



CentreStage
Come Find Yourself at Ayrshire's Arts Academy

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After 20 years, Fiona left secondary school teaching to co-found CentreStage in 2006, building the original theatre in Kilmarnock without public or grant funding.

CentreStage's vision for a society where everyone can realise their potential, regardless of circumstance, is being driven through development of the CentreStage Village, Scotland's largest community-led asset transfer to date, creating a cultural, social and community destination at the regenerated 1.8 hectare site of the former Kilmarnock Academy.

Fiona is an Entrepreneurial Founder at the Hunter Centre for Entrepreneurship at Strathclyde Business School and was awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters from Caledonian University in 2019 before receiving the OBE in the King's inaugural birthday honours in 2023.

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