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Forth Ports Announced As Main Sponsor Of Leith Festival

Forth Ports PLC has been announced as the main sponsor of this year's Leith Festival.

This is the second year running the Leith-based business has sponsored the festival which has grown dramatically in recent years.

From May 30 to June 8, a host of performances, gigs, concerts, theatre productions and other events will bring Leith alive in what will be the festival's one hundred and first year

A professionally led voluntary organisation, headed up by an Artistic Director and Festival Manager, the Leith Festival is aiming to attract nearly 35,000 people who will attend events in 150 venues in and around Leith. Sites from Cruz (the ship on The Shore) to pubs, churches, social clubs and community centres will be transformed into exhibition spaces and venues during the 10 day-long event.

Councillor Gordon Munro has been announced as the Leith Festival's new Chairman, taking over the reigns from Sandy Campbell who was the Chairman for the last three years.

Commenting on his new role, Councillor Munro said, "I'm thrilled to take up the position as Chairman of the Leith Festival - Edinburgh's oldest festival.

"We are grateful to Forth Ports for agreeing to be the main sponsor of this year's festival. Their involvement is crucial to the development and success of the festival, and this year promises to be the biggest ever with a jam packed schedule."

Charles Hammond, Chief Executive of Forth Ports, said: 'We are delighted to once again be the main sponsor of the Leith Festival. It's a tremendous festival that sits at the heart of the community with a widespread appeal that offers something for everyone'.

We wish the organisers every success with this year's Festival and look forward to building on the event's previous success.'

The Leith Festival Gala Day will take place at Leith Links on Saturday June 7. A full line up of this year's events will be announced soon.

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