



THE LOST PROPERTY OFFICE

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Dumfries to Host Exciting New Live Art Installation

“Hidden down one of Dumfries' ancient alleyways there is a place where everything that's been lost throughout time has been found. Items have been tagged, categorised and filed in the hope that one day someone will come and claim them. The Lost Property Office is opening its doors to the public for two days only. Would you like to visit?”

Taking visitors on an immersive journey of discovery, **The Lost Property Office** is a live art installation at a secret location in the heart of Dumfries taking place over the last weekend in August.

The Lost Property Office, created by a collective of six artists, will see an array of suitcases, parcels, boxes and strange and intriguing lost objects installed in a secret location. Each visitor will be given a special map to locate the office, once inside they will be invited to open and explore an lost item. What will be found? Forgotten dreams, journey's never made, untold stories, curious personal collections and perhaps unexpected possibilities for finding joy, hope, beauty and the potential for change.

On behalf of the group, artist **Jo Hodges** said:

“The idea for The Lost Property Office was conceived in 2019 by a group of six artists who have worked together in various configurations for over 20 years. At the time of conception, no-one had heard of Covid-19. Post 2020 the theme of ‘Lost and Found’ seems more relevant than ever.”

DETAILS

The Lost Property Office

Dates: Sat 28th August and Sunday 29th August (timed slots of 30 minutes duration)

Location: Dumfries Town Centre. Directions to the venue will be made available after booking

Booking online at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lost-property-office-tickets-165656490021>

FREE

Each booking is for up to two people.

Social Media

Facebook event page:

<https://facebook.com/events/s/the-lost-property-office/155407600031973/>

For further information contact The Lost Property Collective

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Note for Editors:

- The Lost Property Collective are a group of 6 artists who have worked together on public art projects and events locally and nationally over a period of 20 years: Robbie Coleman, Elaine Dempsey, Jo Hodges, Kerry Jones, Alison Roberts and Vik Litton.
- For further information about the project contact Jo Hodges, The Lost Property Collective Tel 01848200044 Email: johodges100@gmail.com
- The Lost Property Collective are working to ensure that the Scottish Government's latest guidelines relating to Covid-19 are followed. The venue is wheelchair accessible. Contact the group if you have other access requirements.
- **The Lost Property Office** is among 47 creative projects and research and development initiatives across Scotland sharing in over £848K of **National Lottery** and **Scottish Government** funding through the latest round of Creative Scotland's Open Fund: Sustaining Creative Development. A full list of recipients of Open Fund awards is available [on the Creative Scotland website](#).

Images attached:

1. (Lost Property Office, credit Jo Hodges)

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