

LEITH JUNCTION

Leith Theatre in context: The building is strategically placed close to the new tram routes from the City Centre and between Leith and the new waterfront developments at Leith Ports.



- The Leith population by 2016 will represent approximately 15% of the population of Edinburgh (currently 7%) and will be the size of a medium-sized town. **There is no existing or proposed medium - scale cultural amenity provision for this population.**
- Leith Theatre is within two wards with some of the highest levels of deprivation, and single households, compared to the rest of Edinburgh, leading to the issue of poverty, reduced opportunities in life and isolation.
- Leith Theatre was built with a mission of community, education and recreation. Before its closure in 1980 it accommodated a diverse range of activities including political meetings, rock concerts, events as part of the International Festival and local dance school performances. For it to survive Leith Theatre must be reborn as a gift to the people of Leith.
- Leith is a major urban area outside of the City Centre and has sufficient density to support a large cultural venue, with the potential to provide a cultural destination to attract visitors across the city.
- A number of successful Leith-based arts and cultural organisations are growing and expanding, requiring new or extra accommodation such as Leith School of Art, Leith Festival and Leith FM.