

## **THE ADAM SMITH FESTIVAL OF IDEAS 2024**

DOUGRAY SCOTT, KIERAN HODGSON AND ARABELLA WEIR TO HEAD UP THE CAST IN THIS YEAR'S ADAM SMITH FESTIVAL OF IDEAS.

Internationally renowned actor Dougray Scott is the star attraction at the Friday evening event to be held on the 7th June at the Adam Smith Festival.

Dougray will be “In Conversation with Arabella Weir” at St Bryce Kirk, Kirkcaldy at 7.30 pm. The Mission Impossible star, a well-known son of Fife, led the Tartan Day parade this year in New York, has appeared in many films including Ripley’s Game, Hitman and My Week with Marilyn and is the recipient of an international Emmy for his performance in the Scottish crime Drama series CRIME.

The Saturday evening event on 8th June sees Kieran Hodgson bring his critically acclaimed, sell out UK Tour of his hilarious solo show Big in Scotland. Kieran is a British character comedian, actor and writer and is best known on TV for playing Gordon in the BBC sitcom Two Doors Down. The event will kick off at 7.00 pm and will again be held in St Bryce Kirk.

In addition, the Internationally acclaimed Academic Programme will be held on Friday 7th June at St Bryce Kirk, Kirkcaldy at 2.30 pm and it is envisaged that it will finish around 4.00 pm.

The event will focus on the relationship between Philosophy and Economics, with examples of how ethics are central to many economic issues. The international panel will include scholars from Scotland, Brazil and Sweden.

Professor Kathleen Riach will chair the session. Professor Riach is from the Adam Smith Business School at Glasgow University and is an internationally recognised researcher, educator and speaker.

Professor Erik Angner is a Swedish-American Author and Professor of Practical Philosophy at Stockholm University. He is a moral philosopher

who holds PhDs in both Philosophy and Economics. Amongst his publications is a classic textbook on behavioural economics.

Associate Professor Robbie Mochrie lectures in Economics at Heriot Watt University. He is the author of “How to Think Like an Economist” which is due to be published by Bloomsbury next month in time for our event.

Dr Ana Paula Londe Silva’s PhD researched Adam Smith and Slavery. She is currently continuing to work on this as a Templeton Scholar at the University of Glasgow. Ana brings a fresh perspective to Smith’s legacy.

The panel has been organised by Roger Mullin who is an Honorary Professor of Law and Philosophy at the University of Stirling.

The audience will have the opportunity to hear and interact with these distinguished scholars. The event is free to allow widest access to this prestigious event.

Alongside these events the Foundation will be running Adam Smith Heritage Tours. The Tours will commence at Kirkcaldy’s Old Kirk at 10.00 am and at 2.00 pm. The tours are free with donation appreciated.

The Festival has been organised again this year by the Adam Smith Global Foundation charity and supported by Festival Director, Scottish writer and actor Arabella Weir. The events will raise money for the Kirkcaldy-based Foundation.

Previous year’s guests have included: David Tennant, Joanna Lumley Eddie Izzard, Sandi Toksvig and Kofi Annan.

Chairperson of the Adam Smith Global Foundation, Sally Mckenzie said: “We are delighted that Kirkcaldy will host such a broad range of international talent at this year’s festival. The Festival is a very important event which helps support our economic and social regeneration projects and the Adam Smith Birthplace Initiative. Our annual Festival is growing year on year in stature and has firmly put Kirkcaldy on the international stage.”

Arabella Weir Festival director said, “I am thrilled to be part of the Adam Smith Festival of Ideas, bringing the great and the good, the interesting and the funny to Fife.”

Tickets for Friday and Saturday evening are available at a cost of £17.50 and can be purchased via the website link. Tickets for the Academic Programme and the Adam Smith Heritage Tours are also available and

are free of charge with donations welcome. Further information about the Festival, including ticket booking can be found at:

<https://www.adamsmithglobalfoundation.com/events-1>

#### NOTES TO EDITORS:

Please find below the link to additional Press Information on the Foundation's website. This section includes biographical details and high resolution photographs of those taking part in the 2024 Festival.

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