

ALISTAIR STEWART

FREELANCE EVENTS PROFESSIONAL
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➤ PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Award-winning events professional with experience delivering festivals, live entertainment and community events across Scotland. Experienced in venue and site management, event operations, stakeholder engagement and accessible event delivery, with a proven ability to coordinate complex projects in fast paced environments. As an LGBTQ+ Changemaker with Proud Futures, I champion inclusive, accessible events that create meaningful community impact, with a track record spanning festivals, the Edinburgh Fringe and LGBTQ+ events. Recognised for strong leadership, collaboration and a proactive approach to delivering safe, engaging and memorable experiences.

➤ PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

VENUE AND SITE MANAGER – HIDDEN DOOR FESTIVAL (2026 – PRESENT)

- Directed venue and site operations within a live festival environment, balancing audience experience, artist requirements and operational safety.
- Provided operational leadership during live event delivery, making real time decisions while coordinating production, security, volunteers and front of house teams across the site.
- Ensured the safe, accessible and efficient operation of a live festival venue through proactive planning, real time problem solving and close collaboration with production, security and the wider festival team.

EVENT PRODUCER & CREATIVE LEAD – SLAYOFF! (2025 – PRESENT)

- Managed the end to end delivery of an LGBTQ+ live entertainment showcase in partnership with a local Pride organisation and college, coordinating stakeholders from concept through to live event.
- Coordinated performers, venue operations, production, marketing and event logistics to deliver a seamless live audience experience.
- Developed a community focused event model, providing hands on industry experience for photography and make up students while creating a professional platform for emerging LGBTQ+ performers.

FRONT OF HOUSE – UNDERBELLY AT EDINBURGH FRINGE (2025 – PRESENT)

- Supported the live operation of a high capacity venue, coordinating audience movement, accessibility provision and venue readiness throughout each performance schedule.
- Resolved operational challenges in a fast paced live events environment, balancing audience experience with safety and operational requirements.
- Contributed to the successful delivery of one of the world's largest arts festivals by maintaining efficient venue operations across multiple performances each day.

➤ EDUCATION

MSC INTERNATIONAL MARKETING WITH CONSUMER PSYCHOLOGY – MERIT

Heriot-Watt University (2024 – 2025)

- Special Recognition Award & Diamond Volunteering Award
- NOEA Best Student Event Award
- Founder & President, Heriot-Watt Events Society

BA (HONS) INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL AND EVENT MANAGEMENT – 1ST CLASS

Edinburgh Napier University (2021 – 2024)

- AEME Best Diversity, Equality & Inclusion Focused Student Award
- Founder & President, Edinburgh Napier Disabled Students Society
- Wellbeing Officer, Edinburgh Napier Events Society
- Programme Representative

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- **Special Commendation** – Proud Scotland Awards (2026)
- **Rising Star Award (Finalist)** – The Scottish Event Awards (2026)
- **Best Student Event Award** – National Outdoor Events Association (2025)
- **Special Recognition Award** – Heriot-Watt University Student Union (2025)
- **Best DEI Focused Student Award** – Association of Event Management Education (2024)
- **Volunteer of the Year (Finalist)** – Young Scot Awards (2016)

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Event Manager**
 - Proud Futures (2026)
- **Volunteer Leadership**
 - Hidden Door Festival (2023 – 2025)
- **Team Leadership**
 - Pride Edinburgh (2024 – 2025)
 - Pleasance at EICC (2022)
- **Event Coordination**
 - Meadows Marathon (2022 – 2025)
 - Edinburgh Napier Events Society (2023)
 - Who Cares? Scotland (2014 – 2017)
- **Production**
 - StagEHd Festival (2023)
 - Lammermuir Festival (2022)
- **Artist Liaison**
 - Hidden Door Festival (2022)
- **Events Intern**
 - Melville Castle Hotel (2023)
- **Event Operations**
 - West Lothian Pride (2024 – 2025)
 - TEDxHeriot Watt University (2025)
 - UniTemps Heriot Watt (2025)
 - Edinburgh Science Festival (2025)
 - Oban Pride (2024 – 2025)
 - Edinburgh Napier Law Ball (2024)
 - EICC (2022 – 2023)
 - StagEHd Festival (2022)
 - Parkside Bowling Club (2022)
 - Lammermuir Festival (2021)
 - The Fairways Bar & Restaurant (2019 – 2020)
 - Horizons Service (2012 – 2014)
 - The Debate Project (2011 – 2014)
- **Charity Governance**
 - Fife Pride (2025 – 2026)
 - Oban Pride (2024 – 2026)
 - ESCA (2023 – 2025)

SKILLS & TRAINING

- **Skills**
 - Event & Festival Management
 - Venue & Site Operations
 - Live Event Delivery
 - Project Management
 - Event Production
 - Stakeholder Engagement
 - Team & Volunteer Leadership
 - Accessibility & Inclusive Event Design
 - Risk Assessment & Health & Safety
 - Artist & Performer Liaison
 - Production Coordination
 - Partnership Development
 - Event Logistics & Scheduling
 - Incident Management
 - Community Engagement
 - Supplier & Venue Liaison
 - Budget Monitoring
 - Operational Decision Making
- **Training**
 - ACT Awareness E-Learning
 - Guide Shelter Report
 - Antiracism and Queer Leadership (brap)