**Press Release:**

**Just Festival presents - Every Girl Matters**

Every Girl Matters is part of our series of talks and conversations. Gender equality is one of the central themes of the Just Festival. This event focuses on working to bring change to the global disparity between the sexes.

Because Every Girl Matters.

We live in a world where being born female is a health risk. Day after day, around the world, girls are told their lives don’t matter: married off in their early teens, denied an education, burdened by household chores, providing food and care for sick relatives and denied a youth. It is time to raise a voice of hope. To ensure every girl is heard. To show that every girl matters.

Join us for a short film screening of India’s Girl Child and a panel discussion with a focus on girls in Malawi, Zambia, Nepal and India.

Panellists: Elaine Motion (Chair of Balfour + Manson LLP), Vicky Allan (Senior Features Writer at the Sunday Herald); James Wells (EMMS International CEO) and Cathy Ratcliff, (Director of International Programmes at EMMS International).

<https://www.just-festival.org/2018-just-festival-programme/#/every-girl-matters/>

**21 Aug** | **19:15** (1hr) | **Hall at St John's** | £6 |

Tickets available online: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/edinburgh/just-festival-at-st-johns-church/every-girl-matters-emms-international>