1 September 2022

Request under The Freedom Of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 4 August 2022, in which you requested the following:

How many visitors has the Dandelion Floating Garden project, run by EventScotland, had to date and a breakdown of where and when these visitors visited?

We have considered your requests and can respond as follows:

The Dandelion project was commissioned by EventScotland and is funded by the Scottish Government, as Scotland’s contribution to Unboxed: Creativity in the UK. The project is managed by Dandelion 2022 Ltd, established in 2021 to deliver Dandelion’s creative programme. The programme will deliver over 1,000 events across Scotland and runs from April to September 2022.

The Floating Garden is one strand of the Dandelion programme. It toured the canal network between Glasgow and Edinburgh from June to July 2022, before being berthed by Falkirk’s Kelpies from July to September.

117,283 visitors have visited the Dandelion Floating Garden sites so far:

- 8,503 visitors visited the Floating Garden either as audience members or participants at special events during its tour along the canal network and when berthed in Falkirk between 20 June and 29 August 2022.

- 108,780 visitors visited the site of the Floating Garden where it was moored at The Helix Park by The Kelpies in Falkirk between 9 July and 29 August 2022.

We hope this information is helpful to you. If, however, you are not satisfied with our response or the manner in which we have dealt with your application, you may in the first instance contact our Chief Executive, Malcolm Roughhead, whose contact details are set out below:

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If you wish to request a review of your application under either the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 or the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004, your
request should be submitted to us in writing, or another permanent format (for example e-mail or voice recording), and be received by us within 40 days of the date of this letter. Any request for a review should also set out, in as much detail as possible, the reasons why you are not satisfied with our response or the manner in which we have dealt with your application.

If you are still not satisfied with our handling of your application after we have responded to your request for a review, you have a right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision on whether we have dealt with your request in accordance with the Act.

The Scottish Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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Kinburn Castle
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St Andrews, Fife
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You also have the right to appeal to the Court of Session in Scotland on a point of law concerning our response.

Yours sincerely,
VisitScotland