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Dundee Festival Plans

HIMALAYAN legend Doug Scott will be the headline speaker at this year's Dundee Mountain Film Festival in November. Variety seems to have been the keyword in the speakers programme. Doug Scott is known for his landmark achievements in the Himalaya, with ascents such as Everest and then his epic descent of The Ogre, which has entered climbing folklore. Doug is also passionate about the charity he has established, Community Action Nepal.

Mountaineering film cameraman Keith Partridge is another Everest summiteer but has very different stories to tell. From filming the edge-of-the-seat adventure of *Touching The Void* to 'out there' nature documentaries which have involved crawling about underneath glaciers and through unstable cave systems – not to mention some 'sketchy' jungle climbing with Steve Backshall – Keith's 'days at the office' are never predictable.


Photographer Peter Cairns will be speaking about subjects closer to home, with the rewilding project, *Scotland: The Big Picture*. It aims for the creation of a network of rewilded land and sea across Scotland, where wildlife and communities can flourish. Founded by a team of professional communicators, it aims to open hearts and unlock minds, working with partners and clients to produce innovative films, books, photo-stories, presentations and education resources, all designed to inform and inspire, and to drive transformational change.

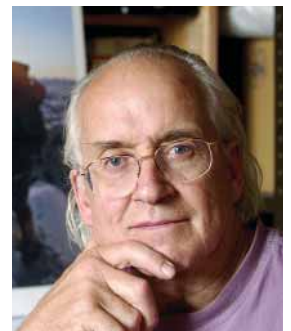
Lee Craigie has raced XC Mountain Bike for Scotland in the 2014 Commonwealth Games and for GB in World and European

Championships. She has forced her way through bog and over high cols all over the Scottish Highlands and the French Alps and has set the women's record on the Highland Trail 550 at under four days. She has also re-engaged young people who have been excluded from school through Cycletherapy – a mountain bike project in Scotland – and has recently become the Active Nation Commissioner for Scotland; working with the Scottish Government to encourage and enable a happier, healthier nation.

The fifth speaking date is a double act, with photographer Nadir Khan and swimmer Calum MacLean. Nadir Khan needs little introduction to Scottish Mountaineer readers, having been the subject of a feature in the May edition. For the festival he teams up with Calum MacLean, whose wild – and remote – swimming has been featured in BBC Scotland's online *The Social* series of shorts, as well as being the star of the BBC Alba programme *Dhan Uisge* (Into the Water). The programme of films had not been announced at time of going to press.


The Dundee Mountain Film Festival is the UK's longest continuous running mountain film festival. It showcases an international programme of speakers, as well as award winning films and exhibitions, mainly held in the Bonar Hall, Dundee. There is a full supporting exhibition of art, photography, trade and voluntary organisations stands and displays.

 The 2019 Festival will be held on 28–30 November. For more details go to www.dmff.co.uk



 Headline speaker
Doug Scott



 Photographer
Nadir Khan



 Photographer
Peter Cairns