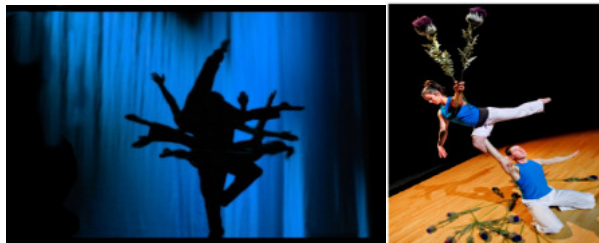


LEITH JUNCTION

- Scotland is desperately short of suitable space for training, teaching, developing and rehearsing circus activities; particularly aerial which has very specific space requirements. Circus arts are undergoing a rapid developing in Scotland with major initiatives supporting this development, such as CONFLUX, a new national organisation supported by the Legacy Trust and the Scottish Arts Council.



- Circus Arts teaching and training has a high demand in Edinburgh with lack of provision due to its specific space requirements (particularly for aerial activities).
- The newly established Scottish Stage and Screen Network, led by the RSAMD, represents a strategic change in how drama teaching is delivered in Scotland. It provides opportunity for collaborative working between colleges and potential demand for shared facilities for drama training in Scotland.

Wider benefits

The redevelopment of Leith Theatre has the potential to reach out to a wide audience, at the heart of this is the desire to reinvigorate this building for the people and communities of Leith and promote the area as a key player in the cultural and civic life of Edinburgh. The proposal to establish a Community Interest Company to operate and manage the building is led by a desire for it to be community-inspired and for the building to give something back to the people of Leith. The building will provide opportunities, through events, performances and facilities (café/bar) for the people of Leith to find inspiration and ambition to participate, perform, socialise, mingle, be educated and find enjoyment. Outreach work will be an essential component of the building's operation and there will be many training opportunities whether it is for employment or to learn performance skills.



A landmark building within the heart of one of the most vibrant, energetic and creative communities in Edinburgh will be brought back into use. It will become one of the most prominent buildings, physically and socially, in North Edinburgh.