilitate a number of Constitutional and Devolution Study Tours, which explore the Scottish and UK systems of government and seek to use the Scottish experience of devolution as a form of conflict resolution. These programmes can be delivered both abroad and in the UK at the Westminster or Scottish Parliaments. Most recently, we have hosted delegations from Iraq, Kurdistan, Oman and Bahrain, amongst others.

**Dialogue Initiatives**

In 2016, following the UK’s vote to leave the European Union, Beyond Borders will launch a number of dialogue initiatives both within the UK and the European Union to explore and advance Scotland’s role in Europe. In anticipation of this, the 2016 *Festival* will feature a *Europe Tent* where visitors and guests can find out more about the decision to leave the EU, and the implications of the Brexit vote.

**NGO Partnerships**

*Beyond Borders* works with a number of NGOs in order to facilitate its dialogue initiatives. These include the John Smith Trust, the Democratic Progress Institute, the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Conciliation Resources, and Beyond Conflict, amongst others.
Residential Fellowship Programmes

Beyond Borders also curates international residential fellowship programmes on mediation, dialogue and cultural diplomacy processes. In 2016, Beyond Borders supported a partnership between the United Nations and the Scottish Government, which brought 10 members of the Syrian Women’s Advisory Board to Scotland for four days of talks. Building upon this and 2015’s inaugural Women in Conflict Peace Fellowship, this year’s 1325 Fellowship supports female peacemakers from conflict-affected regions around the world through the building of a sustainable community of women activists working in mediation, dialogue, and reconciliation (see p. 30 for more information).

Howford House Retreat Centre

Beyond Borders works closely with the Howford House Retreat Centre to host its fellowship programmes. Howford House, on the Traquair Estate in the Scottish Borders, benefits from Traquair House’s tranquil and stunning surroundings and rich cultural and political history. This unique setting creates a private and safe environment for dialogue and experience-sharing retreats, with the opportunity for quiet contemplation on walks and cycle rides, and to relax through meditation and yoga led by the Malvern Bhavan - Centre for Mediation & Enlightened Living.

For more information on our international project work, please visit www.beyondbordersscotland.com
Beyond Borders works closely with Traquair House and all its staff and would like to thank them all for their contribution towards making the Beyond Borders International Festival of Literature & Thought a success each year.
The Rt Hon. the Lord Browne of Ladyton was a Labour MP from 1997 to 2010 and a member of the Cabinet under Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, serving as both Defence and Scottish Secretary until 2008. He also served as a minister in Northern Ireland and has extensive experience in conflict resolution, and Scottish constitutional and legal affairs.

The Rt Hon. The Lord Campbell of Pittenweem was the MP for North East Fife from 1987 until 2015 and was Leader of the Liberal Democrats from early 2006 until October 2007. He is also a prominent advocate, Chancellor of the University of St. Andrews and was in successful Olympic athlete. He has extensive experience of foreign affairs.

Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws QC is one of Britain’s most distinguished lawyers. She has spent her professional life championing civil liberties and promoting human rights. Baroness Kennedy is also a former Chair of the British Council and a trustee of the British Museum with enormous experience of international cultural affairs.

Sir Kieran Prendergast is a seasoned British diplomat, who was born in Scotland, and served as Ambassador in Zimbabwe, Kenya and Turkey from 1997 until 2005 when he became Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs at the UN. In 2005 Kofi Annan thanked him for his “outstanding service” and “invaluable advice”. He is currently a Senior Advisor to the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue in Geneva.

The Rt Hon. Angus Robertson MP is a Scottish National Party Member of Parliament for Moray, having first been elected in 2001. Robertson is the Shadow SNP Westminster Group Leader (Constitution) and the SNP Westminster Leader, and retains an abiding interest in small nation dialogue.

Baroness Smith of Gilmorehill is the Chair of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and President of Scottish Opera. Her other positions include being an Advisory Council Member of the Russo-British Chamber of Commerce and a Trustee of the Mariinsky Theatre Trust. She has unparalleled experience of Scottish cultural affairs.
The Rt Hon. the Lord Steel of Aikwood KT KBE DL is a Liberal Democrat peer. He was leader of the Liberal Party from 1976 until 1988 and the first Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament between 1999 and 2003. Both he and his wife Judy are strong supporters of the arts in the Borders. He retains a deep interest in African affairs.

Beyond Borders Friends

Thank you to our Beyond Borders Friends!

We are proud to be supported by the Beyond Borders Friends – a team of dedicated supporters of the Beyond Borders International Festival of Literature and Thought. From all over the UK, and wider afield, they represent an invaluable commitment to the vision of Beyond Borders Scotland and our annual Festival. The support of the Beyond Borders Friends enables us to continue to enhance and further develop the Festival as both a hub and generator of ideas.

Beyond Borders Scotland’s Work at Traquair House

Beyond Borders Scotland welcomes contributions towards the International Festival of Literature & Thought. This support would directly contribute towards elements of the Festival programme, allowing us to further enhance the local and international scope of the speakers and events. This support would additionally enable us to develop fellowship programmes that would allow artists, writers and peacemakers from around the world the opportunity to participate in the Festival, as well as the use of Howford House as a retreat centre as a private, safe space for mediation and dialogue work.

For information about how you can make a contribution, please see the enclosed inlet or speak to a member of the Beyond Borders team.

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