

# THE KINGS HALL LETTING POLICY

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This memo provides some background into The Kings Hall church building and gives an indication into the types of activities which we consider would be most suitable for lets of the building.

## BACKGROUND

Many former church buildings are used as venues in the Edinburgh Festival. These buildings are no longer home to church communities and are now community or performance venues. However, it is important to note that the Kings Hall is home to an active church - Community Church Edinburgh. The church building is well known in the local area and in addition to the Sunday church meeting there are a range of community events which support local people. We are a registered charity in Scotland. We wish to ensure that productions which take place in the Kings Hall are not in conflict with our faith values; consistent with our role in the local community and are in line with our charitable status. Therefore, the following criteria apply:

## ACTIVITIES

We want the hall let to be an opportunity for both physical and spiritual hospitality. However, as a Christian church we wish to ensure that any proposed event is consistent with the church's ideals for the public good.

When considering approaches to use the Kings Hall we would want to support events that:

- Contribute to beauty, justice, and peace.
- Value the place of faith and spirituality in human experience.
- Build mutual understanding and healthy community.
- Exhibit positive regard and respect towards individuals and other organisations.
- Value the church community, its leadership and property.
- Promote environmental care and the sanctity and dignity of life.

Events that we will not allow, are those which in our understanding:

- Are derogatory of others, their faith, race, nationality, sexual orientation or anything that so often divides.
- Incite unrest, hatred and prejudice in any form.
- Are disrespectful or undermine, in the productions' key message, content and publicity, the Christian faith which is practised by Community Church Edinburgh.
- Proselytise for other religions.
- Promote cults, sects or occultic beliefs and practices.
- Are inappropriate or offensive for an active church (eg. are salacious in nature, promote violence, abuse, division, includes nudity)

## Further comment

This is not an exhaustive document but indicates our values. If in doubt, please ask.