

**Press Release: Friday 20 March 2015**

Arts and cultural sector gather for knowledge and skills exchange



Culture Café event at Northport Studios, Elgin (photo © Tom Duncan)

**Friday 27 March 2015 will see people from Scotland's arts and cultural sector gather at Moray College UHI for a knowledge and skills exchange.**

Themed around the question *"what knowledge and skills do we need to grow, build and achieve success?"*, Culture Café Exchange is a platform upon which those working in the arts and culture can share knowledge and skills, whilst networking and making new connections.

Occurring the day after a new cultural strategy for Moray is launched by the Moray Economic Partnership, representatives from Creative Scotland and other national organisations will join the Moray arts community for this unconference event.

Artistic Director of event organisers, Bodysurf Scotland, explains the thinking behind the event: *"The arts and cultural community, both locally and nationally, has an extraordinary wealth of knowledge, skills and resources. Culture Café Exchange is an opportunity for us to come together, learn from one another, and increase the capacity and skill of not only ourselves, but the sector as a whole."*

Using the unconference model (an alternative to the traditional conference), the day will be structured by a loose timetable, comprised of discussions, demonstrations, Q&As and debates, with topics set by the delegates themselves. Catering for the event is provided by Moray College Refectory.

Tickets are aimed at individuals working in the arts and cultural sector, alongside the creative industries, heritage, tourism and local enterprises. Available to book online at [www.bodysurfscotland.co.uk/ccexchange](http://www.bodysurfscotland.co.uk/ccexchange), tickets are £10 for individuals and £20 for those representing an organisation.

Taking place at the Alexander Graham Bell Centre, Moray College UHI, Culture Café Exchange is supported by Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Third Sector Interface Moray, Business Gateway and Bodysurf Scotland.

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

### **About Bodysurf Scotland:**

Bodysurf Scotland is at the vanguard of a dance revolution. We are on a mission to promote and produce bold and imaginative events, offering people across the globe the opportunity to experience dance. Our reputation is built upon a potent combination of risk-taking, quality, and a commitment to challenging expectations. From our base in Findhorn, Moray, our activities include live dance performances, commercial workshops, community dance development and professional training.

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### **About Culture Cafe:**

Established in 2011 by Karl Jay-Lewin and Kresanna Aigner, Culture Café is a meeting place for the arts community in Moray, aimed at artists and those working in the arts who are interested in networking, sharing ideas, developing creative partnerships and peer support. Ten Culture Cafes have been held in venues across the region, each hosted by a different arts organisation or individual, from Northport Studios to Inverness Old Town Arts, Bodysurf Scotland and Out of the Darkness Theatre Company. The initiative has also received funding from Creative Scotland and Highlands and Islands Enterprise.

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