



# Board of Directors election process

## Key dates:

- Thursday 11 June 2026 – Nominations Open
- Thursday 9 July 2026 – Nominations Close, 12:00 noon
- Monday 20 July 2026 – Voting Opens
- Tuesday 04 August 2026 – Deadline for Joining/Renewing to Vote, 12:00 noon
- Tuesday 18 August 2026 – Voting Close, 12:00 noon
- Tuesday 18 August 2026 – AGM, 12:00 noon

## Signing up/renewing your membership

To participate in this year's election and cast your vote, it's imperative that you have either created a new Society Membership or renewed your existing one with the Edinburgh Fringe. The deadline for doing so is 04 August 2026 at 12 noon. Please note that individuals signing up after this deadline will not be eligible to vote in this year's election, in accordance with the terms outlined in our constitution.

To create a new membership or renew your current one, kindly follow the instructions provided on the [Membership](#) page of the website. You will be prompted to fill out a form and make a payment of £5.00 to the society.

Should you encounter any difficulties while making your membership payment, we suggest attempting a different payment card initially. If the issue persists, please get in touch with us via email at [membership@edfringe.com](mailto:membership@edfringe.com).

Upon completing these steps, you will receive an email confirmation of your membership from our system.

## Nominating for the Board of Directors

The Fringe Society Board of Directors are directly involved in overseeing the future of the Fringe as well as providing governance and guidance to the Chief Executive and Fringe Society staff. There are two available seats this year, one each in the Show Participant and Open categories

All the relevant nomination forms can be found on the [Fringe Society section of the website](#). On this site you will also find documents providing guidance on the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Directors, code of conduct, the Society Constitution, and more. We encourage you to familiarise yourself with this information before you make the decision to nominate.

If you would like to stand for election to the Board of Directors, please follow the instructions below:

1. You must be a member of the Fringe Society to stand for election, and you need two fellow members of the Society to propose and second your nomination.  
[You can join or renew your Society membership on our website](#)

2. Download, read and complete the nomination forms.  
As part of the form, you have an opportunity to provide a personal statement about why you are suitable, preferably as a separate word document.
3. Send the completed form as an email attachment to [membership@edfringe.com](mailto:membership@edfringe.com).

If you'd rather print and complete a paper copy of the form, please send it to:

Company Secretary  
Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society  
180 High Street  
Edinburgh EH1 1QS

4. Ensure that your proposer and your seconder individually send in their proposal forms to support your nomination.

### **Receiving your voting link**

The annual Board of Directors elections are managed by Civica, a third-party election service provider. Civica is responsible for hosting all relevant information pertaining to the vote, including statements from each of the candidates.

Civica will distribute voting portal links in batches throughout the voting period. The timing of when you receive your voting link is contingent upon the date you either established a new account or renewed your existing one. The final batch of voting links will be issued shortly after the membership joining deadline on 04 August. If, for any reason, you have not received your voting link, we kindly advise you to check your junk/spam folder in your email. If you are certain that the link has not been delivered, please reach out to us at [membership@edfringe.com](mailto:membership@edfringe.com) as soon as possible.

It's important to understand that all voting links are unique and generated individually for each member. Therefore, it is imperative that you do not attempt to share your link with anyone else to enable them to vote. The voting link provided by Civica is the exclusive means to access the voting portal.

### **Voting**

Once you have successfully accessed the voting portal, you will have the opportunity to peruse all relevant documents and statements provided by the candidates. Subsequently, you will be able to cast your vote for each category.

The final date for casting your vote is Tuesday 18 August at 12 noon. This date also coincides with the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Your participation in the voting process is crucial in determining the future direction of the Edinburgh Fringe. Thank you for your active involvement.

### **Contact us**

If you have any inquiries or require further clarification about the membership and voting process for the forthcoming Board of Directors elections, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. You can contact us via email at [membership@edfringe.com](mailto:membership@edfringe.com) or give us a call at 0131 226 0037. We are here to assist you and ensure that you have all the information you need to participate effectively in this significant event.

We value your engagement and look forward to a successful election process. Your involvement plays a crucial role in shaping the future of the Edinburgh Fringe. Thank you for your continued support.